

**Irwin A. Block Award for Excellence in Public Administration –
Community Environmental Stewardship Award**

2008 Award Nomination Form

Awards will be presented at NWMC Annual Banquet on June 6, 2008.

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Use additional sheets if necessary

LIST SIGNIFICANT “GREEN ACTIVITIES” YOUR MUNICIPALITY/TOWNSHIP HAS ACCOMPLISHED OVER THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS (i.e., community recycling, Tree City USA, etc.).

- In-house community wide residential recycling program (newsprint, plastic, glass, aluminum, other metals, and yard waste) with weekly curbside pickup of recyclables and twice weekly pickup of yard waste.
- Compost recycling center that is open for residents to drop off materials and pickup compost and wood chips.
- Tree City USA for 27 consecutive years.
- Tree City Growth Award received three times.
- Annual tree planting budget of \$70,000 - \$80,000.
- Over 11 miles of bike trails within community.
- Over 446 acres of public parks.
- Over 163.5 acres of public open space.
- Winter road salt usage reduced to 300 to 400 pounds per lane mile through pre-wetting of salt and use of anti-icing liquids.
- LED traffic signal bulbs.
- Asphalt and concrete debris from road repair are recycled.
- Asphalt millings used as gravel substitute for road shoulders.
- Use of 20% bio-diesel fuel.
- Propane powered forklift.
- Motor Oil and antifreeze from City vehicles is recycled.
- Ravine restoration/stabilization project completed at Lake Forest Cemetery.
- Integrated Pest Management (IPM) program in place in City Parks and Grounds Maintenance program.
- State of the art reverse osmosis Water Treatment Plant in service for 4 years.
- Use of Bacillus Thuringiensis (BT) for control of Gypsy Moth.
- Dutch Elm Disease scouting and tree removal program.
- Diseased elm logs are chipped.
- In-house generated wood chips used for mulch in public landscapes.

LIST "GREEN ACTIVITIES" YOUR MUNICIPALITY/TOWNSHIP ACCOMPLISHED IN 2007 & 2008 (i.e., switching to recycling carts, joined Clean Air Counts, conducted an electronics recycling event, etc.).

- The City has signed the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement.
- The City has endorsed the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Greenest Region Compact.
- Seven E-85 capable vehicles in City Fleet.
- No Smoking Ordinance enacted.
- New Municipal Services Building, designed to qualify for LEED Silver Certification, is out to bid.
- LED street light prototype has been developed in-house.
- LED bulbs in use for a conference room.
- Ad Hoc Environmental Policy Committee formed.
- Employee Environmental Committee being recruited.
- City Employee Wellness Program promotes healthy lifestyle choices.
- Residential recycling program will be expanded during 2008 to include cardboard, paper bags, magazines, catalogs, phone books, office paper, chipboard, carrier stock, junk mail, and paperback books.
- Lake Michigan bluff stabilization project under way at City's Forest Park (non-native vegetation being removed, soil stabilizing plantings to be added).
- Hosted SWALCO Household Hazardous Waste Collection and Electronic Recycling events.
- Provide containers in public buildings for cell phone recycling.
- In cooperation with North Shore Sanitary District, an underground sewage storage and odor control facility is being constructed at Forest Park Beach.
- An environmental column appears in The City's bimonthly resident newsletter Dialogue!
- The City has begun to measure its carbon foot print as a way to measure the success of its environmental initiatives.

EXPLAIN WHY YOUR MUNICIPALITY/TOWNSHIP SHOULD BE AWARDED NWMC COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT STEWARDSHIP RECOGNITION.

Through its philosophical commitments, operating programs and demonstrated actions, The City of Lake Forest is firmly committed to promoting and practicing environmentally sound principles.