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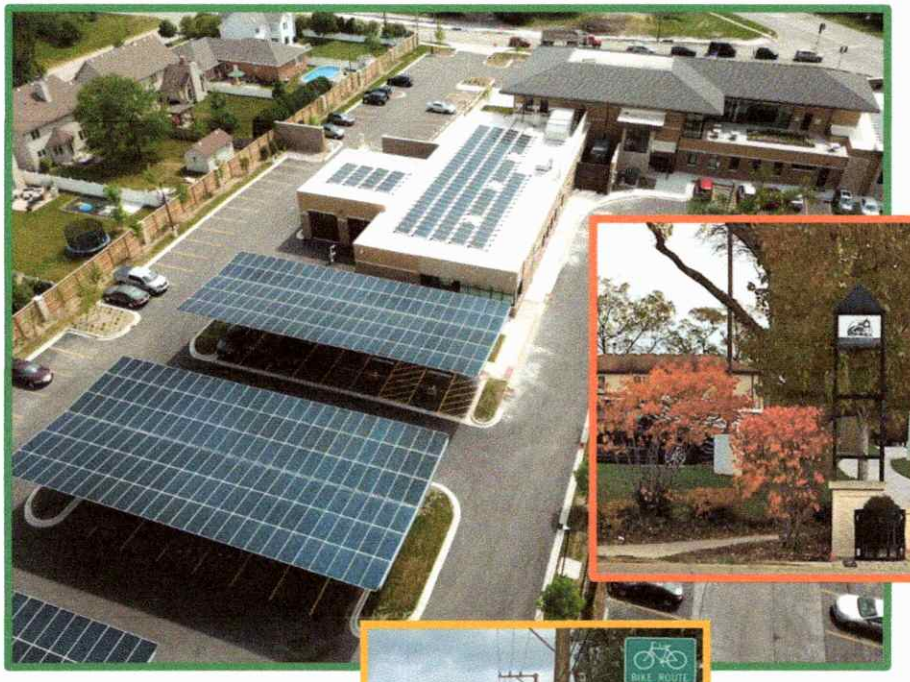

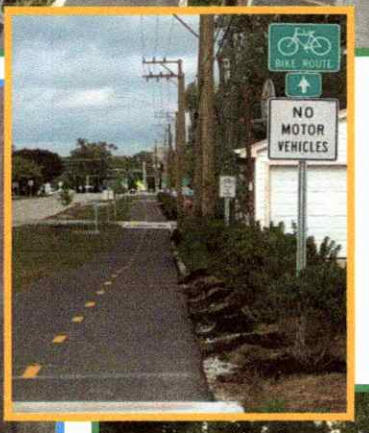

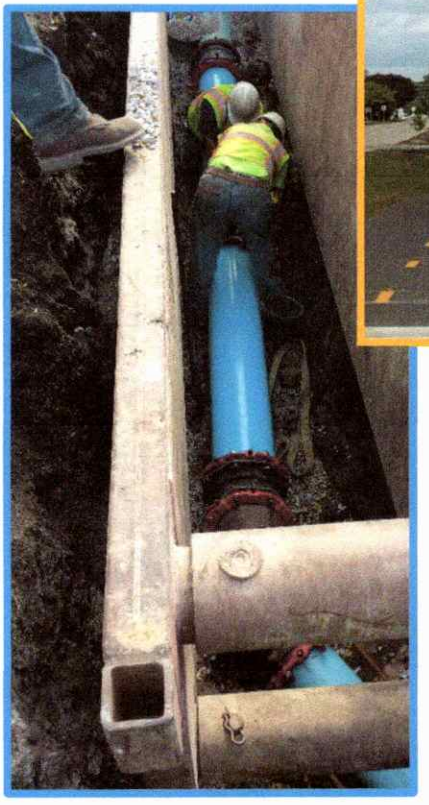

SUSTAINABILITY PLAN

CITY OF COUNTRYSIDE SUSTAINABILITY PLAN

COUNTRYSIDE
LEADING THE WAY IN SUSTAINABILITY

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I. SUSTAINABILITY

Sustainability means meeting our own needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. In addition to natural resources such as fossil fuels and water, we also need social and economic resources. The City of Countryside believes sustainability also includes social equity and economic development in addition to environmentalism.

II. INTRODUCTION

Mayor Sean McDermott appointed a Sustainability Committee in 2019. This committee began the task of developing a Sustainability Plan. The Committee met over the next two years to develop a framework to lead the City in the future.

III. PURPOSE

A sustainability plan is an outline of how an organization plans to achieve goals that create financial, societal and environmental sustainability. It provides a guide for the city to better itself over time. If we understand our sustainability goals, and the milestones that demonstrate success, we are that much likelier to achieve them.

The City will educate the residents and business owners while leading in sustainable community practices that lead to a reduction of the community's carbon footprint while promoting water and energy conservation and the improvement of air quality and water quality.

IV. HISTORY OF SUSTAINABLE ACTIONS

For many years, the City followed sustainable practices without a formal plan. These programs include recycling, LED light fixtures, shared-use paths, etc. For a complete list please see **Exhibit A**.

V. GREENEST REGION COMPACT

The Metropolitan Mayors Caucus developed the Greenest Region Compact (GRC) to leverage the strength of municipal government to build vibrant, sustainable communities across the Chicago region.

GRC2 Greenest Region Compact
COLLABORATING FOR SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

The foundation of the GRC is 49 high-level goals that have been reached by consensus; not only are the goals aligned with important local, regional, national and global goals, but they are also broadly supported by municipal members of the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus and allied organizations. These consensus goals guide municipal action, support mayors in their role as environmental leaders, and foster collaboration that has positive impacts on sustainability in the region.

The Sustainability Committee recommended supporting the GRC's initiatives to the City Council. A resolution was adopted by the City Council on 10/01/2020 endorsing the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus' GRC. Adoption of this resolution is a commitment that the City will generally support the GRC's 10 consensus goals.

The member municipalities of the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus seek a vibrant, sustainable future for their communities and the greater Chicago region. The consensus goals of the Greenest Region Compact aim for enhanced quality of life for residents; protection and stewardship of the environment and sustainable economic vitality. To become the most sustainable and successful region in the United States, they, therefore, support the following consensus goals of the Greenest Region Compact and agree to work to achieve them, both in their own communities and in collaboration throughout the region:

Climate

- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- Maintain clean and healthful air
- Develop resiliency to climate change impacts
- Engage the community in climate change mitigation and adaptation

Economic Development

- Promote innovation and a competitive workforce
- Cultivate local and sustainable development, jobs, and businesses

Energy

- Use energy for buildings and facilities efficiently
- Advance renewable energy
- Reduce energy consumption
- Enact policies that support clean energy
- Engage the community in clean energy practices

Land

- Encourage strategic development that upholds sustainability principles
- Conserve, restore and enhance natural features and ecosystems
- Support networks of accessible well-used and enjoyable parks
- Sustain a robust urban forest canopy
- Sustain beautiful landscapes that provide ecosystem services
- Achieve greater livability through sustainable land use and housing policies
- Cultivate a conservation ethic in the community

Leadership

- Enlist support for GRC2 goals through regional, state and national leadership
- Advocate for policies that align with and advance the GRC2
- Work collaboratively towards a sustainable region

Mobility

- Support safe and effective active transportation
- Maintain a diverse, safe, and efficient transportation network
- Support efficient transportation that uses resources wisely
- Integrate sustainability into transportation policies, programs, & regulations
- Promote public and sustainable transportation choices

Municipal Operations

- Lead by demonstrating sustainable values and practices
- Integrate sustainability into all municipal operations
- Operate a safe, clean and efficient fleet
- Collect and manage data to advance sustainability

Sustainable Communities

- Promote cultural vibrancy in the community
- Foster a culture of health, safety, and wellness
- Increase access to sustainably grown local food
- Sustain community principles that are welcoming, inclusive and equitable
- Promote a sustainable identity for the community
- Ensure local policies and codes support sustainability
- Cultivate community values based on principles of sustainability

Waste & Recycling

- Support sustainable material management
- Recycle materials across all sectors
- Divert waste from landfills
- Enact policies that cause sustainable material management
- Engage the community in waste reduction and recycling

Water

- Use and distribute water efficiently
- Protect and improve and water quality
- Manage water system assets sustainably
- Optimize the use of natural and built systems to manage storm water
- Practice stewardship of water resources
- Enact policies to protect water resources
- Engage the community in water stewardship

VI. SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE'S RESPONSIBILITIES

The Sustainability Committee is responsible for the creation and update of The Sustainability Plan, and the development and prioritization of programs and initiatives to further the City's sustainability goals. Each year the committee will review the GRC Framework **(Exhibit B)** to prioritize goals planned for the next 18 months. Goals and initiatives will be assigned to the appropriate staff to implement. The implementation requirements and success of the program/initiative will be reported back to the Committee in an Annual Report of Sustainable Accomplishments. This report will be reviewed at the first meeting each calendar year.

The Committee will adjust the goals and initiatives for the next 18 months based upon the Annual Report of Sustainable Accomplishments, the success of each program/initiative, input from the community, funding availability staff recommendations, and impact on the community.

VII. SUSTAINABILITY PLAN REVIEW

The overall Sustainability Plan will be reviewed every three years. Changes recommended by the Sustainability Committee will be itemized and sent to the City Council for final approval.

VIII. EXHIBITS

A – History of Sustainable Actions
B - Greenest Region Compact Framework

EXHIBIT A – HISTORY OF SUSTAINABLE ACTIONS

PRIOR TO 2010

- Purchased 5631La Grange Road (former hotel) for future economic development
- Upgraded the pumping station electrical supply and replaced the emergency generator
- Water main replacements on 7th & 8th Avenues between 55th St. & Plainfield Road
- 61st Street (Brainard to Kensington Ave); Kensington Ave (61st St to 55th St); 9th Ave (57th St to 58th St); 57th Street (La Grange Rd to East Ave); and 56th Street (La Grange Rd to Pump House) water mains were replaced
- Rehabilitation of Pump House No. 1 and No. 2
- Adopted an Open Space Master Plan
- La Grange Road Streetscape including native plantings and walking path
- Creation of an Economic Development Committee
- Park Improvement Plan adopted to renovate 7 City parks
- Participation in the Earth Hour campaign
- Spring Clean-Up program for the proper disposal of household items including electronics
- Drainage improvements implemented at Salem Square Shopping Center
- Comprehensive Property Maintenance Inspection program implemented
- Water system Consumer Confidence Reports published annually
- Lawn sprinkling restrictions adopted
- Parkway Tree Planting Program initiated
- Storm water Detention Ordinance adopted
- Purchased Maple Crest Golf Course in partnership with the Pleasant Dale Park District to maintain the property as green space.
- Became a member of Gateway Special Recreation Association to provide recreational opportunities to residents with disabilities

2010 TO 2020

- 9950 Joliet Road (former Circuit City) purchased for City Center development
- 9960 Joliet Road (former Toyota Dealership) purchased for City Center development
- 5949 La Grange Road (former Dodge City) purchased for City Center development
- 6001 La Grange Road (former Ethan Allen) purchased for City Center development
- Ideal Park renovations including a walking path, new equipment and landscaping
- Adopted an Active Transportation Plan
- Catherine Ave (57th St to 55th St); Madison Ave (57th St to 55th St); Lorraine Dr. (71st St to 67th St); Francis Ave & Lorraine Dr.; & Joliet Rd (La Grange Rd to Brainard Ave) water mains replaced
- Purchased 5539 Peck Avenue to remove a residential property from the floodplain and use the property for the construction of Andrew Whiting Memorial Park
- Sidewalks installed along the 6500 block of Joliet Road
- Water conservation tips shared with the community

2010 TO 2020 CONTINUED

- Parkway Tree Planting program initiated
- Community garden plots constructed
- Implemented Electric Aggregation Program
- La Grange Streetscape Beautification Project – Phase I & Phase II
- PACE offers park and ride locations for Countryside commuters
- Police Bike Patrol program initiated
- Purchase of hybrid vehicles for the City's fleet
- Pleasantview Fire Protection District is upgraded to a Public Protection Classification of Class 2 (the City's water system accounts for 40% of the total rating)
- Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event held
- City receives the EDIE Award from the Illinois Chamber of Commerce for the development of the Countryside City Center
- An incentive was approved for Tony's Fresh Market to renovate and occupy the vacant building formerly occupied by Dominicks
- An incentive was approved for Ettleson Hyundai to build a new dealership on vacant land owned by the city
- Streetlights on residential streets were replaced with LED fixtures
- City-wide Drainage Improvement Program implemented
- Tree Sponsorship Program implemented at Flagg Creek Golf Course
- Route 66 benches installed along Joliet Road
- 56th Street water main replacement between 6th and 7th Avenues
- City-wide Sidewalk Inspection and Replacement program initiated
- 6th Avenue cul-de-sac water main replaced
- Supply customers with free kits to detect leaky toilets
- Fire Suppression Sprinkler Ordinance adopted (automatic sprinklers can reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 98%)
- Safe Bike Riding Program initiated by the Police Department
- The City purchases a bank-owned vacant restaurant for future development
- Partnered by MWRD to provide rain barrels to our residents
- Drug collection unit installed at the Countryside Police Station
- Installed a multi-use path along Brainard Avenue from Joliet Road to 55th Street
- Constance Lane water main replaced
- Pop Top Recycling program initiated by the Police Department
- 5th Avenue Cutoff improvements including pavement widening and resurfacing, drainage improvements and the installation of a pedestrian pathway
- Electronic Waste Recycling Program initiated at the Department of Public Works
- City Hall garage sale held to reduce the furniture and fixtures headed for the dump
- Public Works employees coordinate Earth Day cleanup projects with local school children
- Designed and constructed the first net zero energy municipal building in the State of Illinois
- Used 98% of the demolition debris from the old Flame Restaurant as the base for the new Municipal Complex
- Installed a battery recycling bin for the public at the Municipal Complex
- Installed electric car charging stations at the Municipal Complex

2010 TO 2020 CONTINUED

- Automatic shut-off plumbing fixtures installed to reduce water waste
- Bottle fill-up station at water fountains to reduce plastic bottle waste
- Recycling containers installed in each department
- 435 solar panels installed on the roof and carports of the Municipal Complex
- Awarded LEED Gold certification for the Municipal Complex
- Implemented a paperless agenda/packet for City Council and committee meetings
- Adopted a resolution endorsing the Mayors Caucus Green Region Compact's consensus goals

EXHIBIT B – GREENEST REGION COMPACT FRAMEWORK

	Category	GOAL		OBJECTIVE > STRATEGY + ADVANCED STRATEGY	Already achieved	In Progress	Planned for next 6 months	Planned for next 12-18 months	Interested in pursuing	Notes
CLIMATE	Greenhouse Gas Emissions	*Reduce greenhouse gas emissions*	*C+5*	**+ Commit to the Compact of Mayors**	X					
	Air Quality	*Maintain clean and healthful air*	*C6*	**Regulate burning of landscape waste**	X					
			C8	**Participate in Illinois Partners for Clean Air**					X	
			C9	**Discourage the use of high-emitting small engines, such as for landscaping**					X	
			C10	**Reduce volatile organic compound (VOC) emissions for municipal operations by using low VOC cleaners, paints, and paving practices**	X					
			C11	**Establish policies to meet Illinois Dept of Public Health Indoor Air quality standards**					X	
	Resiliency	*Develop resiliency to climate change impacts*	*C+14*	**+ Assess infrastructure and public safety threats from extreme weather events**				X		
			C+15	**+ Develop a resiliency plan to protect assets, public health, and provide essential services through natural and man-made disasters**					X	
	Education & Outreach	*Engage the community in climate change mitigation and*	*C16*	**Educate the public about climate change**				X		
			C18	**Inform the community about air quality index and air pollution action days**				X		

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	Workforce Development	*Promote innovation and a competitive workforce*	***ED1***	**Connect local businesses with education training, and jobs related to sustainability**				X		
	Innovation		***ED4***	**Encourage green innovation among residents and local businesses**		X				
	Green Economy	*Cultivate local and sustainable development, jobs, and businesses*	***ED6***	**Attract and retain businesses that practice and promote sustainability**	X					
			ED8	**Promote local goods and services**	X					
			ED9	**Create and promote a community brand featuring natural resources or cultural characteristics of community**	X					"Leading the way in sustainability" Videos
			ED10	**Promote tourism featuring natural and cultural assets of the community**		X				Signage on I-55
	Policy		***ED11***	**Promote the economic prosperity of the community**	X					Website Videos
			ED12	**Advocate for expanded job opportunities and sufficient wages**	X					Support Minimum Wage Increase

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ENERGY	Energy Efficiency	*Use energy for building and facilities efficiently*	*E1*	> Conduct energy audits of municipal facilities				X		
			E3	> Conduct retro-commissioning studies to optimize public facility performance					X	
			E4	> Implement operational changes recommended in the retro-commissioning study					X	
			E5	**Implement energy efficiency measures that have a short-term payback (i.e. lighting, occupancy sensors)**	X					
			E6	**Implement energy efficiency measures that have a longer-term payback**	X					
			E8	**Achieve ENERGY STAR certification for municipal buildings**			X			
			E+9	**+ Utilize performance contracts to finance large energy efficiency projects**					X	
			E+10	**+ Demonstrate extreme energy efficiency with a model Passivhaus building**	X					Municipal Complex
			E+11	**+ Budget and plan for long-term energy efficiency equipment upgrades**			X			
	Renewable Energy	*Advance renewable energy*	*E12*	**Install and operate renewable energy systems at municipal facilities**	X					Municipal Complex
			E12a	> Use power purchase agreements, leasing and other strategies to finance renewable energy systems		X				Green Electric Aggregation Program
			E13	**Support the adoption of renewable energy technologies in the community**		X				
			E13a	>Adopt codes and permitting practices that support renewable energy systems in the community		X				
			E13b	> Facilitate access to renewable energy systems through collaborative purchasing for residents and business		X				
			E14	**Procure renewable energy for public facilities**	X					
			E14a	>Become a US EPA Green Power Community				X		
			E15	**Support procurement of renewable energy through community choice aggregation**		X				Municipal Complex
			E+17	**+ Collaborate to provide access to community solar**					X	

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ENERGY	Energy Management	*Reduce energy consumption*	*E18*	**Power down equipment when possible**	X					
			E19	**Participate in demand response programs**	X					
			E21	**Utilize energy management expertise (i.e. Building Operator Certification and Certified Energy Manager)**				X		
			E22	**Participate in energy management challenges and programs**				X		
	Policy	*Enact policies that support clean energy*	*E25*	**Facilitate the adoption of renewable energy technologies (i.e. solar, geothermal) by adapting building and zoning codes**		X				
	Education & Outreach	*Engage the community in clean energy practices*	*E30*	**Partner with electric and gas utilities to promote energy efficiency programs to the community**			X			
			E31	**Promote the use of ENERGY STAR certified appliances and equipment**			X			
			E32	**Publicly recognize institutional and private buildings that achieve a specific energy efficiency targets**				X		
			E33	**Collaborate to educate the community about clean energy options**	X					

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LAND	Sustainable Development	*Encourage strategic development that upholds sustainability principles*	*L1a*	>Encourage the development of compact and complete residential neighborhoods		X				
			L1b	>Protect greenfields and open space	X					
			L1c	>Redevelop underutilized or contaminated properties	X					
			L3	**Collaborate with neighboring communities to jointly create sustainable developments**					X	
			L4	**Encourage conservation design to protect natural resources**	X					
			L5	**Promote Sustainable Sites Certification for commercial and institutional landscapes**					X	
			L7	**Support local food production by assuring access to affordable land**	X					Community Garden
			L8	**Evaluate proposed developments for on groundwater levels and water quality.**	X					
	Land Preservation	*Conserve restore and enhance natural features and ecosystems*	***L9***	**Using data such as the Green Infrastructure Vision and the Illinois Natural Areas Inventory, watershed plans, identify key natural assets, landscape features, parcels with high value for connectivity and ecosystem function**		X				
			L10	**Conserve key natural assets and open space**	X					
			L10a	>Through direct acquisition and management	X					FCGC
			L10b	>Through collaborations and cooperative agreements such as conservation easements					X	
			L11	**Guide future development to conserve natural topography, views, drainage patterns, existing vegetation, and historic or cultural assets**	X					
			L12	**Prioritize the acquisition, dedication and management of lands to create connected greenways**	X					
			L14	**Manage public and private landscapes to optimize ecosystem services and support biodiversty**			X			
			L14a	>Collaborate to restore prairie, wetland, forest and other important ecosystems in the community		X				
			L14b	>Monitor and control invasive species in natural areas and throughout the community	X					
			L15	**Protect and restore soil integrity**	X					
			L15a	>Enforce soil erosion and sediment control regulations for construction sites	X					

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LAND	Parks & Open Space	*Support networks of accessible, well-used and enjoyable parks*	***L16***	**Develop a park and open space master plan**	X					
			L17a	>Collaborate to provide access to under-utilized land (i.e. utility right of ways) for trails, community gardens, and sustainable landscapes	X					
			L17b	>Optimize linkages between parks and open spaces	X					
			L17d	>Collaborate with private property owners to create vibrant public gathering spaces (placemaking)	X					
			L18	**Enhance parks, open space, and recreational opportunities accessible to all residents**	X					Park Dist. of LaGrange & Gateway
			L18a	>Collaborate with park and forest preserve districts	X					Bike Path
			L18b	>Collaborate to create and maintain hiking, biking, canoe and other recreational trails	X					Countryside, Hodgkins & IHP are applying for a path grant
			L18c	>Collaborate to provide accessible recreational services involving parks and open space	X					FPCC ads
			L19	**Foster healthy community relationships through the use of open space**	x					
	Urban Forestry	*Sustain a robust urban forest canopy*	***L21***	**Conduct an inventory and assessment of trees on public right of ways**				X		
			L23	**Maintain the health and integrity of existing trees**	X					
			L23a	>Maintain the health of trees on public right of ways	X					
			L23b	>Collaborate with utilities to maintain trees compatible with overhead powerlines	X					
			L23c	>Practice integrated pest management to sustain urban forest health	X					
			L23d	>Assess structural integrity of trees and proactively mitigate risks through strategic removal and other actions	X					Cost Sharing Tree Removal Program
			L24	**Plant trees to sustain and renew the urban forest**	X					
			L24a	>Continually plant hardy, site-appropriate trees to meet tree canopy goals	X					
			L24b	**Use USEPA Water Quality Scorecard to develop a systems approach to optimize stormwater**					X	Cost Sharing Tree Removal Program
			L25	**Diversify the urban forest for long term resilience**	X					
			L26	**Earn recognition for urban forest stewardship as a Tree City USA**					X	
			L+28	**+ Optimize tree planting and protect existing trees for maximum carbon storage/sequestration and energy savings**	X					

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LAND	Landscapes	*Sustain beautiful landscapes that provide ecosystem services*	***L29***	**Manage traditional, cultivated landscapes sustainably**					X	
			L29b	>Manage lawns using natural products and low-impact practices					X	
			L29c	>Encourage community-wide use of integrated pest management to reduce impacts from fertilizers and pesticides					X	
			L29d	>Use integrated pest management strategies for municipal landscapes to reduce impacts from fertilizers and pesticides					X	
			L30	**Increase the quality and amount of sustainable landscaping in the community**			X			
			L30a	>Use native and sustainable landscaping on municipal properties	X					
			L30b	>Promote native and sustainable landscaping initiatives community wide by connecting residents to plants and information			X			
			L30c	>Increase the amount of sustainable landscaping in the community through subdivision and development codes			X			
			L30d	>Encourage planting and registering of pollinator gardens through the Million Pollinator Garden Challenge		X				
			L30e	>Adopt the Mayors Monarch Pledge		X				
			L31	**Maintain beautiful landscapes and streetscapes to enhance gateways, business districts and important public spaces**	X					La Grange Rd, Municipal Complex, FCGC, Parks
	Policy	*Achieve greater livability through sustainable land use and housing policies*	***L32***	**Adopt codes and incentives that guide sustainable development that maximizes social benefits and minimizes infrastructure demands**						
			L32b	>Use zoning and development regulations in strategic locations to increase walkability	X					
			L32c	>Promote site design that encourages the development of vibrant, walkable, commercial areas	X					
			L33	**Enact and enforce land use policies that protect valuable natural assets and support resiliency**						
			L33a	>Enact and enforce land-use policies that preserve open space	X					Open Space Master Plan
			L33c	>Enact policies that require conservation design best management practices to protect natural resources			X			
			L33e	>Protect key natural assets and open space through zoning and planned unit developments	X					
			L35	**Facilitate the retention of farms and other working lands**	X					Annexed 5th Av Cutoff
			L36	**Enact an ordinance that requires ample sustainable tree and landscape planting for new development and redevelopments**					X	
			L37	**Collaborate with state and federal partners to prepare for and respond to invasive pest threats**					X	

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LAND	Education, Outreach & Planning	*Cultivate a conservation ethic in the community*	*L38*	**Engage the community in programs and special events to celebrate nature, such as Arbor Day and Earth Day**	X					Students clean parks on Earth Day
			L39	**Educate the community about the value of trees, native and sustainable landscaping**	X					
			L42	**Encourage beautiful, sustainable landscaping on private property**			X			
			L45	**Educate planning commissioners about sustainable development principles and conservation strategies**			X			

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LEADERSHIP	Leadership	*Enlist support for GRC2 goals through regional, state and national leadership*	*LP4*	**Share information about municipal leadership in sustainability broadly in the community and externally**	X					
			LP5	**Seek recognition for community sustainability achievements**	X					
	Advocacy	*Advocate for policies that align with and advance the*	*LP8*	**Seek collaboration with the business sector to support municipal sustainability, (e.g., product stewardship)**			X			
	Collaboration	*Work collaboratively towards a sustainable region*	*LP9*	**Partner with other local governments to achieve efficiency and sustainability**				X		
			LP11	**Partner with non-governmental organization to advance sustainability in the community and regionally**	X					Speaker at mulitple events

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MOBILITY	Bike and Pedestrian	*Support safe and effective active transportation*	***M1***	**Identify gaps in pedestrian and the bicycle networks and barriers to active modes of travel**	X					
			M2	**Create a bicycle and pedestrian plan to improve connectivity in the community and beyond**	X					Active Transportation Plan
			M3	**Implement recommendations from the bicycle and pedestrian plan**		X				
			M3a	>Earn Bicycle Friendly Community designation					X	
			M3b	>Earn Walk Friendly Community designation					X	
			M4	**Collaborate with regional partners to connect on-and off-road bicycle facilities with existing and planned regional trail networks**		X				Cook County Forest Preserve, Hodgkins & IHP
	Transportation Infrastructure	*Maintain a diverse, safe and efficient transportation network*	***M6***	**Maintain streets and sidewalks for efficiency and safety without harming natural resources**	X					
			M7	**Maintain efficient traffic flow within and around the community**		X				IDOT PROJECTS
			M8	**Synchronize traffic signals to reduce vehicle idling**					X	
			M9	**Incorporate sustainable roadways into capital improvement planning, proactively plan for major transportation infrastructure improvements**	X					
			M11	**Coordinate with regional transportation agencies to maximize bicycle, pedestrian, vehicular transit, and rail connectivity and mobility**					X	
			M12	**Collaborate to provide alternative fuel infrastructure at public sites**	X					
			M13	**Incorporate trees and other green infrastructure elements into roadway design and maintenance for functionality and aesthetics**					X	

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Stewardship	*Support efficient transportation that uses resources wisely*	***M15***	**Support regional transportation innovation**	X					Central Tri-State
		M17	**Collaborate to support a network of alternate fueling infrastructure**					X	
		M18	**Advocate for broad adoption of clean fuel fleets (i.e utilities, businesses, other agencies etc.)**					X	
		M19	**Support strong national fuel efficiency standards**					X	
		M22	**Create Safe Routes to School**	X					
Policy	*Integrate sustainability into transportation policies, programs and regulations*	***M23***	**Enact and enforce anti-idling policies for public fleet vehicles**					X	
		M24	**Designate no idling zones at schools, transit stations etc.**					X	
		M27	**Adopt a Complete Streets policy to benefit all road users**					X	
		M28	**Revise subdivision code to promote active transportation, i.e., street sanctions that require bicycle facilities and sidewalks**	X					
Shared-use Mobility	*Promote public and sustainable transportation choices*	***M29***	**Collaborate to maintain and enhance transit facilities**					X	
		M30	**Collaborate to expand regional transit capacity and improve service**					X	
		M31	**Expand local transit connections to meet identified needs**					X	
		M32	**Collaborate to provide multi-modal transportation options to resolve the first and last mile barrier**					X	
Education & Outreach	*Promote public and sustainable transportation choices*	***M34***	**Encourage residents and visitors to walk and bike**	X					
		M35	**Promote the availability of regional transit options**	X					
		M37	**Educate the community on the negative impacts of car idling**			X			
		M39	**Encourage active transportation and community building in an open streets event**		X				

MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS

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Lead by Example	*Lead by demonstrating sustainable values and practices*	***MO1***	**Support or create an interdisciplinary team to coordinate internal sustainability efforts**	X					
		MO2	**Dedicate staff to direct sustainability initiatives**	X					
		MO3	**Leverage state/federal and private grants and resources to advance sustainability**	X					IL Clean Energy Community Foundation Grant
		MO4	**Educate and train staff on sustainability practices**	X					
		MO5	**Achieve third party certification for sustainable public facilities**	X					
		MO5 a	>Achieve LEED or Green Globes certification for public buildings	X					Municipal Complex - LEED Gold
		MO6	**Formalize sustainability goals and plans**		X				
		MO6 a	>Adopt the Greenest Region Compact	X					
		MO6 b	>Use the GRC Framework to create a sustainability plan and formally adopt it		X				
		MO+ 7	**Consolidate and/or share the delivery of public services with other local governments**	X					Park District of La Grange & McCook Library
		MO+ 8	**+ Establish municipal finance practices to re-invest cost savings into sustainability initiatives**					X	
Sustainable Operations	*Integrate sustainability into all municipal operations*	***MO9***	**Adopt an environmental purchasing policy**				X		
		MO10	**Extend useful life of physical assets**					X	
		MO11	**Manage special events sustainably**			X			
		MO+ 12	**Integrate sustainability into capital planning**		X				
		MO+ 13	**Inventory, assess and manage municipal assets sustainably**	X					
Municipal Fleet	*Operate a safe, clean and efficient fleet*	***MO14***	**Operate a safe, clean and efficient fleet**					X	
		MO14 a	>Conduct baseline fleet analysis				X		
		MO14 b	>Optimize fleet performance by reconciling tasks and vehicle types					X	
		MO14 c	>Increase fleet efficiency through driver education and training					X	
		MO15	>Join Chicago Area Clean Cities Coalition and report reduction of petroleum fuel consumption annually					X	

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MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS	Data Management	*Collect and manage data to advance sustainability*	*MO18 a*	>Establish performance metrics	X					
			MO18 b	>Collect and organize data		X				
			MO18 c	>Report and share data		X				
			MO18 d	>Continue to track and monitor data over time		X				
			MO+ 10	**+ Use 'smart' technology to efficiently manage waste, water, fleet, air and energy data**		X				

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	Arts and Culture	*Promote cultural vibrancy in the community*	***SC1***	**Preserve and maintain the community's historic assets**					X	
			SC2	**Integrate historical and cultural assets through community programming**					X	
			SC3	**Formalize support for culture and the arts**					X	
			SC4	**Engage community volunteers through an arts/culture-oriented citizen advisory group**					X	
			SC5	**Foster understanding of diverse cultural traditions**					X	
			SC6	**Promote beauty and livability in community design, stewardship, and through partnerships**	X					
	Health & Safety	*Foster a culture of health, safety and wellness*	***SC8***	**Create a community that is resilient and well-prepared for disaster**	X					Emergency Management Plan
			SC9	**Connect community members to existing services that support health and wellness**	X					
			SC10	**Ensure high quality essential human services programs are available and utilized**					X	
			SC11	**Collaborate with state and federal partners to prepare for and respond to pest and disease threats to public health**	X					COVID Testing
			SC12	**Collaborate to offer active and healthy lifestyle programs to residents**	X					Minimum Wage Increase
			SC+13	**+ Support balanced, active play for families**	X					Parks, bike paths & give-aways
			SC+13 a	>Become recognized as a Playful City USA					X	
			SC+14	**+ Prioritize safe practices and collaborate to reduce accidental injuries and death**	X					Sidewalk program, IRMA site visits
	Local Food	*Increase access to sustainably grown local food*	***SC16***	**Educate and engage the community in a sustainable food culture**					X	
			SC17	**Incorporate local and healthy options into public food-service procurement and events**					X	
			SC18	**Support and promote family and community gardens**	X					

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SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES	Social Justice	*Sustain community principles that are welcoming, inclusive and equitable*	*SC21*	Cultivate and preserve a welcoming and inclusive community character					X	
			SC22	Support social justice and equity throughout the community					X	
			SC23	Promote diversity of housing stock accessible to diverse residents					X	
			SC24	Distribute public services and resources equitably in the community	X					
	Sustainable Community	*Promote a sustainable identity for the community*	*SC26*	Develop and maintain a community brand that highlights sustainability		x				
			SC28	Incentivize green building in new construction and re-construction					X	
	Policy	*Assure local policies and codes support sustainability*	*SC29*	Identify existing Code impediments sustainable building and site best practices					X	
			SC30	Develop housing policies, programs, and regulations designed to support and promote sustainability					X	
			SC31	Revise and/or develop codes to promote sustainable building and site practices					X	
			SC+33	+ Incentivize green building in new construction and re-construction					X	
	Education	*Cultivate community values based on principles of sustainability*	*SC35*	Educate the community about sustainability initiatives using existing municipal communication outlets (i.e., cable TV, newsletters)		X				
			SC36	Assure community education messages are accessable in all languages and formats					X	
			SC37	Use community festivals, lectures, workshops and other events to share information about sustainability				X		
			SC38	Distribute sustainability information and resources provided by other allied organizations and government agencies	X					
			SC39	Collaborate to incorporate sustainability into school curricula					X	

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SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES	Outreach and Engagement	*Cultivate community values based on principles of sustainability*	***SC43***	**Utilize strategic partnerships with other community organizations to promote sustainability**					X	
			SC44	**Participate in regional and national sustainability networks**					X	
			SC45	**Encourage the community to participate in sustainability initiatives and events**				X		
			SC50	**Host environmentally focused event(s)**					X	
			SC51	**Encourage residents and businesses to contribute their time and resources to sustain the community**					X	
			SC52	**Promote green building practices to residents, businesses and developers**				X		
			SC+53	**Create an award or recognition program to encourage and report sustainable behaviors for residents at home**			X			
			SC+54	**Create an award or recognition program to encourage and report sustainable actions by local businesses**			X			

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WASTE & RECYCLING	Waste Reduction	*Support sustainable material management*	***WR1***	**Set a specific waste reduction goal:**						
			WR1a	> Set a waste reduction goal for municipal operations	X					
			WR2	**Promote and practice waste reduction & recycling in municipal operations**	X					
			W53	**Reduce the use of paper in municipal offices**		X				
			WR+8	**Make public events "zero waste"**				X		
	Recycling	*Recycle materials across all sectors*	***WR9***	**Establish and strive for specific recycling goals:**						
			WR9a	> Establish and strive for a residential recycling goal					X	
			WR9b	> Establish and strive for a multi-family recycling goal					X	
			WR9c	> Establish and strive for a commercial & institutional recycling goal					X	
			WR10	**Provide curbside recycling for residents**	X					
			WR11	**Provide access to recycling infrastructure and services at public places**	X					Batteries at Municipal Complex
	Waste Diversion	*Divert waste from landfills*	***WR13***	**Collaborate to Support proper disposal of:**						
			WR13a	> Support proper disposal of household hazardous waste	X					
			WR13b	> Support proper disposal of pharmaceutical and personal care product waste	X					Pharmaceutical
			WR13c	> Support proper disposal of fats, oils and grease (FOGs)			X			
			WR13d	> Support proper disposal of electronic waste	X					DPW
			WR14	**Collaborate to provide recycling service for items not suitable for curbside pickup e.g. clothing, shoes, Christmas trees and lights**	X					Christmas lights, trees
	Policy	*Enact policies that cause sustainable material management*	***WR16***	**Require commercial & multi-family recycling**					X	
			WR17	**Establish a construction & demolition recycling policy**					X	
			WR18	**Eliminate policy barriers to on-site composting**					X	
			WR20	**Ban or discourage the use of products resulting in un-manageable waste (e.g. plastic bags)**					X	
	Education & Engagement	*Engage the community in waste reduction and recycling*	***WR21***	**Educate the community on recycling and composting practices**				X		
			WR22	**Educate the community to reduce waste by consuming less and reusing**				X		
			WR23	**Discourage fly dumping and littering**	X					
			WR24	**Organize a community wide clean-up day**	X					Spring Clean-up & Earth Day
			WR25	**Engage community volunteers in recycling education and events**					X	

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WATER	Water Conservation	*Use and distribute water efficiently*	***W1***	**Reduce community water consumption per capita**		X				
			W1a	>Implement water efficiency measures at all municipal facilities		X				
			W1b	>Encourage residents and businesses to identify and mitigate water loss			X			
			W2	**Become a US EPA WaterSense Partner**	X					
			W3	**Designate a staff Water Conservation Coordinator to manage water conservation programs**					X	
			W4	**Participate in regional efforts and programs to conserve water**					X	
			W+5	**Provide customer incentives to retrofit using high efficiency, Water Sense appliances and fixtures**					X	
			W+7	**Collaborate with energy utilities to integrate water conservation into energy audits for residential customers**					X	
			W+8	**Collaborate to encourage commercial, industrial and institutional customers to conserve water**					X	
	Water Quality	*Protect and improve water quality*	*W9b*	>Resolve to eliminate unnecessary landscape pesticides and fertilizer use on municipal property		X				
			W9c	>Use sensible salting strategies to reduce chloride contamination	X					
			W11	**Support post-development runoff reduction and mitigation**	X					
			W13	**Collaborate with regional initiatives to protect Lake Michigan and the Mississippi River**	X					
			W14	**Label storm drains indicating the destination of discharge**		X				

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WATER	Water Infrastructure	*Manage water system assets sustainably*	***W15***	**Operate an efficient water utility that delivers clean, healthful, water**	X					
			W15a	>Control water loss by auditing water supply system using AWWA protocols	X					
			W15b	>Periodically detect system leaks and develop a strategic plan for repair	X					
			W16	**Comprehensively and sustainably manage water infrastructure**	X					
			W16a	>Develop a water infrastructure asset management plan to sustain the system	X					Novotny's 10-Yr Plan
			W16b	>Implement the water infrastructure asset management plan to sustain the system	X					
			W16c	>Meter 100% of customers with automated reading technology	X					
			W16d	>Implement sub-metering for multi-family housing customers	X					
			W16f	>Repair and replace inefficient water supply infrastructure	X					Reviewed Annually
			W17	**Invest water revenues into sustaining water infrastructure**	X					
			W18	**Coordinate street, utility and water infrastructure projects**	X					
			W19	**Seek both public and private financing partnerships for infrastructure improvements**	X					

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WATER	Stormwater Management and Green Infrastructure	*Optimize the use of natural and built systems to manage stormwater*	***W22***	**Participate in the National Flood Insurance Program allowing residents to access flood insurance**	X					
			W23	**Implement green infrastructure best management practices on municipal properties**	X					
			W23a	>Build or retrofit paved surfaces with permeable materials		X				
			W23b	>Install and maintain bioswales, filter strips, trees, rain gardens, and other functional landscapes		X				
			W24	**Encourage residents and businesses to adopt green infrastructure practices**		X				
			W24a	>Collaborate to provide rain barrels, plants and other resources to allow resident to capture and store rainwater	X					
			W25	**Encourage residents and businesses to reduce flood risks on their property**	X					
			W25b	>Encourage property owners to disconnect downspouts from sewers and direct flow to landscaping	X					
			W26	**Enhance natural features of stormwater detention and retention systems**	X					
			W28	**Collaborate with regional and state agencies to sustainably manage stormwater**	X					
			W+29	**Use USEPA Water Quality Scorecard to develop a systems approach to optimize stormwater**					X	
			W+30	**+ Establish a stormwater utility funding mechanism**					X	

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WATER	Policy	*Enact policies to protect water resources*	***W31***	**Conduct a water rate study to determine sustainble rate structure**	X					
			W32	**Adopt full-cost pricing policies for water service**	X					
			W33	**Amend code to require water efficiency and conservation in commercial and residential development**	X					
			W34	**Incorporate conservation practices into new development guidelines and incentives**					X	
			W35	**Adopt a water conservation policy and/or plan inclusive of all customers and municipal operations**	X					Watering Ord
			W35b	>Enact and enforce outdoor watering regulations responsive to drought conditions	X					
			W35c	>Regulate or incentive water efficiency for customers managing large landscapes	X					Service sizes 20% less
			W36	**Update stormwater ordinance to integrate Illinois State Model Local Stormwater Ordinance**			X			
			W39	**Review and adopt codes to eliminate barriers to green infrastructure BMPs including cisterns, green roofs, bioswales, permeable paving**	X					
			W41	**Enact codes that protect surface and groundwater from runoff and contamination**	X					

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WATER	Stewardship	*Practice stewardship of water resources*	*W42*	**Sustain supply of high-quality public water**	X					
			W43	**Ensure drinking and wastewater systems are operating efficiently**	X					
			W45	**Participate in watershed planning and stewardship efforts**		X				
			W46	**Implement municipal recommendations from watershed plan**		X				
			W49	**Contribute local data on water supply, quality and operations to support state and regional stewardship**	X					
	Education and Outreach	*Engage the community in water stewardship*	*W51*	**Educate and support the community to conserve water**	X					
			W52	**Educate the community on the value of clean and safe drinking water**	X					
			W53	**Promote tap water over bottled water**	X					
			W54	**Educate the community on practices that reduce contamination of water resources**				X		
			W56	**Educate customers about public water supply and wastewater operations through media and events**				X		
			W57	**Educate the community on benefits and practices of green infrastructure**				X		
			W58	**Educate and support the community in preparing for and managing floods**		X				