



The Village of Glenview

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6TH ANNUAL ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AWARDS WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Jan. 22, 2024 – For a sixth year, the Village of Glenview is recognizing local organizations that take the lead with environmental stewardship, implementation of best practices and community outreach.

The awards will be formally presented by the Village Board of Trustees at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 23, as part of the Village's Environmental & Natural Resources Commission's Environmental Sustainability Awards program. Nominations were sought for actions taken between Jan. 1 to Dec. 1, 2023, from any organization – including businesses, schools, houses of worship and volunteer groups – that serve the Glenview community.

The Village encourages local organizations to adopt practices that help prevent pollution, reduce waste, conserve energy, reduce emissions to air and water and boost recycling. Meeting these sustainability challenges starts at home, in the workplace and in our schools.

The Village aims to highlight the success stories of organizations within the community so that, if replicated, others will be spurred to collaborate and share strategies, policies, procedures and best practices for environmentally sustainable practices.

Nominees were considered in three categories: Innovation, Leadership, and Education & Outreach. This year's winners are:

Innovation – Greener Glenview

Greener Glenview began the Glenview Native Habitat program with the goal of increasing the number of native and connecting habitats in the community. The group, in partnership with the National Wildlife Federation, promoted the project at various events while distributing information and seed packets to help establish gardens.

Innovation – Princeton Village Homeowners Association

Princeton Village, a large development in Glenview with more than 1,000 trees, followed the example of the Village and Glenview Park District to conduct a tree inventory to understand the diversity of the community's trees and maintain the tree canopy for future residents to enjoy. An arborist measured and assessed the health of each of the community's trees and used the

information to plan routine maintenance and prioritize trees that need additional care to ensure their longevity.

Innovation – Saints Peter and Paul Greek Orthodox Church

The active environmental ministry at Saints Peter and Paul Greek Orthodox Church installed 283 solar panels on a building rooftop to introduce sustainable energy to the church community and others in the area. The system is expected to provide power for 25 to 30 years and was financed by a church steward and available incentives.

Education & Outreach – Village Treasure House

Village Treasure House, a Glenview-based nonprofit established in 1997, raises funds through the resale of furniture and home furnishings. The funds support local agencies serving families and individuals. Through their education and outreach in the community, Village Treasure House “re-homed” more than 15,000 items last year. The group also puts an emphasis on reusing materials like bags, ribbon, wrapping paper and tags, reducing the purchase of supplies and allowing more funds to go back to their programs.

Education & Outreach – Valley Lo Towers I Recycling Team

The Valley Lo Towers I (VLT I) Recycling Team has the goal to reduce waste through promoting best practices in recycling, re-use and disposal to building residents. The Committee created education and outreach materials while also working with various service providers to create engaging outreach materials that promote recycling to residents.

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