



The Village of Glenview

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5TH ANNUAL ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AWARD WINNERS ANNOUNCED

January 16, 2023 – For a fifth year, the Village of Glenview is recognizing local organizations that take the lead with environmental stewardship, innovative best practices and community outreach.

The awards will be formally presented by the Village Board of Trustees on Jan. 17 as part of the Village's Environment & Natural Resources Commission's Environmental Sustainability Awards program. Nominations were sought from Jan. 1 to Oct. 15, 2022, from any organization – including businesses, schools, houses of worship and volunteer groups – that serve the Glenview community.

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

Innovation – Glenview School District 34

District 34 implemented sustainable building practices in the construction of new school additions, including day lighting, energy efficient equipment, the planting of over 200 new trees and on-site stormwater detention. Sustainable features of the construction included:

- Overall design elements integrated at all new wings and renovated spaces support energy reduction through compliance with the Illinois Energy Conservation Code.
- The capacity totals 1,824,764 gallons of detained stormwater. These vaults slow down rainwater to prevent runoff. They increase capacity and reduce the overall impact of stormwater on the entire community.
- The construction required that 21 trees be removed. However, the District planted 214 new trees of 22 distinct species.

Education and Outreach – Glenview Gardeners

The Glenview Gardeners is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that launched and incorporated in 1991. The multi-generational group draws members from six surrounding communities with a basic goal of encouraging a love of gardening. Glenview Gardeners hosts local meetings to raise awareness of a variety of sustainable activities, runs an annual plant sale, maintains a pollinator garden for native insects and demonstrates permaculture.

Education and Outreach – Greener Glenview

Greener Glenview broke new ground in 2021 when it launched Glenview’s first community-led organization focused solely on environmental goals. Dedicated to putting sustainability at the heart of how people live and work in Glenview, the nonprofit group pursues its mission through education, collaboration, and advocacy for sustainability in both the natural and built environment. Greener Glenview has reached more than 500 community members at programs and events in the last year, and its monthly bulletins reach a steadily growing mailing list now at numbering more than 200.

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 wants 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.

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