

# PlanitGreen: The Environmental Sustainability Plan for Oak Park & River Forest

PLAN OVERVIEW





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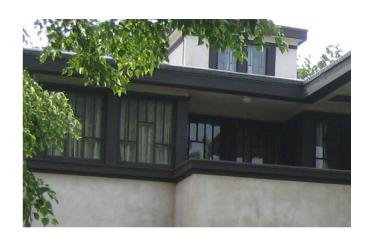




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#### **WHO WE ARE**

PlanItGreen is a locally funded, stakeholder-driven collaborative effort to create a comprehensive action plan for environmental sustainability in Oak Park and River Forest.





#### WHAT WE'RE DOING

After a year of gathering data and input, we drafted a plan that outlines goals and strategies to achieve environmental sustainability. Now, obtaining stakeholder commitments is key.

## WHAT YOU WILL READ INSIDE

### Nine Target Areas



#### 1: EDUCATION

In addition to incorporating education strategies across the plan, this area focuses on school and curriculum (K-University) and general communit education.



#### 2: ENERGY

Ihe consensus is that OPRF should first reduce consumption through energy efficiency strategies and then encourage the use of renewable energy where possible.



#### 3: WASTE

Residential
recycling is already
strong, but there is
room for improving
multi-family
and commercial
recycling as well
as food composting
and construction
debris reuse.



#### 4: WATER

Strategies
focused mainly
on stormwater
management as
well as water
conservation and
water quality

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#### WHY YOU SHOULD CARE

A strong and well-supported plan can help create and maintain a vibrant, healthy community now and into the future. Your input can shape that future today.



#### **WHAT'S NEXT?**

The draft plan must be vetted by people like you to ensure it embodies what you believe we need to keep our community strong. Your endorsement will help convince the key institutions that govern our residents, represent our businesses, and educate our community to commit to the plan. By taking on specific responsibilities with targets and timelines, these committed stakeholders will transform the plan into a reality — good for the environment, good for the economy, and good for people like you. It's your community. Make it a good one.



## 5: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Strategies focus or developing clear and consistent sustainable development criteria, updating local codes, and educating practitioners.



#### **6:** Transportation

Public transit must be easy, inexpensive, safe, and popular. Biking infrastructure should expand. And public perception of biking, walking, and taking public transit could be improved.



# 7: GREEN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Our strategies help businesses capture the benefits of the 'green economy' while reducing our environmental footprint.



# 8: Open Space & Ecosystem Preservation

Our plan focuses on incorporating green infrastructure into existing and emerging spaces that enhance



#### 9: Food

While the communities have a strong base of local, sustainable food options, institutional procurement remains a big





#### **HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED**

#### 1 - Read the Plan

You can access it easily online.

#### 2 - Comment on the Plan

After reading the draft plan, you can submit comments through an online survey.

#### 3 - Commit to a Strategy

The plan will only become a reality if the residents, business owners and leaders in Oak Park and River Forest make commitments to help. You can register your commitment publicly through our website.

#### 4 - Attend a Meeting

OPRFers can meet with representatives from the Delta Institute, Seven Generations Ahead and others at townhall-style meetings designed to further vet the plan and gather commitments to the plan. A schedule is available online.

www.sevengenerationsahead.org/index.php/programs/planitgreen/