

Major CAP Priorities Underway (2023-2024)

- **Grow Northbrook Demonstration Organic Garden**

Seasonal educational workshops and harvest donations, yielding 600 pounds food donated annually.

- **Northbrook Green Business Program**

Ongoing certification program to recognize and celebrate the steps taken by local Northbrook businesses, both big and small.

- **Implementation of a Single-Use Bag Tax**

Effective January 1 2024, major retail stores shall charge 10 cents per paper and plastic bag in an effort to reduce waste and encourage reusable bags.

- **Integrated Pest Management policy**

Beginning summer 2023, all Village-maintained landscaping shall comply with a sustainability policy to curb the usage of pesticides and inorganic fertilizers.

- **Municipal Streetlight Conversion to 100% LEDs**

As streetlights are updated, energy-efficient fixtures will be installed throughout the Village with expected completion by 2030.

- **Participation in Solar Switch Chicagoland**

For residents and small businesses interested in rooftop solar, free property assessments and discounts are available through this regional group buy program.

- **Participation in the Electric Vehicle Readiness Program**

The Village receives technical support for strategic planning and investment in EV charging infrastructure and municipal fleet updates.

- **Development Reviews**

Major development or redevelopment projects coming to town now receive reviews and recommendations with respect to best environmental practices related to energy efficiency, resiliency, sustainable materials, and more as a part of the plan review process.

- **Native Plant and Tree Giveaways**

To support our local ecology, native plants and tree species are being prioritized for community planting. This amounts to 787 trees in 2021; 805 trees, 180 shrubs, 250 plants, and over 600 seed packets in 2022; 150 trees and 150 shrubs so far in 2023.