



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.