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Greenhouse Gas Emissions	Reduce greenhouse gas emissions	C1	Establish a Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emission reduction target:			X									
		C1a	>Utilize US EPA's Local Climate Action Framework to plan and evaluate climate strategies							X				Y	
		C2	Measure and monitor GHG emissions				X							Y	
		C2a	>Measure and monitor GHG from municipal operations			X									
		C2b	>Measure and monitor GHG community wide							X					
		C+3	+ Verify and report climate action to Carbon Climate Registry					X						Y	
		C+4	+ Participate in carbon offset program				X								
		C+5	+ Commit to the Compact of Mayors							X				Y	
	Air Quality	Maintain clean and healthful air	C6	Regulate burning of landscape waste			X								
			C7	Facilitate compliance of federal air quality standards by businesses				X							
			C8	Participate in Illinois Partners for Clean Air								X			Y
			C9	Discourage the use of high-emitting small engines, such as for landscaping				X							
			C10	Reduce volatile organic compound (VOC) emissions for municipal operations by using low VOC cleaners, paints, and paving practices				X							
			C11	Establish policies to meet Illinois Dept of Public Health Indoor Air quality standards			X								Y
	Resiliency	Develop resiliency to climate change impacts	C12	Coordinate resiliency efforts with federal, state and regional planning agencies				X							
			C12a	>Prepare Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation Plan			X								Y
			C13	Collaboratively manage urban heat islands				X							
			C+14	+ Assess infrastructure and public safety threats from extreme weather events			X								Y
C+15			+ Develop a resiliency plan to protect assets, public health, and provide essential services through natural and man-made disasters			X								Y	
Education & Outreach	Engage the community in climate change mitigation and adaptation	C16	Educate the public about climate change				X							Y	
		C17	Participate in Cool Communities						X					Y	
		C18	Inform the community about air quality index and air pollution action days			X								Y	


ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	Category		GOAL	OBJECTIVE		Already achieved	In Progress	Planned for next 6 months	Planned for next 12-18 months	Interested in pursuing	Not planned	Not relevant	Contact Initials	Notes	Link to Resource
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	Workforce Development	Promote innovation and a competitive workforce	ED1	Connect local businesses with education training, and jobs related to sustainability					X						Y
			ED2	Advocate for the development of a competitive 'green workforce'	X										
			ED3	Advocate for new opportunities in the clean energy industry	X										Y
	Innovation		ED4	Encourage green innovation among residents and local businesses		X									
			ED5	Collaborate to support innovation centers					X					Y	
	Green Economy	Cultivate local and sustainable development, jobs, and businesses	ED6	Attract and retain businesses that practice and promote sustainability				X							
			ED7	Recognize and support businesses who practice and promote sustainability					X						Y
ED8			Promote local goods and services	X											
ED9			Create and promote a community brand featuring natural resources or cultural characteristics of community	X										Y	
ED10			Promote tourism featuring natural and cultural assets of the community	X										Y	
Policy	ED11		Promote the economic prosperity of the community		X										
	ED12		Advocate for expanded job opportunities and sufficient wages		X										


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Energy Efficiency	Use energy for building and facilities efficiently	E1	> Conduct energy audits of municipal facilities			X								Y
		E2	Support energy audits and retro-commissioning studies of residential, commercial and institutional facilities		X									Y
		E3	> Conduct retro-commissioning studies to optimize public facility performance			X								Y
		E4	> Implement operational changes recommended in the retro-commissioning study			X								
		E5	Implement energy efficiency measures that have a short-term payback (i.e. lighting, occupancy sensors)		X									Y
		E6	Implement energy efficiency measures that have a longer-term payback		X									
		E7	Collaborate with utilities and other agencies to upgrade streetlight equipment and integrate smart technologies							X			HERE	
		E8	Achieve ENERGY STAR certification for municipal buildings						X					Y
		E+9	+ Utilize performance contracts to finance large energy efficiency projects			X								Y
		E+10	+ Demonstrate extreme energy efficiency with a model Passivhaus building							X				Y
		E+11	+ Budget and plan for long-term energy efficiency equipment upgrades				X							


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Renewable Energy	Advance renewable energy	E12	Install and operate renewable energy systems at municipal facilities		X								
		E12a	> Use power purchase agreements, leasing and other strategies to finance renewable energy systems	X									Y
		E13	Support the adoption of renewable energy technologies in the community	X									
		E13a	>Adopt codes and permitting practices that support renewable energy systems in the community	X									Y
		E13b	> Facilitate access to renewable energy systems through collaborative purchasing for residents and business	X									Y
		E14	Procure renewable energy for public facilities		X								Y
		E14a	>Become a US EPA Green Power Community					X					Y
		E15	Support procurement of renewable energy through community choice aggregation					X					Y
		E16	Develop renewable energy capacity targeting underutilized public properties (i.e. brownfields)					X					
		E+17	+ Collaborate to provide access to community solar	X									Y


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Energy Management	Reduce energy consumption	E18	Power down equipment when possible		X								
		E19	Participate in demand response programs					X					
		E20	Track and benchmark energy consumption through ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager						X				Y
		E21	Utilize energy management expertise (i.e. Building Operator Certification and Certified Energy Manager)						X				Y
		E22	Participate in energy management challenges and programs					X					Y
		E+23	+ Utilize performance contracts to finance energy efficiency projects when feasible					X					Y


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Policy	Enact policies that support clean energy	E24	Adopt current Illinois Energy Conservation Code (IECC) and report compliance		X									Y
		E25	Facilitate the adoption of renewable energy technologies (i.e. solar, geothermal) by adapting building and zoning codes		X									
		E+26	+ Collaborate to advance Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) policies		X									Y
		E+27	+ Adopt 'stretch codes' setting higher standards for energy efficiency than IECC						X					Y
		E+28	+ Enact an ordinance requiring periodic benchmarking for large energy users							X				Y
		E+29	+ Negotiate franchise agreement with utilities to exercise lump sum payment option to finance clean energy								X			


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Education & Outreach	Engage the community in clean energy practices	E30	Partner with electric and gas utilities to promote energy efficiency programs to the community			X								Y
		E31	Promote the use of ENERGY STAR certified appliances and equipment						X					Y
		E32	Publicly recognize institutional and private buildings that achieve a specific energy efficiency targets			X								
		E33	Collaborate to educate the community about clean energy options			X								Y


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Sustainable Development	Encourage strategic development that upholds sustainability principles	L1	Reduce sprawl by promoting infill development to reduce adverse impacts on natural resources and infrastructure demands							X					Y
		L1a	>Encourage the development of compact and complete residential neighborhoods		X										
		L1b	>Protect greenfields and open space			X									
		L1c	>Redevelop underutilized or contaminated properties			X									Y
		L2	Prioritize redevelopment projects and infrastructure investment for transit-served locations			X									Y
		L2a	>Pursue transit oriented development and transit-supportive land uses in new development			X									
		L2b	>Seek public-private partnerships to create transit-oriented developments		X										
		L3	Collaborate with neighboring communities to jointly create sustainable developments		X										
		L4	Encourage conservation design to protect natural resources		X										Y
		L5	Promote Sustainable Sites Certification for commercial and institutional landscapes							X					Y
		L6	Integrate resiliency into land development decisions			X									Y
		L7	Support local food production by assuring access to affordable land				X								
		L8	Evaluate proposed developments for on groundwater levels and water quality.							X					


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Land Preservation	Conserve restore and enhance natural features and ecosystems	L9	Using data such as the Green Infrastructure Vision and the Illinois Natural Areas Inventory, watershed plans, identify key natural assets, landscape features, parcels with high value for connectivity and ecosystem function	X								Y
		L10	Conserve key natural assets and open space	X								
		L10a	>Through direct acquisition and management	X								Y
		L10b	>Through collaborations and cooperative agreements such as conservation easements	X								Y
		L11	Guide future development to conserve natural topography, views, drainage patterns, existing vegetation, and historic or cultural assets	X								
		L12	Prioritize the acquisition, dedication and management of lands to create connected greenways	X								Y
		L13	Prioritize the acquisition of land to protect groundwater recharge areas				X					
		L14	Manage public and private landscapes to optimize ecosystem services and support biodiversity	X								Y
		L14a	>Collaborate to restore prairie, wetland, forest and other important ecosystems in the community	X								
		L14b	>Monitor and control invasive species in natural areas and throughout the community	X								Y
		L14c	>Ensure long-term maintenance and management of protected natural areas within Conservation Design development	X								
		L15	Protect and restore soil integrity	X								
		L15a	>Enforce soil erosion and sediment control regulations for construction sites	X								


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LAND	Parks & Open Space	Support networks of accessible, well-used and enjoyable parks	L16	Develop a park and open space master plan	X									
			L17	Maximize the amount of public spaces and parks accessible to residents		X								
			L17a	>Collaborate to provide access to under-utilized land (i.e. utility right of ways) for trails, community gardens, and sustainable landscapes					X					
			L17b	>Optimize linkages between parks and open spaces				X						
			L17c	>Work with developers to integrate and develop open space reserves and trails in developments		X								
			L17d	>Collaborate with private property owners to create vibrant public gathering spaces (placemaking)		X								Y
			L18	Enhance parks, open space, and recreational opportunities accessible to all residents	X									
			L18a	>Collaborate with park and forest preserve districts	X									
			L18b	>Collaborate to create and maintain hiking, biking, canoe and other recreational trails	X									
			L18c	>Collaborate to provide accessible recreational services involving parks and open space	X									
			L19	Foster healthy community relationships through the use of open space		X								


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Urban Forestry	Sustain a robust urban forest canopy	L20	Conduct a community wide urban tree canopy assessment or collaborate on a regional study			X								
		L21	Conduct an inventory and assessment of trees on public right of ways						X					
		L22	Develop and implement a management plan to assure a long term vitality of the urban forest				X							Y
		L23	Maintain the health and integrity of existing trees			X								
		L23a	>Maintain the health of trees on public right of ways			X								
		L23b	>Collaborate with utilities to maintain trees compatible with overhead powerlines			X								Y
		L23c	>Practice integrated pest management to sustain urban forest health						X					Y
		L23d	>Assess structural integrity of trees and proactively mitigate risks through strategic removal and other actions						X					Y
		L24	Plant trees to sustain and renew the urban forest					X						Y
		L24a	>Continually plant hardy, site-appropriate trees to meet tree canopy goals					X						Y
		L24b	>Engage resident in public stewardship through cost-share planting programs					X						
		L24c	>Using canopy analysis data, strategically plant trees to optimize public health and stormwater benefits					X						
		L25	Diversify the urban forest for long term resilience					X						
		L26	Earn recognition for urban forest stewardship as a Tree City USA								X			Y
		L27	Harvest and utilize high value wood products from trees that must be removed					X						Y
		L+28	+ Optimize tree planting and protect existing trees for maximum carbon storage/sequestration and energy savings					X						Y


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LAND	Landscapes	Sustain beautiful landscapes that provide ecosystem services	L29	Manage traditional, cultivated landscapes sustainably		X								
			L29a	>Replace turf with sustainable landscaping alternatives				X						
			L29b	>Manage lawns using natural products and low-impact practices				X						
			L29c	>Encourage community-wide use of integrated pest management to reduce impacts from fertilizers and pesticides				X						
			L29d	>Use integrated pest management strategies for municipal landscapes to reduce impacts from fertilizers and pesticides				X						Y
			L30	Increase the quality and amount of sustainable landscaping in the community		X								
			L30a	>Use native and sustainable landscaping on municipal properties	X									
			L30b	>Promote native and sustainable landscaping initiatives community wide by connecting residents to plants and information	X									Y
			L30c	>Increase the amount of sustainable landscaping in the community through subdivision and development codes			X							
			L30d	>Encourage planting and registering of pollinator gardens through the Million Pollinator Garden Challenge					X					Y
			L30e	>Adopt the Mayors Monarch Pledge						X				Y
			L31	Maintain beautiful landscapes and streetscapes to enhance gateways, business districts and important public spaces		X								Y


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LAND	Policy	Achieve greater livability through sustainable land use and housing policies	L32	Adopt codes and incentives that guide sustainable development that maximizes social benefits and minimizes infrastructure demands		X							
			L32a	>Modify zoning and building regulations to allow mixed-use					X				
			L32b	>Use zoning and development regulations in strategic locations to increase walkability				X					
			L32c	>Promote site design that encourages the development of vibrant, walkable, commercial areas				X					
			L33	Enact and enforce land use policies that protect valuable natural assets and support resiliency		X							
			L33a	>Enact and enforce land-use policies that preserve open space		X							
			L33b	>Enact and enforce policies that preserve and restore functioning wetlands		X							
			L33c	>Enact policies that require conservation design best management practices to protect natural resources		X							Y
			L33d	>Protect sensitive aquifer areas via land use regulations					X				
			L33e	>Protect key natural assets and open space through zoning and planned unit developments			X						
			L33f	>Enact and enforce a tree preservation ordinance to protect valuable trees on private property				X					
			L34	Integrate resiliency strategies into development policies and plans			X						Y
			L35	Facilitate the retention of farms and other working lands		X							
			L36	Enact an ordinance that requires ample sustainable tree and landscape planting for new development and redevelopments				X					
			L37	Collaborate with state and federal partners to prepare for and respond to invasive pest threats		X							Y


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Education, Outreach & Engagement	Cultivate a conservation ethic in the community	L38	Engage the community in programs and special events to celebrate nature, such as Arbor Day and Earth Day						X					Y
		L39	Educate the community about the value of trees, native and sustainable landscaping		X									
		L40	Engage community volunteers in land stewardship activities on public and shared landscapes				X							Y
		L41	Educate city staff about forest, wetlands and prairie best management practices					X						
		L42	Encourage beautiful, sustainable landscaping on private property					X						Y
		L43	Enlist volunteer groups to help in acquisition and stewardship of public lands					X						Y
		L44	Engage residents through a natural resources, conservation and/ or tree commission					X						
		L45	Educate planning commissioners about sustainable development principles and conservation strategies					X						
		L46	Engage local farmers to adopt conservation practices					X						


LEADERSHIP	Category	 GOAL	OBJECTIVE		Already achieved	In Progress	Planned for next 6 months	Planned for next 12-18 months	Interested in pursuing	Not planned	Not relevant	Contact initials		Notes	Link to Resource
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Leadership	Enlist support for GRC2 goals through regional, state and national leadership	LP1	Engage with academia and non-governmental organization to support the GRC2				X								
		LP2	Engage with state and national municipal associations to align actions with GRC2				X								Y
		LP3	Report local and regional environmental data to advance national and international collaborative efforts (e.g., GHG reporting, water supply planning)						X						
		LP4	Share information about municipal leadership in sustainability broadly in the community and externally			X									
		LP5	Seek recognition for community sustainability achievements		X										Y
Advocacy	Advocate for policies that align with and advance the GRC2	LP6	Advocate for state policies and investment that support municipal advances in sustainability		X										
		LP7	Advocate for federal policies and investment that support municipal advances in sustainability		X										
		LP8	Seek collaboration with the business sector to support municipal sustainability, (e.g., product stewardship)		X									Y	
Collaboration	Work collaboratively towards a sustainable region	LP9	Partner with other local governments to achieve efficiency and sustainability		X										
		LP10	Participate with regional, state and federal initiatives to plan and achieve sustainability		X										
		LP11	Partner with non-governmental organization to advance sustainability in the community and regionally		X										


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Bike and Pedestrian	<i>Support safe and effective active transportation</i>	M1	Identify gaps in pedestrian and the bicycle networks and barriers to active modes of travel	X									Y
		M2	Create a bicycle and pedestrian plan to improve connectivity in the community and beyond	X									
		M3	Implement recommendations from the bicycle and pedestrian plan		X								Y
		M3a	>Earn Bicycle Friendly Community designation							X			Y
		M3b	>Earn Walk Friendly Community designation							X			Y
		M4	Collaborate with regional partners to connect on-and off-road bicycle facilities with existing and planned regional trail networks	X									
		M5	Provide bicycle parking at municipal facilities, business districts and transit stations and in neighborhoods	X									Y


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MOBILITY	Transportation Infrastructure	<i>Maintain a diverse, safe and efficient transportation network</i>	M6	Maintain streets and sidewalks for efficiency and safety without harming natural resources		X										
			M7	Maintain efficient traffic flow within and around the community		X										
			M8	Synchronize traffic signals to reduce vehicle idling	X											
			M9	Incorporate sustainable roadways into capital improvement planning, proactively plan for major transportation infrastructure improvements	X											
			M10	Collaborate to develop transportation infrastructure with context sensitivity		X										Y
			M11	Coordinate with regional transportation agencies to maximize bicycle, pedestrian, vehicular transit, and rail connectivity and mobility	X											
			M12	Collaborate to provide alternative fuel infrastructure at public sites		x										
			M13	Incorporate trees and other green infrastructure elements into roadway design and maintenance for functionality and aesthetics		X										
			M+14	+ Use the Envision checklist and infrastructure sustainability rating system to guide project development						X						Y


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MOBILITY	Stewardship	<i>Support efficient transportation that uses resources wisely</i>	M15	Support regional transportation innovation		X									
			M16	Support coordinated investment to improve efficiency in passenger and freight railroads		X									
			M17	Collaborate to support a network of alternate fueling infrastructure		X									
			M18	Advocate for broad adoption of clean fuel fleets (i.e utilities, businesses, other agencies etc.)	X										
			M19	Support strong national fuel efficiency standards			X								
			M20	Seek both public and private partnership to finance transportation system improvements	X										
			M21	Strategically manage parking policies and priorities to advance sustainability			X								Y
			M22	Create Safe Routes to School						X					Y
	Policy	<i>Integrate sustainability into transportation policies, programs and regulations</i>	M23	Enact and enforce anti-idling policies for public fleet vehicles						X					
			M24	Designate no idling zones at schools, transit stations etc.						X					
			M25	Adapt engineering standards to incorporate sustainable practices into roadway construction and maintenance while assuring public safety		X									
			M26	Adapt building codes to accommodate and encourage alternate fuel infrastructure	X										
			M27	Adopt a Complete Streets policy to benefit all road users						X					Y
			M28	Revise subdivision code to promote active transportation, i.e., street sanctions that require bicycle facilities and sidewalks						X					Y


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MOBILITY	Shared-use Mobility	Promote public and sustainable transportation choices	M29	Collaborate to maintain and enhance transit facilities		X										
			M30	Collaborate to expand regional transit capacity and improve service		X										
			M31	Expand local transit connections to meet identified needs	X											
			M32	Collaborate to provide multi-modal transportation options to resolve the first and last mile barrier	X											
			M33	Encourage municipal employees to use alternative modes of transportation to commute to work						X						
	Education & Outreach	Promote public and sustainable transportation choices	M34	Encourage residents and visitors to walk and bike		X										Y
			M35	Promote the availability of regional transit options	X											Y
			M36	Collaborate with the community's largest employers to offer flex scheduling, telecommuting, public and active transportation	X											
			M37	Educate the community on the negative impacts of car idling					X						Y	
			M38	Advocate for mass transit funding		X										
			M39	Encourage active transportation and community building in an open streets event						X					Y	


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Lead by Example	Lead by demonstrating sustainable values and practices	MO1	Support or create an interdisciplinary team to coordinate internal sustainability efforts				X											
		MO2	Dedicate staff to direct sustainability initiatives	X														
		MO3	Leverage state/federal and private grants and resources to advance sustainability	X														
		MO4	Educate and train staff on sustainability practices		X													
		MO5	Achieve third party certification for sustainable public facilities		X												Y	
		MO5a	>Achieve LEED or Green Globes certification for public buildings		X												Y	
		MO5b	>Achieve Sustainable Sites Certification for public landscapes								X						Y	
		MO5c	>Achieve ENVISION certification for public infrastructure								X						Y	
		MO6	Formalize sustainability goals and plans	X														
		MO6a	>Adopt the Greenest Region Compact	X														Y
		MO6b	>Use the GRC Framework to create a sustainability plan and formally adopt it	X														Y
		MO+7	Consolidate and/or share the delivery of public services with other local governments	X														Y
		MO+8	+ Establish municipal finance practices to re-invest cost savings into sustainability initiatives	X														


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Sustainable Operations	Integrate sustainability into all municipal operations	MO9	Adopt an environmental purchasing policy					X								Y
		MO10	Extend useful life of physical assets	X												
		MO11	Manage special events sustainably			X										Y
		MO+12	Integrate sustainability into capital planning	X												
		MO+13	Inventory, assess and manage municipal assets sustainably	X												
Municipal Fleet	Operate a safe, clean and efficient fleet	MO14	Operate a safe, clean and efficient fleet		X											
		MO14a	>Conduct baseline fleet analysis						X							Y
		MO14b	>Optimize fleet performance by reconciling tasks and vehicle types		X											
		MO14c	>Increase fleet efficiency through driver education and training	X												
		MO14d	>Modify and retrofit vehicles to use alternate fuels			X										Y
		MO14d	> Migrate fleet to alternate fuel vehicles		X											Y
		MO15	>Certify as an IEPA Illinois Green Fleet						X							Y
		MO15	>Join Chicago Area Clean Cities Coalition and report reduction of petroleum fuel consumption annually							X						Y
		MO+17	+ Collaborate with businesses, industry leaders and other agencies to develop alternative fuel infrastructure					X								
Data Management	Collect and manage data to advance sustainability	MO18	Track, analyze and manage data to advance sustainability		X											Y
		MO18a	>Establish performance metrics	X												
		MO18b	>Collect and organize data	X												
		MO18c	>Report and share data	X												
		MO18d	>Continue to track and monitor data over time	X												
		MO+10	+ Use 'smart' technology to efficiently manage waste, water, fleet, air and energy data					X								


SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES	Category	 GOAL		OBJECTIVE > STRATEGY + ADVANCED STRATEGY	Already achieved	In Progress	Planned for next 6 months	Planned for next 12-18 months	Interested in pursuing	Not planned	Not relevant	Contact Initials		Notes	Link to Resource
SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES	Arts and Culture	<i>Promote cultural vibrancy in the community</i>	SC1	Preserve and maintain the community's historic assets		X									
			SC2	Integrate historical and cultural assets through community programming						X					
			SC3	Formalize support for culture and the arts	X										
			SC4	Engage community volunteers through an arts/culture-oriented citizen advisory group						X					
			SC5	Foster understanding of diverse cultural traditions				X							Y
			SC6	Promote beauty and livability in community design, stewardship, and through partnerships						X					
	Health & Safety	<i>Foster a culture of health, safety and wellness</i>	SC7	Protect all residents from the effects of pollution		X									
			SC8	Create a community that is resilient and well-prepared for disaster		X									
			SC9	Connect community members to existing services that support health and wellness		X									
			SC10	Ensure high quality essential human services programs are available and utilized		x									
			SC11	Collaborate with state and federal partners to prepare for and respond to pest and disease threats to public health		X									
			SC12	Collaborate to offer active and healthy lifestyle programs to residents		X									
			SC+13	+ Support balanced, active play for families		X									Y
			SC+13a	>Become recognized as a Playful City USA						X					Y
			SC+14	+ Prioritize safe practices and collaborate to reduce accidental injuries and death		X									
			SC+14a	>Become certified as a Safe Community						X					Y
			SC+15	+ Integrate planning, policies and programs to accommodate residents of all ages and abilities		x									


COMMUNITIES	Category		GOAL	OBJECTIVE		Already achieved	In Progress	Planned for next 6 months	Planned for next 12-18 months	Interested in pursuing	Not planned	Not relevant	Contact Initials		Notes	Link to Resource	
				> STRATEGY													
				+ ADVANCED STRATEGY													
Local Food	Increase access to sustainably grown local food	SC16	Educate and engage the community in a sustainable food culture				x										
		SC17	Incorporate local and healthy options into public food-service procurement and events			x											
		SC18	Support and promote family and community gardens	X													
		SC+19	+ Analyze and asses the current food system				X										
		SC+20	+ Support innovative technologies for food production and distribution							X							
	Sustain community principles that are welcoming, inclusive and equitable	SC21	Cultivate and preserve a welcoming and inclusive community character		X											Y	
		SC22	Support social justice and equity throughout the community		X											Y	
		SC23	Promote diversity of housing stock accessible to diverse residents			X										Y	
		SC24	Distribute public services and resources equitably in the community		X												
	Promote a sustainable identity for the community	SC25	Promote third party certification for sustainable private facilities	X													
		SC25a	>Promote green certification for private buildings	X													Y
		SC25b	>Promote ENVISION certification for private infrastructure							X							Y
		SC26	Develop and maintain a community brand that highlights sustainability		X												Y
		SC26a	>Participate in the Green Office Challenge				X										Y
		SC+27	+ Assess sustainability achievements relative to comparable cities	X													
		SC27a	>Participate in the STAR Community Rating System						X								Y
		SC28	Incentivize green building in new construction and re-construction			X											Y


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SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES	Policy	Assure local policies and codes support sustainability	SC29	Identify existing Code impediments sustainable building and site best practices			X									
			SC30	Develop housing policies, programs, and regulations designed to support and promote sustainability			X									
			SC31	Revise and/or develop codes to promote sustainable building and site practices			X									
			SC32	Enact policies to preserve dark skies				X								Y
			SC+33	+ Incentivize green building in new construction and re-construction		X										Y
			SC+34	+ Require third-party green building certification for appropriate new construction						X						
	Education	Cultivate community values based on principles of sustainability	SC35	Educate the community about sustainability initiatives using existing municipal communication outlets (i.e., cable TV, newsletters)		X										
			SC36	Assure community education messages are accessible in all languages and formats			X									
			SC37	Use community festivals, lectures, workshops and other events to share information about sustainability			X									
			SC38	Distribute sustainability information and resources provided by other allied organizations and government agencies		X										Y
			SC39	Collaborate to incorporate sustainability into school curricula					X							
			SC40	Collaborate to assure equitable access to quality education in the community					X							
			SC+41	+ Formalize an environmental education strategy					X							
			SC+42	+ Develop/ distribute a green building manual			X									


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			> STRATEGY												
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Outreach and Engagement	Cultivate community values based on principles of sustainability	SC43	Utilize strategic partnerships with other community organizations to promote sustainability	x											
		SC44	Participate in regional and national sustainability networks	x											
		SC45	Encourage the community to participate in sustainability initiatives and events	x											
		SC46	Establish or strengthen an inter and intra/agency Green Team			x									
		SC47	Engage residents in sustainability initiatives through an environmentally-focused citizen advisory group						x						
		SC48	Foster positive communication and collaboration among local and regional institutions		x										
		SC49	Reach out and remove barriers to include all residents in civic affairs		x										
		SC50	Host environmentally focused event(s)	x											
		SC51	Encourage residents and businesses to contribute their time and resources to sustain the community	x											Y
		SC52	Promote green building practices to residents, businesses and developers	x											Y
		SC+53	Create an award or recognition program to encourage and report sustainable behaviors for residents at home							x					Y
		SC+54	Create an award or recognition program to encourage and report sustainable actions by local businesses		x										Y


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		> STRATEGY												
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Water Conservation	Use and distribute water efficiently	W1	Reduce community water consumption per capita					X						
		W1a	>Implement water efficiency measures at all municipal facilities	X										
		W1b	>Encourage residents and businesses to identify and mitigate water loss					X						Y
		W2	Become a US EPA WaterSense Partner	X										Y
		W3	Designate a staff Water Conservation Coordinator to manage water conservation programs						X					
		W4	Participate in regional efforts and programs to conserve water				X							
		W+5	Provide customer incentives to retrofit using high efficiency, Water Sense appliances and fixtures				X							Y
		W+6	Provide water use audits to customers						X					
		W+7	Collaborate with energy utilities to integrate water conservation into energy audits for residential customers							X				
		W+8	Collaborate to encourage commercial, industrial and institutional customers to conserve water							X				Y


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			> STRATEGY											
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WATER	Water Quality	Protect and improve water quality	W9	Protect surface and groundwater from runoff and contamination		X								
			W9a	>Avoid the use of coal tar sealants on municipal property	X									Y
			W9b	>Resolve to eliminate unnecessary landscape pesticides and fertilizer use on municipal property				X						Y
			W9c	>Use sensible salting strategies to reduce chloride contamination	X									Y
			W10	Collaborate to identify sensitive aquifer recharge areas					X					Y
			W11	Support post-development runoff reduction and mitigation	X									
			W12	Inventory and inspect septic systems	X									
			W13	Collaborate with regional initiatives to protect Lake Michigan and the Mississippi River	X									
			W14	Label storm drains indicating the destination of discharge		X								


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			> STRATEGY												
			+ ADVANCED STRATEGY												
Water Infrastructure	Manage water system assets sustainably	W15	Operate an efficient water utility that delivers clean, healthful, water			X									
		W15a	>Control water loss by auditing water supply system using AWWA protocols		X										Y
		W15b	>Periodically detect system leaks and develop a strategic plan for repair		X										Y
		W16	Comprehensively and sustainably manage water infrastructure		X										
		W16a	>Develop a water infrastructure asset management plan to sustain the system		X										Y
		W16b	>Implement the water infrastructure asset management plan to sustain the system		X										
		W16c	>Meter 100% of customers with automated reading technology		X										
		W16d	>Implement sub-metering for multi-family housing customers							X					
		W16e	>Detect and repair water system leaks			X									
		W16f	>Repair and replace inefficient water supply infrastructure			X									
		W16g	>Support property owners in timely repair of service lines through third-party warranty program							X					Y
		W17	Invest water revenues into sustaining water infrastructure		X										
		W18	Coordinate street, utility and water infrastructure projects		X										
		W19	Seek both public and private financing partnerships for infrastructure improvements		X										
		W20	Riparian communities: Collaborate with other agencies to assess dam performance and support removal when		X										Y


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WATEI	Stormwater Management and Green Infrastructure	Optimize the use of natural and built systems to manage stormwater	W21	Participate in the Community Rating System for flood mitigation and planning					X				Y
			W22	Participate in the National Flood Insurance Program allowing residents to access flood insurance	X								
			W23	Implement green infrastructure best management practices on municipal properties		X							
			W23a	>Build or retrofit paved surfaces with permeable materials		X							
			W23b	>Install and maintain bioswales, filter strips, trees, rain gardens, and other functional landscapes	X								
			W24	Encourage residents and businesses to adopt green infrastructure practices	X								
			W24a	>Collaborate to provide rain barrels, plants and other resources to allow resident to capture and store rainwater	X								
			W25	Encourage residents and businesses to reduce flood risks on their property	X								
			W25a	>Incentive overhead basement sewer conversion				X					
			W25b	>Encourage property owners to disconnect downspouts from sewers and direct flow to landscaping	X								
			W26	Enhance natural features of stormwater detention and retention systems	X								
			W27	Collaborate to enhance wetlands for improved ecosystem services	X								
			W28	Collaborate with regional and state agencies to sustainably manage stormwater	X								
			W+29	+ Use to develop a systems approach to optimize stormwater						X			Y
			W+30	+ Establish a stormwater utility funding mechanism	X								Y

WATE	Category		GOAL	OBJECTIVE	Already achieved	In Progress	Planned for next 6 months	Planned for next 12-18 months	Interested in pursuing	Not planned	Not relevant	Contact Initials		Notes	Link to resource
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Policy	Enact policies to protect water resources	W31	Conduct a water rate study to determine sustainable rate structure	X											
		W32	Adopt full-cost pricing policies for water service	X											Y
		W33	Amend code to require water efficiency and conservation in commercial and residential development		X										Y
		W34	Incorporate conservation practices into new development guidelines and incentives		X										
		W35	Adopt a water conservation policy and/or plan inclusive of all customers and municipal operations			X									Y
		W35a	>Enact and enforce regulation to control of wasteful water practices			X									
		W35b	>Enact and enforce outdoor watering regulations responsive to drought conditions			X									Y
		W35c	>Regulate or incentive water efficiency for customers managing large landscapes			X									
		W36	Update stormwater ordinance to integrate Illinois State Model Local Stormwater Ordinance					X							Y
		W37	Adopt codes that enable rainwater harvesting for non-potable uses	X											
		W38	Adopt a resolution supporting the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Compact	X											
		W39	Review and adopt codes to eliminate barriers to green infrastructure BMPs including cisterns, green roofs, bioswales, permeable paving	X											
		W40	Allow flexibility (off-site management, payment-in-lieu) to allow developments to meet stormwater management requirements sustainably					X							
		W41	Enact codes that protect surface and groundwater from runoff and contamination	X											

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Stewardship	Practice stewardship of water resources	W42	Sustain supply of high-quality public water		X									
		W43	Ensure drinking and wastewater systems are operating efficiently		x									
		W44	Utilize treated effluent as a valuable water resource		x									
		W45	Participate in watershed planning and stewardship efforts	x										Y
		W46	Implement municipal recommendations from watershed plan		x									
		W46	Allow public access and encourage stewardship of community waterways	x										
		W48	Support regional and statewide water supply planning and stewardship	x										Y
		W49	Contribute local data on water supply, quality and operations to support state and regional stewardship	x										Y
		W+50	+ Enact a water offset policy for water neutral community growth						X					Y

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WATER	Education and Outreach	Engage the community in water stewardship	W51	Educate and support the community to conserve water		X									Y
			W52	Educate the community on the value of clean and safe drinking water		x									
			W53	Promote tap water over bottled water			x								Y
			W54	Educate the community on practices that reduce contamination of water resources	x										Y
			W55	Support private well-owners in water quality monitoring and stewardship					X						Y
			W56	Educate customers about public water supply and wastewater operations through media and events					X						
			W57	Educate the community on benefits and practices of green infrastructure	X										Y
			W58	Educate and support the community in preparing for and managing floods	x										Y
			W59	Collaborate to teach water conservation and stewardship in schools						x					
			W60	Collaborate to raise watershed awareness and foster stewardship	x										

WASTE & RECYCLING	Category	 GOAL	OBJECTIVE		Already achieved	In Progress	Planned for next 6 months	Planned for next 12-18 months	Interested in pursuing	Not planned	Not relevant	Contact Initials		Notes	Link to Resource
			> STRATEGY												
			+ ADVANCED STRATEGY												
Waste Reduction	Support sustainable material management	WR1	Set a specific waste reduction goal:	X											
		WR1a	> Set a waste reduction goal for municipal operations	X											
		WR1b	> Set a waste reduction goal for the community					X							
		WR2	Promote and practice waste reduction & recycling in municipal operations			X									
		W53	Reduce the use of paper in municipal offices	X											
		WR4	Conduct waste audits to identify waste reduction opportunities	X											Y
		WR5	Support exchange of goods and services among residents (i.e. Rummage Sale, Sporting Goods Swap)					x							
		WR+6	+ Adopt a Pay-As-You-Throw program	X											
		WR+7	Support by-product synergies among industries					x							Y
		WR+8	Make public events "zero waste"					x							Y
Recycling	Recycle materials across all sectors	WR9	Establish and strive for specific recycling goals:						x						
		WR9a	> Establish and strive for a residential recycling goal						x						
		WR9b	> Establish and strive for a multi-family recycling goal						x						
		WR9c	> Establish and strive for a commercial & institutional recycling goal							x					
		WR10	Provide curbside recycling for residents	x											
		WR11	Provide access to recycling infrastructure and services at public places	x											
		WR +12	Support regional efforts for developing a food scrap composting services	x											Y

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		GOAL		> STRATEGY											
				+ ADVANCED STRATEGY											
Waste Diversion	<i>Divert waste from landfills</i>	WR13	Collaborate to Support proper disposal of:												
		WR13a	> Support proper disposal of household hazardous waste	x											
		WR13b	> Support proper disposal of pharmaceutical and personal care product waste	x											
		WR13c	> Support proper disposal of fats, oils and grease (FOGs)	x											
		WR13d	> Support proper disposal of electronic waste	x											
		WR14	Collaborate to provide recycling service for items not suitable for curbside pickup e.g. clothing, shoes, Christmas trees and lights	x											
		WR15	Facilitate biosolid re-use in the community (e.g. landscaping)						X						Y
	Policy	<i>Enact policies that cause sustainable material management</i>	WR16	Require commercial & multi-family recycling	X										Y
			WR17	Establish a construction & demolition recycling policy	X										
			WR18	Eliminate policy barriers to on-site composting	X										
WR19			Engage with Solid Waste agencies to manage waste sustainably		X									Y	
WR20			Ban or discourage the use of products resulting in unmanageable waste (e.g. plastic bags)		X										
Education & Engagement	<i>Engage the community in waste reduction and recycling</i>	WR21	Educate the community on recycling and composting practices	X										Y	
		WR22	Educate the community to reduce waste by consuming less and reusing		X									Y	
		WR23	Discourage fly dumping and littering	X											
		WR24	Organize a community wide clean-up day						X						
		WR25	Engage community volunteers in recycling education and events					X							

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To become the most sustainable and successful region in the United States, they, therefore, support the following consensus goals of the Greenest Region Compact and agree to work to achieve them, both in their own communities and in collaboration throughout the region:



Climate

- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- Maintain clean and healthful air
- Develop resiliency to climate change impacts
- Engage the community in climate change mitigation and adaptation



Economic Development

- Promote innovation and a competitive workforce
- Cultivate local and sustainable development, jobs, and businesses



Energy

- Use energy for buildings and facilities efficiently
- Advance renewable energy
- Reduce energy consumption
- Enact policies that support clean energy
- Engage the community in clean energy practices



Land

- Encourage strategic development that upholds sustainability principles
- Conserve, restore and enhance natural features and ecosystems
- Support networks of accessible well-used and enjoyable parks
- Sustain a robust urban forest canopy
- Sustain beautiful landscapes that provide ecosystem services
- Achieve greater livability through sustainable land use and housing policies
- Cultivate a conservation ethic in the community



Leadership

- Enlist support for GRC2 goals through regional, state and national leadership
- Advocate for policies that align with and advance the GRC2
- Work collaboratively towards a sustainable region



Mobility

- Support safe and effective active transportation
- Maintain a diverse, safe, and efficient transportation network
- Support efficient transportation that uses resources wisely
- Integrate sustainability into transportation policies, programs, and regulations
- Promote public and sustainable transportation choices



Municipal Operations

- Lead by demonstrating sustainable values and practices
- Integrate sustainability into all municipal operations
- Operate a safe, clean and efficient fleet
- Collect and manage data to advance sustainability



Sustainable Communities

- Promote cultural vibrancy in the community
- Foster a culture of health, safety, and wellness
- Increase access to sustainably grown local food
- Sustain community principles that are welcoming, inclusive and equitable
- Promote a sustainable identity for the community
- Ensure local policies and codes support sustainability
- Cultivate community values based on principles of sustainability



Waste & Recycling

- Support sustainable material management
- Recycle materials across all sectors
- Divert waste from landfills
- Enact policies that cause sustainable material management
- Engage the community in waste reduction and recycling

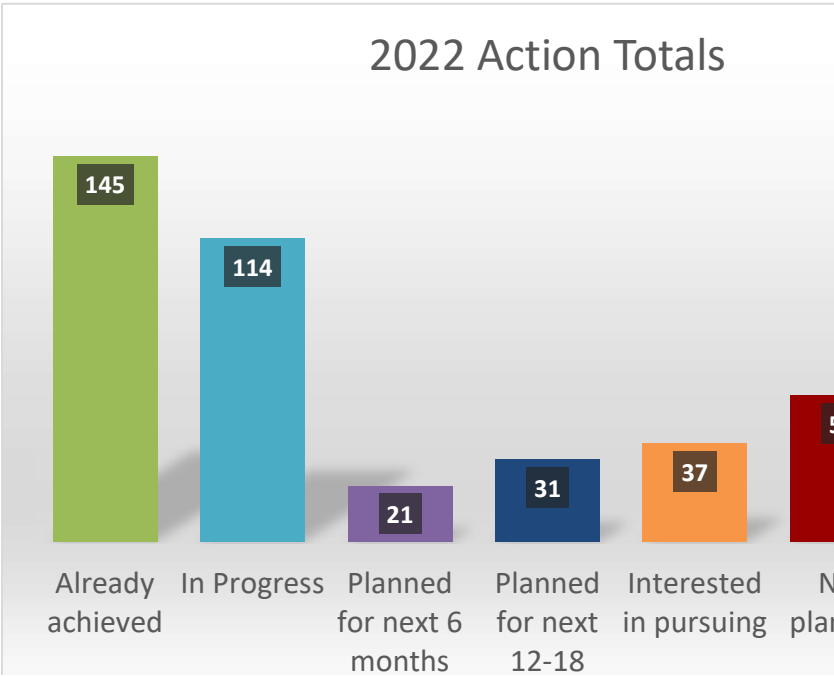
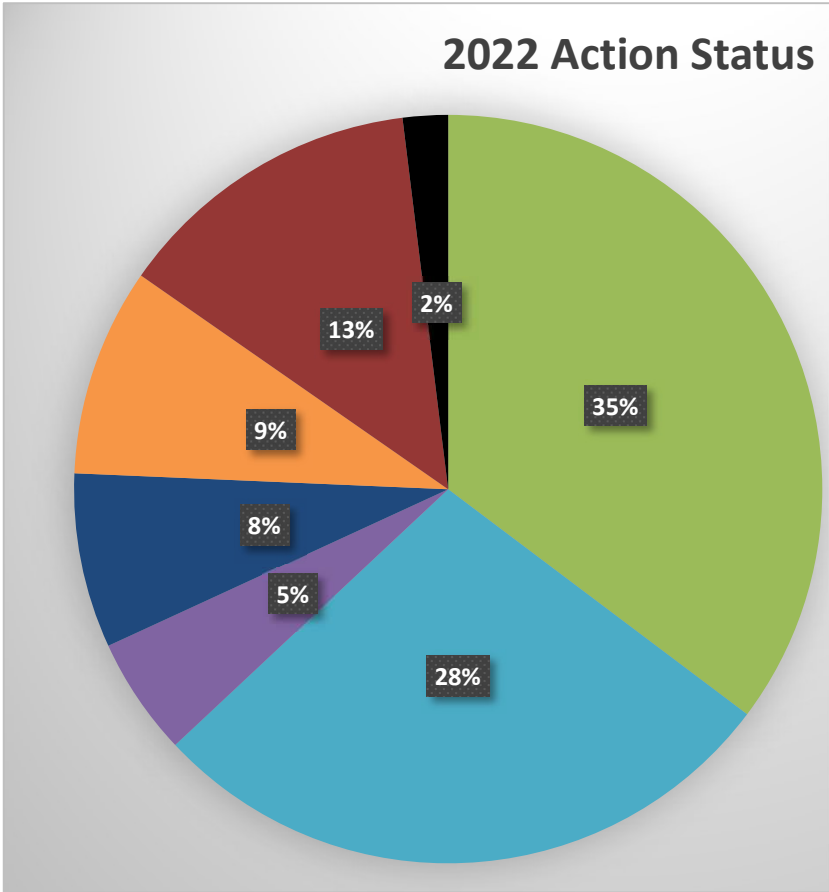


Water

- Use and distribute water efficiently
- Protect and improve water quality
- Manage water system assets sustainably
- Optimize the use of natural and built systems to manage stormwater
- Practice stewardship of water resources
- Enact policies to protect water resources
- Engage the community in water stewardship

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Climate	8	8	0	1	2	2	1
Economic Development	5	3	0	1	2	1	0
Energy	11	10	1	0	5	9	1
Land	17	30	5	18	12	5	2
Leadership	7	1	2	0	1	0	0
Mobility	14	14	2	0	0	9	2
Municipal Operations	15	7	1	2	3	5	0
Sustainable Communities	14	23	5	6	2	10	0
Water	41	15	5	3	8	9	1
Waste and Recycling	13	3	0	0	2	5	1
Total	145	114	21	31	37	55	8

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