

Green With Enthusiasm

2009-2010 Environmental Initiatives

Initiative 1: Purchase and Use Environmentally Safe and Sensitive Products

- We use Green Seal cleaning products at all of our facilities whenever possible
- Our fleet department uses Eco Terra hydraulic fluid, which is non-toxic and biodegradable



Initiative 4: Effective Use and Protection of Air, Water, Soil, and Wildlife

- We have added bioswales and native prairie plantings to many parks
- Our parks department is using best management practices in applying fertilizers and herbicides



Green Team

In 2009 we formed a cross-functional Green Team comprised of employees with a mission to identify, implement, and track environmental initiatives that are aligned with the overall Naperville Park District mission. On this page we list some of our accomplishments and ongoing projects under each initiative.



Initiative 2: Effective Use of Energy Resources

- We have added 3 hybrid vehicles to our fleet
- Our trades department is installing programmable thermostats, motion sensors, and energy efficient lighting
- Staff has reduced energy costs of computers by 60% by shutting down office computers on evenings and weekends

Initiative 3 Reduction and Handling of Waste

- More concise program descriptions enabled us to cut 28 pages from the program guide over 3 seasons, saving 1.68 million pieces of paper
- Switching from post cards to e-confirmations saved over \$16,900 in paper and postage
- A waste audit helped us redesign recycling containers to encourage appropriate sorting of waste and recycling in our parks

Initiative 5: Environmental Education and Interpretation

- We installed 2 interpretive signs at Pioneer Park to educate the public about the prairie and woodland restorations at the site
- Citizens can help maintain our natural areas through Earth Week activities
- Toadstools & Pollywogs Preschool emphasizes outdoor play and environmental education