

## DuPage County Environment Committee Meeting Report

DuPage County Environment Committee Meeting on December 3, 2019

Observer Report #3

Commissioners in Attendance: Elizabeth Chaplin, Chair, Brian Krajewski, Tim Elliott, James Healy, Robert Larsen, Ashley Selmon

Meeting Brought to Order at 8:30

Agenda and previous minutes were posted on the DuPage County Website



2019-12-03 Environmental Committee - Full Agenda-8721.pdf



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Roll Call taken, a quorum was present

Chair Remarks:

Chair Chaplin recapped the Property Assessed Clean Energy Meeting in 2019.

A new energy program that assists companies with low-cost, long term funding for energy efficiency, renewable energy, water conservation projects in commercial buildings. DuPage County is the first in the state to have a company utilize this service.

There will be a C-Pace (Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy) Funding Seminar on January 9<sup>th</sup>.

The textile recycling has begun. The county has partnered with RewearAble to collect textiles for reuse and recycling. Burr Ridge, Wheaton and Bloomingdale are currently collecting textiles.

Public Comment:

DuPage Clean Air Coalition – grassroots public advocacy encouraging the board to continue to act on smart energy savings projects

Approval of Minutes

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Parent Committee Approval – appropriation of funding for the continued operation of the Regional Hazardous Waste Facility – Tim Elliot raised a proposal to add a second location. Which will be researched.

### Staff Reports

Cool DuPage Metrics reviewed. Staff completed data to gauge greenhouse gas emission reductions in accordance with the Cool DuPage initiative. Cool DuPage is measured utilizing electricity (kilowatt hours), natural gas (therms) and vehicle miles traveled. The aggregated savings though 2017 are approximately 8% using 2012-2017 data and 23% using originally compiled 2007 to 2017/2018 data.

Tracking consist of measuring heating days and cooling days comparisions.

DuPage County invites residents, businesses and government agencies to join the Cool DuPage effort to reduce energy consumption. By working together, we can help DuPage County reduce greenhouse gases through big and small changes.

### Presentations

Dark Sky Association – Adam Kruezer presented information on the problems with so much light in our environment. Dark Sky has recommendations for lighting solutions that use less energy. Strongly recommending that lights not face outward from property, but down. When lights face outward, they prevent us from seeing any movement on the property.

Kay McKeen from Scarce gave a recap of all the work completed, see attached pdf.

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## Klimas Rare Books, Warrenville

- Store closing, had shelves to donate
- Connected with teachers for reuse
- 55 wooden shelving units were picked up by teachers
- Untreated wood good for STEM projects



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## Food Scrap Composting Updates

- Clarendon Hills began curbside in Sept 2019
- Hinsdale also offers a program
- Both seasonal April 1-Nov 30
- Total of 9 towns in DuPage offering curbside



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## Annual Pumpkin Smash Sat, Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>



*City of Elmhurst*

16 DuPage County locations:

Bartlett – Carol Stream – Darien - Downers Grove (2) - Elmhurst - Glen Ellyn (2) -  
Lisle – Naperville (2) - Villa Park – West Chicago – Westmont - Wheaton –  
Woodridge



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## Pumpkin Smash – DuPage County

- **47.5 tons** pumpkins collected
- Prevented emissions of **34.2 metric tons CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent**
- **10,215 gallons of water** kept out of landfills

*Save the date!*  
**Nov 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020**



Unloading at Downers Grove North High School.



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SCARCE in Glen Ellyn



Village of Bartlett



First United Methodist Church, West Chicago, IL



City of Wheaton



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Tracking data in Naperville



Village of Lisle



Elmwood Elementary in Naperville



Hinsdale South High School, Darien



Village of Carol Stream



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## Addison Paint Recycling

Nov 9th

- 157 gallons
- 1,100 lbs
- 17 cars

### 2019 Totals

3,882 cars  
5,713 gallons

*Earth Paint determined Clarendon Hills unit  
count came out to 160 gallons*





## Thanksgiving Cooking Oil Recycling Sat, Nov 30<sup>th</sup>

- Accepting liquid vegetable-based cooking oil

### Participating Sites:

- Downers Grove Sanitary Treatment Center
- Elmhurst Public Works
- Glenbard Wastewater Authority (Glen Ellyn)
- Naperville Household Hazardous Waste
- Roselle City Hall
- Wheaton Sanitary District



**More info on**  
***[scarce.org/events](https://scarce.org/events)***

**Plus new on-going site: Milton Township Road District (N. Glen Ellyn)**



No Public Comments

Meeting Adjourned 9:05

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