**Request for City Resilience given on January 26, 2015 to COW City Council Meeting 7pm**

Amy Bartucci – Founder of Go Green Park Ridge

I ask that the Procedures and Regulations Committee consider formulating sustainable goals under this city council. I am asking this in order to foster a more livable community here in Park Ridge. The alignment of sustainability with economic savings combines benefits and is the main idea that pushes ***Sustainability***beyond just a good idea - to a necessary strategy for the benefit of all. I was present at City Council a few years ago with what may have seemed like a personal effort, but here I stand tonight with a question from a growing community voice that is not looking for personal gain. Go Green Park Ridge is in a partnership with nearly 20 other organizations within our surrounding area. And, as I have stated previously, Go Green Park Ridge has nearly 20 active collaborating members and continually reaches an increasing number of individuals with E News for our town. Achieving sustainable goals could be better met here in Park Ridge with a Commission, a Task Force, or even a survey that includes the Public Process.

Go Green Park Ridge could communicate with staff in person or in writing about environmental issues. Go Green Park Ridge could bring attention to programs we have learned about that have worked well in other communities. On issues of particular importance, we could submit a statement of endorsement for a particular point of view or signed petitions that signify the depth of support in the community for a particular issue.

What could be accomplished:

**An assessment of the “Livability” of Park Ridge and the Creation of a Citywide Sustainability Plan**

Suggestions that could be covered:

**WATER CONSERVATION**

**WASTE REDUCTION**

**FLOOD/STORMWATER MANAGEMENT**

**ENERGY EFFICIENCY**

**LAND USE**

**TRANSPORTATION**

Encouraging our town to focus on sustainable goals (in both residential and business locations) can benefit our local economy and overall security. In short, this **Request for City Resilience** makes triple bottom-line sense: It supports economic, social, and environmental growth.