

1. History and Involvement

Go Green Park Ridge – Started in Dec 2012

Facebook, Twitter, Community Network, Spokesman, Monthly Meetings, Networking events (Green Drinks), Chamber of Commerce, Farmers Markets, Park Ridge Herald Advocate Monthly/Bi monthly Columnist, CONSEG (Consortium of North Suburban Environmental Groups)

1st Initiatives were – Pesticide Free Parks, Schools, and Lawns in town

 Rain Barrel Initiative

 Sustainable Gardens

1. But, What About **Recycling**?
2. **Uptown Recycling Receptacles** added as a pilot in July 2014 in response to GGPR request

\*observations have been communicated to GGPR that waste haulers are picking up comingled trash and recycling in Uptown area

-is this a common occurrence?

-does the city plan to expand and improve the program?

-how can the city reach out to the community to gather feedback about recycling needs in our town?

-current GGPR survey on website shows more effective recycling as one of the **top** responses

**“What would you like to see happen more in our city regarding Sustainability?”**

**More Effective Recycling**

1. **City of Park Ridge Waste Hauling Contract Negotiating**

-when are contract negotiations and will the city use SWANNC as a resource to maximize on potential incentives and savings?

1. **City of Park Ridge Existing Environmental Events & Communication**
* GGPR was made aware that the city cable station does not receive consistent updates – thank you for responding to this concern – apparently some residents are still using the cable channel as a means to gather valuable city information.
* are there plans in the works to revamp City website in order to facilitate more effective communication? GGPR has heard that even city council is unsatisfied with its current format. Our Recycling and Waste Disposal Guide (attached) could be added for reference.
* the recycling events twice per year as well as the Christmas light collection at the Public Works are hugely successful – can we do more? SUGGESTION – Year Round Styrofoam Collection (see flyer)
1. **Gather opinion on establishing a Sustainability Commission/Task Force/Advisory Committee**