



GREEN TEAM 2018 HIGHLIGHTS



31.21 TONS
tons of textiles and paper
materials recycled



OVER 1 TON
of batteries recycled



130,876
PLASTIC WATER BOTTLES
saved from use



Our mission is to establish and maintain sound environmental policies, practices, and educational opportunities for the employees and patrons of the Wheaton Park District.

Greening Your Charter Members

Terra Johnson & Angie Dosch (Co-Chairs); Ed Berndt, Mary Beth Cleary, Darrell Houston, Justin Kirtland, Valerie Lorimer, Jamie Martinson, Sally Oppenheim, Nick Parisi, Erin Rominski, Paul Stanczyk, Cathy Stablein, Joe Themel, and Rita Trainor.



2018 HIGHLIGHTS

- The District and Green Team were awarded the Water Quality Flag honoring our dedication to storm water management and water quality by SCARCE and the DuPage County Storm water Management Committee.
- Worked toward completing Audubon Certification for Arrowhead by achieving 2 of the 7 requirements in this multiyear certification process.
- Created monthly Facebook green tips for public awareness and education.
- Created quarterly Green Team e-blasts sent to all park district households.
- A draft of a Green Employee of the quarter award is complete with plans to introduce it to staff in early 2019.
- Green Team members hosted 2 Lunch and Learn opportunities for park district staff in cooperation with the Health and Wellness Committee. An opportunity to learn about lawn care and the invasive plant Garlic Mustard were presented.
- Green Team members participated in educational opportunities through SCARCE and IPRA. The team toured the SCARCE facility and a staff member from SCARCE attended a Green Team meeting with an educational program regarding watersheds and water quality. Green Charter sponsors attended a workshop titled "Green Team Pit Stop" hosted by IPRA's Green Team.
- Two Monarch waystations were created and certified at Toohey Park garden and Arrowhead Golf Course.
- Improved recycling opportunities at the Central Athletic Complex by adding new recycling receptacles.
- New hand dryers were installed at Arrowhead Golf Course.
- Green Team sponsored construction and installation of 4 garden boxes at Toohey Park to be used as an outdoor learning environment.
- Implemented new Athletic League Facility Upkeep Guidelines with document/print materials encouraging field maintenance, picking up trash, encouraging green habits at fields for athletes, parents, coaches and spectators.
- Implemented preschool/recreation programs recycling initiatives for craft supplies such as egg cartons, glass jars, cans, etc.
- Lincoln Marsh staff presented programs about recycling and nature to Wide Horizon's preschoolers and camps.
- SCARCE staff visited more than 350 campers to teach campers about watersheds.
- Green Team built 14 Blue Bird houses to work toward Audubon Certification.



Blue Bird Box Building



Aerial Lift with Lithium Battery



Party for the Planet



SCARCE Visiting Camp



Toohy Park Outdoor Learning Garden



Water Quality Flag

WATER QUALITY FLAG

The Green Team earned the Water Quality Flag through SCARCE. The Water Quality Flag will continue to be displayed at the Community Center. To earn the water quality flag, the Wheaton Park District Green Team had to demonstrate a commitment to stormwater management and the quality of water in their watersheds. The Green Team hosted an employee training session where a watershed model program was provided by SCARCE to our Green Team staff. The Wheaton Park District Green Team was also recognized for previous commitments to restoring shoreline habitat by replacing traditional parking lots with permeable pavers and committing to promote native landscaping by being involved in the Native Plant sale for 18 years.



2019 GOALS

- Continue to seek and apply for appropriate local and national certifications that further advance greening the park district, with special focus on the Audubon Certification.
- Continue to create educational outreach components for staff and patrons to encourage greener living practices at home and work.
- Further evaluate opportunities and green initiatives to explore that advance the district and community wide green initiatives, including Athletic and Recreation recycling initiatives, services projects and special events.