



GREEN TEAM HIGHLIGHTS 2016



25,632 LBS.

of textiles out of landfills
last year



EARTH FLAG

Successfully earned the
Earth Flag from SCARCE



13,335 WATER BOTTLES

Saved from the trash annually
because of new fitness center
water fountains



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, Toni Giovenco, Darrell Houston, Justin Kirtland, Valerie Lorimer, Jamie Martinson, Sally Oppenheim, Paul Stanczyk, Cathy Stablein, Joe Themel and Rita Trainor.



2016 HIGHLIGHTS

- 3 staff trained on fluorescent bulb crusher recycling machine with the city of Wheaton
- 3 new high-efficiency boilers installed at the Community Center
- All water hoses at Parks Service Center replaced with lead-free hose fittings
- Conservation Foundation donated a rain barrel to Cosley Zoo to be located with signage around raccoon building
- Continuous efforts to inform patrons and employees of our green efforts through signage and tips included in the monthly e-blasts
- Yearly Christmas Light recycling project
- Multiple permeable paver parking lots installed throughout the district
- Arrowhead Golf Course discontinued use of styrofoam cups for employees. Now using recyclable cups and lids.
- Central Athletic Complex and Graf Scoreboards were fitted with LED bulbs to reduce heat and energy use and improved readability of boards
- Shoe recycling continues with 5 boxes recycled in 2016
- Parks Services recycles oil monthly
- Setback thermostats were installed at Parks Services Center to save on natural gas
- Cosley Zoo composts animal and staff kitchen scraps
- Annual Party for the Planet event hosted at the Cosley Zoo to promote green environmental practices and educate the members of our community



Proudly Flying the Earth Flag



SCARCE Green Fair



Shoe Recycling



Party for the Planet



Parking Lot Renovation



Community Eblast



EARTH FLAG

To achieve the Earth Flag, the Wheaton Park District underwent a “Green Audit”, continued staff training, ongoing recycling initiatives, district-wide waste/energy reduction, and community events that benefit our environment!



2017 GOALS

- Continue recycling efforts with Shoe Box Recycling, Abibiti Paper Recycling and other textile recycling initiatives
- Continuing to further educate our staff and patrons on our recycling and green initiatives
- Continue to work with SCARCE to pursue and earn the “Water Quality Flag.” The water quality flag is earned through various water quality and storm water management educational initiatives and trainings
- Further the advancement of our district and community-wide green initiatives by focusing on SCARCE recommendations and ideas generated by our Green Team members