



## Evanston "CARP": CLIMATE ACTION AND RESILIENCE PLAN

# WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP THE EVANSTON COMMUNITY REACH ITS CARP GOALS?

## Energy



- Don't opt out of the City's green energy program
- Buy energy efficient lighting and appliances
- Get a building energy-efficiency audit; then weatherize to reduce energy consumption

## Food



- Minimize food waste by implementing five R's: Refuse, Reduce, Repair (& Reuse), Recycle, Rot
- Non-vegetarians: buy dairy/eggs/meat from livestock raised "regeneratively"
- When eating out, patronize green-certified restaurants

## Natural Habitat



- Lose the lawn, plant native species, leave the leaves
- Maintain trees and plant more
- Protect pollinators – bees, birds and butterflies – to ensure healthy plant habitats

## Transportation



- Walk or ride a bicycle as primary modes of good-weather transportation
- Drive energy efficient vehicles and reduce annual vehicle miles travelled
- Use and support enhancements to public transit

## Water



- Use less water: take shorter showers, turn off running water, fix leaks, put timer on lawn sprinkler
- Prevent local flooding by using green stormwater-management practices
- Protect water quality in streams by keeping leaves, garbage, animal waste, fertilizers, pesticides, vehicle cleansers, and leaking vehicle fluids out of street gutters and properly disposing of them

## Waste



- Minimize packaging waste with five R's: Refuse, Reduce, Repair (& Reuse), Recycle, Rot
- Support and improve recycling program yield by carefully following recycling guidance
- Avoid unnecessary purchases; find ways to pass-on unused items instead of throwing them away



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