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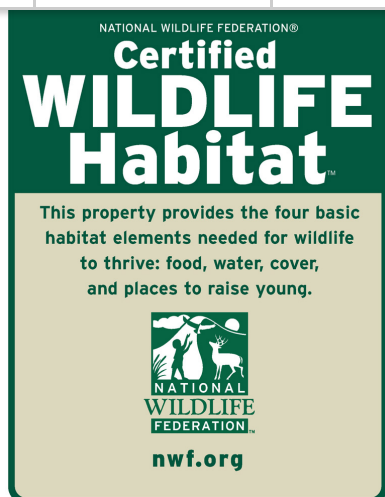
July 2019

Evanston Achieves National Wildlife Federation Certification!

As the effects of climate change are felt it is increasingly important that we create spaces for native wildlife, including birds and pollinators, to thrive. So it's a major achievement that Evanston has done just this citywide and been recognized by the [National Wildlife Federation \(NWF\)](#) for doing so. It is the first Illinois city to achieve this milestone.

To achieve certification, the City had to do two things: (1) educate and provide outreach about how to create healthy, sustainable habitat for pollinators and birds through scores of activities, such as hosting spring and autumn festivals, forging partnerships, arranging plant giveaways and sales, restoring natural areas, securing grant funding, creating demonstration gardens and more; and (2) have about 200 gardens certified as habitat by the NWF. See the recent [Evanston RoundTable article](#) for more information on the certification program.

Congratulations to Natural Habitat Evanston, a program of CGE, that took the lead in organizing Evanston's registration in the program in



Sustain Evanston Program Recognizes Local Businesses

An exciting new program, [Sustain Evanston](#), aims to encourage local businesses to make sustainability improvements, such as installing energy efficient lighting or implementing a composting program, while helping the City meet the ambitious goals outlined in its [Climate Action and Resilience Plan \(CARP\)](#). Congratulations to the six local businesses that have already been recognized as part of the program: Assembly Creators, Dream to Product, Electronic Processing of North America (EPNA), Hip Circle Empowerment Center, In Fine Fettle, and Notice.

Businesses interested in participating in the Sustain Evanston recognition program must [complete the required actions](#) and submit documentation by August 4.



What's Happening with Environmental Justice

In May and June, [Environmental Justice Evanston \(EJE\)](#) presented the draft of an Environmental Justice resolution to Aldermen Revelle, Rue Simmons, and Braithwaite, as well as to the Evanston Environment Board (EEB), Kumar Jensen (the city's Chief Sustainability and Resiliency Officer), CGE, and the Equity & Empowerment Commission to solicit feedback and gain support for the ordinance. EJE has documented input offered and is working to update the ordinance draft. More meetings with potential stakeholders are being scheduled for the near future.

EJE has been actively involved with and supports the six-month City of Evanston Air Quality Monitoring Study that kicked off on May 2 at a meeting at the Gibbs-Morrison Cultural Center. The initiative will gather data on air pollution, noise and truck traffic around the Church St. Waste Transfer station. More information on the study is available on this [City page](#) or from [RHP Risk Management](#), the environmental consulting company awarded the contract.

EJE meets on the third Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in room 2404 at the Morton Civic Center. Meetings are open to the public. You can contact them by email at ej@greenerevanston.org

City to Host 'Evanston Recycles' Event July 6

Evanston will host its ninth annual "Evanston Recycles" event on Saturday, July 6, from 9 a.m. to noon, at Evanston Township High School, 1600 Dodge Ave. The free "drive up, drop off" event provides residents an opportunity to recycle and donate a variety of items and securely shred documents. [Click here for details.](#)

Join the Dialogue on Affordable, Sustainable Housing

It's no secret that Evanston is losing middle-income housing. Come share your thoughts on how we can build housing that addresses affordability, flexibility and diversity at a public dialogue hosted by

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EDC designs and builds environmentally sustainable homes with a goal of housing equity.

When: Thursday, July 11, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Where: McGaw YMCA, 1000 Grove Street

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