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1. What are the top 3 things you have you done in your personal life to reduce your own, or your family's environmental impact? *

(1) My husband and I built (and live in) a super sustainable house with a PV system that makes roughly 80% of our electricity; solar hot water collectors; triple-glazed windows; renewable and recycled materials; and a NWF-certified natural garden. (2) Our car is all-electric. (3) We offset our air travel with an annual contribution to the Climate Action Fund at the Evanston Community Foundation.

2. List 1-4 steps you would take to help implement the CARP plan incorporating key City departments and decision-making processes. *

(1) Provide more resources to our Sustainability Office. (2) Annually review and update the CARP Implementation Strategy. (3) Schedule regular updates (at least twice a year) to City Council on actions taken/underway to advance the Implementation Strategy.

3. What are your top environmental or climate priorities for the City? *

(1) Focus on interim CARP goals for 2025 and 2030: (a) increase waste diversion rate to 50% by 2025; (b) reduce building energy use by 25% (from 2005 levels) by 2025; (c) achieve 100% renewable electricity community-wide by 2030. (2) Strengthen restrictions and improve enforcement on the use of leaf blowers. (3) Continue to protect Isabella Woods from a threatened roadway easement to landlocked property in Wilmette.

4. The City just passed an Environmental Justice Resolution. What steps should be taken to ensure that Environmental Justice (EJ) is incorporated into City Code and that all City staff is trained to identify and tackle EJ issues? *

Environmental Justice Resolution (Click Link) - <https://www.cityofevanston.org/home/showpublisheddocument?id=59213>

(1) Develop guidelines to ensure meaningful participation of residents in decisions affecting their quality of life and incorporate these into the rules of procedure for ZBA and the Plan Commission, among others. (2) Review and update our Capital Improvements Program to ensure the equitable provision of public amenities. (3) Identify existing environmental and health risks in the community and develop and implement remediation programs.

5. Building energy consumption is the greatest source of greenhouse gas emissions in Evanston. Assertive action and meaningful behavior change to address building energy consumption are needed to mitigate the gravest impacts of the climate crisis. Would you endorse: *

Yes

No

Maybe

Updating the building code to require LEED Gold Certification or higher on new construction?



Updating the building code to improve overall building energy efficiency beyond the minimum requirements of the State of Illinois Energy Conservation Code?



6. List 1-3 of your ideas to engage and educate the public so that Evanstonians have the knowledge and resources to address the climate crisis. *

(1) Schedule an annual presentation by our Sustainability and Resilience Officer at a meeting in every ward.
 (2) Partner with the ETHS Sustainability Committee to develop and implement a community awareness campaign.
 (3) Partner with the Evanston Chamber of Commerce and our local Rotary groups to develop and implement community education and engagement programs.

7. List 1-3 of your ideas to ensure that our most vulnerable residents are prepared for the challenges of climate change such as extreme heat, flooding, etc. and that they know where to get support when facing such challenges. *

(1) Reach out to vulnerable members of our community to better understand what they need in order to be prepared for the impacts of climate change.
 (2) Update our list of residents who may need emergency assistance in the event of a major power failure or extreme heat event.

8. Would you endorse: *

	Yes	No	Maybe
A pathway to free beach access for all?	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
An affordable pathway to lead pipe replacement?	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

9. How would you advance green infrastructure in Evanston? *

Info: <https://www.epa.gov/green-infrastructure/what-green-infrastructure>

(1) Promote native landscaping. (2) Implement an incentive program to encourage residents to use permeable materials for driveways, patios and other hard scapes. (3) Encourage property owners with large parking lots to add green infrastructure features to improve stormwater management.

10. Reducing food waste is a top climate solution. The USDA estimates that 30-40% of food is wasted in the US, while as many as 14% of Evanston residents may be food insecure. List 1-3 ideas to ensure all people in Evanston have enough healthy food to eat. *

The USDA estimates that 30 - 40% of food is wasted in the US. <https://www.usda.gov/foodwaste/faqs> 14% of Evanston residents may be food insecure. <https://icma.org/articles/article/evanston-il-producemobile-continues-provide-fresh-fruits-and-vegetables-community>

Build community awareness of and community support for existing programs that make healthy food available to those in need, for example, the SNAP matching program of Friends of Evanston Farmers Markets and Edible Evanston's Produce Sharing Initiative.

11. List 1-3 ideas to combat food waste in Evanston, including at schools. *

(1) Sponsor cooking classes with recipes for using extra vegetables and leftovers. (2) Compost whatever food scraps remain.

12. Would you endorse: *

Yes

No

Maybe

A path to ban all single-use plastics, including shopping bags?

Expanding bulk shopping options at stores?

13. How would you support a circular economy in Evanston? *

Info: <https://www.ellenmacarthurfoundation.org/circular-economy/concept>

(1) Support Evanston's Repair Clinic. (2) Encourage more shops that will repair small appliances and mend clothing and other items.

14. List 1-3 ideas you have to advance climate-friendly transportation and mobility in Evanston, either through project investments or big picture changes to urban development planning. *

(1) Examine the City's current parking requirements for larger developments and adjust downward as indicated. (2) Look for opportunities to enhance the pedestrian experience, e.g., by widening sidewalks in our business districts and by repairing sidewalks in our neighborhoods.

15. Would you endorse: *

Yes

No

Maybe

Preserving large native trees on private land?

More info -

<http://content.time.com/time/magazine/article/0,9171,1635842,00.html>



Requiring bird-friendly construction on new buildings and renovations, like Chicago and New York City? More info -

<https://studiogang.com/publication/Chicago-tribune-safer-migration-chicago-birds>



Leaving leaves to decompose on city properties, rather than hauling them? More info - <https://awaytogarden.com/fall-cleanup-with-ecology-in-mind-with-doug-tallamy/>



Expanding the city ban on gas, propane and electric leaf blowers? More info -

https://library.municode.com/il/evanston/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=TIT9PUSA_CH5GEOF_9-5-20NOPR

and

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/109428.html>



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