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<https://www.cityofevanston.org/home/showdocument?id=45170>

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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. Actively compost, 2. Use alternative forms of transportation, biking and public transit, 3. Aggressively recycle

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

1. I am interested in Evanston producing it own electricity.

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

100% Renewable energy by 2030

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>

Environmental Justice needs to be part of the equity lens that the City uses in all decision making.

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?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Updating the building code to improve overall building energy efficiency beyond the minimum requirements of the State of Illinois Energy Conservation Code?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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. \*

Public assessments and education regarding energy efficiency and individual actions that people can take

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. \*

Address the underlying vulnerabilities.

8. Would you endorse: \*

Yes

No

Maybe

A pathway to free beach access for all?

An affordable pathway to lead pipe replacement?

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

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

Encouraging alternative modes of transportation and less dependence on cars. Encouraging the building code to be a national leader in sustainability.

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. \*

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1. Encouraging gardening and community garden use. 2. An organized effort to rescue food from being wasted by coordinating with food insecure residents.

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

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12. Would you endorse: \*

	Yes	No	Maybe
A path to ban all single-use plastics, including shopping bags?	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Expanding bulk shopping options at stores?	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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

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

I would love to see independent food producers including micro green farming in Evanston.

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. A yellow line stop in the 8th ward. 2. Bike lanes integrated with our neighboring communities. 3. Bike friendly routes on side streets that are better connected.

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](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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