



## VILLAGE OF RIVER FOREST SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

Tuesday, July 8, 2025 – 7:00 PM  
Village Hall – 400 Park Ave., River Forest, IL

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### AGENDA

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Public Comment
3. Adoption of Meeting Minutes for May 13, 2025, and June 10, 2025
4. Commissioner Updates
5. EV Charging Station Fee Review and Discussion
6. Solar Energy Communications and Resources for Residents
7. River Forest Sustainability Scorecard Discussion
8. Communications and Other Business
9. Schedule Next Meeting – August 12, 2025
10. Adjournment

**VILLAGE OF RIVER FOREST  
SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION  
TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2025**

A regular meeting of the Village of River Forest Sustainability Commission was held on Tuesday, May 13, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room of Village Hall, 400 Park Avenue – River Forest, IL.

**1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. Upon roll call, the following persons were:

Present: Co-Chair Charrette, Co-Chair Lennon (arriving at 7:03), Commissioners Hayley, Mezzatesta, Kadlec, Avalos, and Student Commissioner Stierwalt.  
Absent: Commissioner Veazie  
Also Present: Management Analyst Seth Jansen

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**3. ADOPTION OF MEETING MINUTES**

Commissioner Mezzatesta made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hayley to approve the meeting minutes from April 8, 2025.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Co-Chair Charrette, Commissioners Hayley, Mezzatesta, Kadlec, and Avalos.  
Absent: Co-Chair Lennon, Commissioner Veazie  
Nays: None  
Motion Passes.

**4. COMMISSIONER UPDATES**

Commissioner Mezzatesta indicated she was still drafting potential newsletter articles relating to misconceptions in the comments of the community survey. Co-Chair Charrette indicated she attended Commissioner Mezzatesta's Earth Month presentation at the River Forest Library. Commissioner Avalos stated he is on the steering committee for the Chicago Youth Climate Justice Summit, which will be held at DePaul in October. Commissioner Avalos also stated he would be attending the Illinois Environmental Council lobby day in Springfield and proposed discussing switching the Village facilities from paper towels to hand dryers. Commissioner Avalos also noted the Aspen Ideas Conference on Climate Change is occurring in Chicago May 22 to May 25. Co-Chair Charrette noted there is still some contamination at the pump station compost drop off location and requested an additional sticker on the compost cart and potentially adding a recycling cart at the location.

## **5. CONTINUED VILLAGE SOLAR EFFORTS**

Mr. Jansen outlined the Switch Together Solar program. Mr. Jansen noted the only commitment for a community would be promotion of the program and that any residential participation would be completely voluntary. Co-Chair Lennon inquired about the use of the Village logo and if the Village attorney had any issue with use of the Village logo or the Village endorsing the program. Co-Chair Charrette expressed support given the participation of the Citizens Utility Board in the program. Commissioner Mezzatesta expressed support for the positions of both Co-Chair Lennon and Co-Chair Charrette

Co-Chair Charrette made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Avalos, to recommend the Village become a promotional partner for the Switch Together Chicagoland solar program subject to the approval of the Village attorney for use of the Village logo.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Co-Chair Charrette, Co-Chair Lennon, Commissioners Hayley, Mezzatesta, Kadlec, and Avalos.

Absent: Commissioner Veazie

Nays: None

Motion Passes.

Mr. Jansen provided updates for ongoing solar programs and projects. The community solar farm, for which the Village pump station and street lighting accounts will serve as the anchor tenant, should be online later this year. Mr. Jansen stated expected savings is approximately \$8000 per year; Co-Chair Charrette indicated that, given the rising cost of energy, savings may be even more than that. Mr. Jansen indicated he has been in discussion with MC2 to coordinate another round of community solar sign-up post cards, which would come at no cost to the Village, and the Village would have new info in the Village newsletter and on social media to promote the residential community solar program. Mr. Jansen also noted the new fiscal year includes capital project money budgeted for a rooftop solar installation at the Public Works Garage to make IT a net zero facility. Commissioner Mezzatesta suggested further information on community solar to promote both the Village facility program and encourage residents to sign-up for the residential community solar program. Co-Chair Charrette also suggested tracking the metrics and savings for the Village's community solar accounts once they are up and running. The Commission discussed ways to highlight the savings in order to encourage residents to enroll in the residential community solar program. Co-Chair Charrette requested the Commission receive an updated report on Village rooftop solar permits.

## **6. MAYORS MONARCH PLEDGE**

Mr. Jansen summarized the Village's commitments for the National Wildlife Federation's Mayors Monarch Pledge. Mr. Jansen outlined the draft proclamation and draft webpage. Co-Chair Charrette suggested the Village highlight the Forest Preserve's Monarch event that is held in the fall each year. The Commission suggested edits and revisions to the Monarch webpage on the Village website including preferred species of milkweed, recent population

growth of the eastern monarch, and Village efforts on the topic. Commissioner Kadlec suggested adding regional events to the website for Pollinator Week and that he would contact the Library about a potential book display for Pollinator Week.

Commissioner Mezzatesta made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Avalos to recommend the Village Board of Trustees adopt a Proclamation recognizing Pollinator Week June 16-22, 2025.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Co-Chair Charrette, Co-Chair Lennon, Commissioners Hayley, Mezzatesta, Kadlec, and Avalos.

Absent: Commissioner Veazie

Nays: None

Motion Passes.

## **7. RIVER FOREST SUSTAINABILITY SCORECARD DISCUSSION**

Commissioner Kadlec outlined the revisions he made to the proposed scorecard with the tiers still being how difficult the action is to undertake, as opposed to impact of the action. The Commission discussed potential changes to some actions and seeking clarity on the formatting of the scorecard and interdependence of the actions. The Commission discussed the best formats and actions to encourage people to undertake actions.

Mr. Jansen noted that the nomination form has not received any submissions, but he planned to plug the form into the weekly newsletter in a couple of weeks.

## **8. COMMUNICATIONS**

Mr. Jansen outlined planned communication for the next month. Mr. Jansen briefly highlighted the info on materials collected as part of the EcoShip collection drive. The Commission requested the Village look into hosting a permanent drop off location or hosting another material drive during the winter holidays. Commissioner Hayley volunteered to draft an article for the shoe donation/recycling program at DSW. Commissioner Mezzatesta asked if any Commissioners had specific topics or categories that should be addressed to develop misconceptions from the resident survey. Commissioner Hayley noted she most frequently gets questions about what can and can't be recycled and suggested that be a topic.

## **9. STAFF UPDATES AND OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Jansen informed the Commission about the tree planting event with CN Railway and America In Bloom being held as part of the grant awarded by CN and AIB. The grant had also initially required a two-day tour of the community, but this will be replaced with a self assessment form, included in the packet, and solicited commission feedback for the self-assessment. Mr. Jansen requested any Commissioners who choose to complete part of the assessment send their scores back to him prior to the next month's meeting. Mr. Jansen also invited the Commissioners to the tree planting event on June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Mr. Jansen briefly noted the plan to convert the Village Hall parking lot into a permeable paver parking lot in partnership with the MWRD. Mr. Jansen outlined the quarterly waste report. The Commission discussed further promoting the compost program. Mr. Jansen provided a brief update for the progress of the EV Charging Station installation project.

#### **10. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING – JUNE 10, 2025**

The Commission reached a consensus to hold its next meeting Tuesday, June 10, 2025.

#### **11. ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Avalos made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kadlec, to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 PM.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Co-Chair Charrette, Co-Chair Lennon, Commissioners Hayley, Mezzatesta, Kadlec, and Avalos.

Absent: Commissioner Veazie

Nays: None

Motion Passes.

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Seth Jansen, Secretary

**VILLAGE OF RIVER FOREST  
SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION  
TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 2025**

A regular meeting of the Village of River Forest Sustainability Commission was held on Tuesday, June 10, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room of Village Hall, 400 Park Avenue – River Forest, IL.

**1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM. Upon roll call, the following persons were:

Present: Co-Chair Charrette, Commissioners Hayley and Avalos, Student Commissioner Stierwalt (arriving at 7:04)  
Absent: Co-Chair Lennon, Commissioners Mezzatesta, Kadlec, and Hoyt  
Also Present: Management Analyst Seth Jansen

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Peter Chien of Oak Ave. expressed support of a proposed leaf blower ban. Mr. Chien cited the impacts of noise quality, respiratory and public health factors, and quality of life. He noted the noise can affect not only the operator but others nearby. Mr. Chien stated that, in addition to emissions and pollution, there is also particulate matter that can impact respiratory health. Mr. Chien concluded that it is a quality of life issue in addition to a health issue and stated that the timing makes sense for the Village to act now given that the neighboring community of Oak Park has a ban on leaf blowers taking effect. Co-Chair Charrette responded to the resident explaining the steps the Commission has already taken and the current recommendation of Commission pending Board discussion. Mr. Jansen updated the Commission on the discussion that occurred at the most recent Board meeting regarding the topic

**3. ADOPTION OF MEETING MINUTES**

Approval of the previous meeting's minutes were not considered due to lack of a quorum.

**4. COMMISSIONER UPDATES**

Co-Chair Charrette discussed the Sustainability Commission-related items, including summary of the UIC Climate Plans, discussed at the recent Board meeting. Commissioner Avalos noted that the Park District of Oak Park now has EV chargers connected to light poles through a company called VoltPost.

Commissioner Hayley stated that she has drafted some ideas for a business-focused Sustainability survey similar to the one targeted toward residents that the Commission put out last fall. Co-Chair Charrette expressed support for the idea, and the Commission discussed finding ways to partner with local businesses. Commissioner Hayley specific cited

shoe collection and recycling programs, as covered in the most recent monthly newsletter draft, and believes there are similar opportunities for other types of businesses.

Commissioner Hayley inquired about the status of the EV Charging Station project. Mr. Jansen provided an update of project status and stated the Commission will need to consider potential charging rate fees, which will need to be in place prior to the stations going online. Co-Chair Charrette discussed the costs and having to factor in cost recovery for the Village's portion of the cost of the project. The Commission discussed kilowatt hour charging rates as well as keeping overstay fees in place. The Commission discussed the capabilities in establishing fees within the ChargePoint system.

## **5. RIVER FOREST SUSTAINABILITY SCORECARD DISCUSSION**

Mr. Jansen noted that Commissioner Kadlec was unable to attend but is still working on the scorecard based on feedback provided, noting that Co-Chair Lennon had previously suggested moving it from a scorecard to an action list. Commissioner Hayley suggested designing it as a starburst graph and having the actions grouped by category and color-coded to make it easier and more visually appealing. Student Commissioner Stierwalt also indicated he would be willing to help design it.

## **6. ROOFTOP SOLAR PERMITS AND COMMUNITY SOLAR ENROLLMENT REPORT**

Mr. Jansen briefly outlined the rooftop and community solar metrics included in his memo. The metrics provided for the community solar program are from April 30<sup>th</sup>, prior to the recent postcards going out, and will serve as an accurate baseline to measure enrollment following the new round of marketing the program. Mr. Jansen noted that dual billing for community solar causes resident confusion and MC2 administering both the Village's community solar program and electric aggregation causes further confusion. Co-Chair Charrette inquired if there was a way to find out the number of people who enrolled directly into other community solar programs.

## **7. DISCUSSION ON PROMOTION OF COMMUNITY SOLAR PROGRAM**

Mr. Jansen discussed how single-billing for community solar has been approved by state regulators but never approved and community solar programs cannot be run as opt-out programs per the same state regulator. The Commission discussed ways to promote the program through the newsletter and Village social media. Mr. Jansen noted that the Board recommended the Village develop a graphic to show the different types of programs and how they differ from each other. The Commission reviewed what was included in the UIC Climate Plans regarding promotion of the community solar program. The Commission suggested making the educational material be social media-centered with a focus on developing a video or graphic while the text would serve as the caption. The Commission also discussed the forthcoming community solar anchor account for the Village's pump station and street lighting and how it could be used as an example to show savings for enrollment into community solar. Mr. Jansen indicated that he anticipated updated community solar metrics

enrollment by the August meeting. Co-Chair Charrette asked that the Village inquire about the wait time for enrollment in community solar.

## **8. STAFF UPDATES AND OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Jansen provided an update about the Commission request that Village Hall host a permanent EcoShip drop-off location or have another collection drive during the winter holidays. Mr. Jansen noted that permanent drop-off locations can only accept small volumes of materials and that EcoShip was temporarily pausing operations while they found a new headquarters location, but he indicated he would continue to monitor for a potential collection drive in December and January.

Mr. Jansen provided information for the CN Railway and America In Bloom tree planting event on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Co-Chair Charrette requested the compost cart at the pump station be emptied by LRS and requested a recycling container for that location as well.

Mr. Jansen outlined the planned Sustainability communications for the coming month. The Commission suggested running the Plastic Free July communications in the final week of June in order to give residents advance notice of ways they can participate for the month.

## **9. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING – JULY 8, 2025**

The Commission reached a consensus to hold its next meeting Tuesday, July 8, 2025.

## **10. ADJOURNMENT**

Co-Chair Charrette made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Avalos, to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 PM.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Co-Chair Charrette, Commissioners Hayley and Avalos.

Absent: Co-Chair Lennon, Commissioners Mezzatesta, Kadlec, and Hoyt

Nays: None

Motion Passes.

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Seth Jansen, Secretary





**Village of River Forest**  
**Public Works and Development Services**

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**MEMORANDUM**

Date: July 8, 2025

To: Sustainability Commission

From: Seth Jansen, Management Analyst

Subj: Electric Vehicle Charging Station Fees Ordinance Consideration

In March of 2024, the first fee for Village-owned Electric Vehicle Charging Stations (“EVCS”) was enacted. This policy created a \$10 per hour fee for use of the EVCS at Village Hall after two hours of free charging. The fee was capped at a total of \$30, equivalent to a parking ticket. This was not intended to raise revenue but instead to encourage vehicles to move from the charging spot after gaining a sufficient charge. This has proved to be a success. Prior to the implementation of the fee, the average charging time was 4 hours and 30 minutes, the charging ports had been blocked by a fully charged vehicle 10.1% of the time, and 20% of all charging sessions were greater than 8 hours in length. Since the adoption of the fee, the average charging time has been 1 hour and 59 minutes, with less than 10% of charging sessions exceeding 3 hours, and only 2% of charging sessions exceeding 8 hours.

With the forthcoming installation of 13 additional Village-owned EVCS, the Commission is being asked to consider and discuss a new fee structure to apply universally to Village-owned EV Charging stations. For the Commission’s reference, this project will include 5 Dual-Port Level 2 Charging Stations at the West Metra Commuter Lot located at 400 Thatcher, 4 Direct Current Fast Charging Stations at the Village Lot at 418 Franklin, and 4 Direct Current Fast Charging Stations at the Village Lot at 7929 W. North Ave.

By charging per kilowatt hour (“kWh”), the fee will be assessed not by length of charging session about by energy used to charge the vehicle. At the proposed \$0.25 per kWh rate, a 2-hour charging session at a Level 2 Charger would result in a fee up to \$9.50, depending on how fast it is charging, while a 20-minute charging session for a Direct Current Fast Charger could be as much as \$10.40 because of the higher energy usage and quicker charging capability.

The \$0.25 kWh fee would be equal to the fee currently assessed by the Village of Oak Park and the Park District of Oak Park at their respective charging stations. The Village of Oak Park notes this fee is in line with industry best practices. Privately-owned EVCS in the region charge

between \$0.35 and \$0.50 per kWh with many being set at \$0.43 or \$0.44 per kWh. AAA lists the average fee for charging stations in Illinois as \$0.38 per kWh.

The Village's current charging station used approximately 37,000 kWh of energy over the past year. In developing cost projects, Village staff assumed electricity supply and delivery costs to be approximately \$0.10 per kWh, plus annual maintenance and operations costs of \$2950 per station. The maintenance and operations is a known cost for the coming years, as fixed costs for the software subscription fee for operations and a full-coverage warranty for maintenance. Given these assumptions, a fee of \$0.25 per kWh will cover the cost of operations, maintenance, and electricity of every charging station if the average usage per station is 20,000 kWh annually, generating \$65,000 in revenue vs \$64,340 in annual maintenance and operations costs. The 20,000-kWh usage per station is a conservative estimate which assumed an increase in overall utilization with the expansion of EV charging access and availability of Direct Current Fast Charging Stations.

It is recommended that the Village maintain some form of overstay fee to prevent vehicles from remaining parked at these charging stations after they receive a full charge. As an example of a nearby overstay fee, the Elmwood Park Walgreens charges a fee of \$0.15 per minute beginning 15 minutes after a vehicle is fully charged, slightly less than the Village's current prorated overstay fee. In the attached draft, the \$10 fee per hour would be assessed 15 minutes after full charge at the Direct Current Fast Charging Station and 20 minutes after full charge for the Level 2 Charger at Village Hall. Special consideration should be given to the Level 2 Chargers at the Village-owned Metra Commuter Lot at 400 Thatcher, as many individuals parking there may be commuting into Chicago and not returning for 9 or more hours after initially parking and beginning a charging session. The attached draft would assess the fee 12 hours after the beginning of the charging session.

To assess such a fee, the Village of River Forest, as a non-home rule community, must adopt an ordinance specifying the type of fee, the timing of the charging length or grace period, and the fee rate. ChargePoint allows for fees to be assessed separately for Level 2 Chargers and Direct Current Fast Chargers and allows for per minute and per hour overstay fees which can be applied after a specific timeframe or after the vehicle is charged. ChargePoint additionally allows for fees to be set differently during different time frames. Please note that while ChargePoint allows for the total charge to be capped, which is how the Village was able to apply the existing \$30 cap on overstay fees, it does not allow for a cap on a specific fee assessed, but instead for the total session.

**Recommendation:** Motion to recommend to the Village Board of Trustees to approve an ordinance revising the fee for the Village's Electric Vehicle Charging Stations.

**Attachment:** Draft Ordinance Language

## 9-2-20: VILLAGE PARKING LOTS:

### F. Restrictions:

1. No trucks shall be eligible to purchase an overnight parking permit.
2. No recreational vehicles shall be permitted.
3. Only vehicles displaying a current River Forest vehicle license and a valid parking permit as described in this section shall be allowed to use the Thatcher Avenue east lot, the park and lake lot, the twenty five designated spaces in the CVS lot; and the eight designated spaces in the 418 Franklin lot.
4. Only overnight parking permit holders who can provide evidence of a current monthly Metra commuter pass shall be eligible to make application for a daytime parking permit in the Thatcher east lot.
5. Only vehicles in operable condition may be parked in a Village parking lot.
6. No motor vehicle shall be parked in a Village parking lot between two o'clock A.M. and six o'clock A.M. of any day, except as expressly permitted by the Police Department or unless the motor vehicle has an overnight parking permit.
7. Parking in a Village parking lot shall be only in spaces striped for parking and it shall be unlawful to park in any area of a lot which is not striped for parking or which has signs prohibiting parking, or to park a vehicle in such a manner that incorporates the use of more than one designated parking stall. The use of "Village Hall lots" shall be limited to Village of River Forest employees and/or other authorized lot users.
8. Twenty spaces in the 418 Franklin lot shall be restricted to three hour parking.
9. The use of a Village-owned electric vehicle charging station and adjacent electric vehicle parking spaces shall be limited to electric vehicles connected to an electric vehicle charging station. ~~There shall be no fee or charge for the first two hours of charging after connecting to a Village-owned electric vehicle charging station. After the two-hour period, the usage fee for electric vehicle charging shall be ten dollars (\$10.00) per sixty minute interval, with a maximum fee of thirty dollars (\$30.00). A fee of twenty-five cents (\$0.25) per kilowatt-hour (kWh) of energy dispensed shall be paid by a user of any of the Village's publicly accessible electric vehicle charging stations. Vehicles who remain at an electric vehicle parking space after shall be charged an additional overstay fee of thirty dollars (\$10.00) per sixty-minute interval as follows:~~
  - a. For Village-owned Direct Current Fast Charging Stations at all locations, the overstay fee shall take effect 15 minutes after completion of charging.
  - b. For Village-owned Level 2 Chargers located at the 400 Thatcher Ave Metra Lot, the overstay fee shall take effect 12 hours after the beginning of the charging session.
  - c. For Village-owned Level 2 Chargers located at Village Hall, the overstay fee shall take effect 30 minutes after completion of charging.



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## Guide to Solar Energy

There are many ways to go green with solar energy. The number of options and types of program can be confusing. The River Forest Sustainability Commission has developed the below table to help you navigate the various existing solar programs. Residents can also sign up to receive a free Guide to Solar from the Illinois Citizens Utility Board [here](#).

### Reduce Your Carbon Footprint

- [Electric Vehicle Readiness](#)
- [Guide to Heat Pumps](#)
- [Guide to Induction Stoves](#)

[Waste Less](#)

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[River Forest and Regional Goals](#)

Rooftop Solar	Community Solar	Green Electric Aggregation
The Village Building Department issues building permits for all rooftop and ground-mounted solar panels installed at properties in the Village.	Community Solar is an opt-in program available to Village residents and administered by MC2. This program is separate from the Green Electric Aggregation program	The Village's Green Electricity Aggregation Program is an <b>opt-out</b> program separate from the Community Solar program but also administered by MC2.
With rooftop solar, residents hire a locally licensed contractor to install solar panels on their property. The resident owns the panels and receives bill credits for the electricity produced in a process called "net metering."	Community solar allows residents to subscribe to the program to receive net metering credits on the supply portion of their electricity bill and support the development of new renewable energy resources without needing to install equipment on their property.	The Village's Green Electric Aggregation Program provides eligible residents and small businesses with electricity that supports renewable energy projects and offsets CO2 emissions.
Information regarding the permit process for interested residents can be found on the Village website <a href="#">here</a> .	Community solar allows consumers to save money on their electric bills from energy produced by large, offsite community solar projects, similar to how you would save on your electric bill if you installed	Residents pay the same rate as the standard ComEd rate and continue to receive their monthly electricity bills through ComEd.

	panels on your own property.	
River Forest residents can find a rooftop solar installer through the Switch Together program, a group purchasing of residential solar panels to help homeowners receive a significantly discounted price for a solar panel installation. Switch Together organizes a reverse-auction where vetted solar installers compete against each other to offer their best price. Once a contractor is selected, you can accept the offer to proceed, or you can decline. There is no obligation to continue. Learn more about Switch Together <a href="#">here</a> .	Subscribers will save a net 10% of the community solar credits on the supply portion of their electricity bill. Participating residents receive the full net metering credits on the supply portion of their monthly ComEd electric utility bill for their share of the electricity generated by the Community Solar project. MC2 then separately bills the resident for 90% of the net metering credits, as the community solar subscription fee.	While the program is an automatic enrollment program, residents are not required to participate and may opt-out at any time with no fee.
Nonresidential properites interested in install solar panels at their facility are eligible for low-cost, long-term financing through the Cook County Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE) program. Informatoin on this program can be found <a href="#">here</a> .	Interested residents can learn more about the Village's community solar program and sign up to particpate <a href="#">here</a> .	Residents can learn more about the Green Electric Aggregation Program <a href="#">here</a> .
The Illinois Citizens Utility Board offers further informaiton in their Rooftop Solar Fact Sheet found <a href="#">here</a> .	A short video and infographic on how community solar programs work can be found at the Illinois Citizens Utility Board website <a href="#">here</a> .	

### Around River Forest



River Forest School  
District 90



OPRF High School  
District 200



River Forest Park  
District



River Forest Public  
Library



River Forest  
Township






River Forest  
Community Calendar

# River Forest Sustainability Scorecard

Tier 1 (1pt each)	Tier 2 (2pts each)	Tier 3 (3 pts each)
<a href="#">Shop local for everyday goods (ex: farmers market)</a>	<a href="#">Avoid fast-fashion clothing</a>	<a href="#">Almost never use single-use plastic items</a>
<a href="#">Composting at home</a>	<a href="#">No pesticide use on property</a>	<a href="#">Native Garden on property</a>
Participated in at least 1 green community event/Green Date (full list available at: <a href="#">Sustainable Living — Village of River Forest</a> )	<a href="#">Use public transportation</a>	<a href="#">Drive an Electric Vehicle</a>
<a href="#">Travel by walking or biking to destinations</a>	<a href="#">Participate in recycling hard-to-recycle items (styrofoam, clothes, electronics)</a>	<a href="#">Geothermal system</a>
<a href="#">Participate in “leave the leaves”</a>	<a href="#">Use a rain barrel</a>	<a href="#">Solar panels</a>
<a href="#">Use reusable shopping bags</a>	<a href="#">Use eco-friendly cleaning products</a>	<a href="#">Home Energy assessment</a>
<a href="#">Donate clothes instead of throwing them away</a>	<a href="#">LED light fixtures in your home</a>	Participate in B.Y.O (bringing your own tupperware, silverware, and mugs when eating out) <a href="#">About - BYO Containers</a>
<a href="#">Use rechargeable batteries</a>	<a href="#">Grow fresh fruits and vegetables in an at home garden</a>	<a href="#">Electric induction stove</a>
<a href="#">Reusable water bottle</a>	<a href="#">Use reusable cloths instead of paper towels</a>	<a href="#">Smart home system</a>

**Total: 60 points**

**Bronze: 0-20**   
**Silver: 20-40**   
**Gold: 40-60** 



**Village of River Forest**  
**Public Works and Engineering**  
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## MEMORANDUM

Date: July 8, 2025  
To: Sustainability Commission  
From: Seth Jansen, Management Analyst  
Subj: Quarterly Charging Station and Electric Vehicle Report

The below and attached report provides the following Charging and Electric Vehicle Metrics for Quarter 2: April through June 2025:

- EVs and hybrid vehicles registered within the Village
- EV charging station installation permits during the reporting quarter
- Usage data for the Village-owned EVCS, including:
  - o Number of charging sessions
  - o Number of unique users
  - o Length of charging sessions histogram

### River Forest Vehicle Registration Statistics as of June 2025

Electric Vehicles	346
Hybrid Vehicles	750

### Electric Vehicle Charging Station Installation Permits - By Quarter

Q1	1
Q2	3
Q3	
Q4	

### 2025 Quarterly Metrics

Quarter	Sessions	Unique Drivers
Q1	761	67
Q2	730	89
Q3		
Q4		

### 2025 Monthly Metrics

Month	Sessions	Unique Drivers
January	293	37
February	236	39
March	232	42
April	221	51
May	262	43
June	247	54
July		
August		
September		
October		
November		
December		

**Attachment:** Charging Session Length Histogram: April-June

# Session Length Histogram Custom

No. of Sessions  
Cumulative %

