



VILLAGE OF RIVER FOREST SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

Tuesday, September 8, 2026 – 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 August 11, 2026
4. Commissioner Updates
5. Bird City Illinois Resolution
6. Sustainability Plan, Greenest Region Compact, and Commission Achievements
7. Communications and Staff Reports
 - a. Sustainability Guide: ComEd Hourly Pricing
 - b. LRS Preliminary Proposal
 - c. Communications
 - d. Village Project Updates
8. Schedule Next Meeting – October 13, 2026
9. Adjournment

**VILLAGE OF RIVER FOREST
SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION
TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2026**

A regular meeting of the Village of River Forest Sustainability Commission was held on Tuesday, August 11, 2026, 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 7:01 PM. Upon roll call, the following persons were:

Present: Co-Chair Lennon, Commissioners Kadlec, Avalos, Hoyt, Beckman, Schaidler, and Student Commissioner Stierwalt

Absent: None

Also Present: Staff Liaison Seth Jansen, Co-Chair Charrette (attending virtually)

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3. ADOPTION OF MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Schaidler made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kadlec, to approve the meeting minutes from July 14, 2026.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Co-Chair Lennon, Commissioners Kadlec, Avalos, Hoyt, Beckman, and Schaidler

Nays: None

Absent: None

Not Voting: Co-Chair Charrette

Motion Passes.

4. COMMISSIONER UPDATES

Commissioner Schaidler discussed attending the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Greenest Region Compact event as part of Chicago Climate Week. He inquired about if the Village had a formal sustainability plan. Mr. Jansen provided general background including the previous Commission documents, the Village's adoption of the Greenest Region Compact, and the Climate Plans prepared by the UIC graduate classes on behalf of the Village in 2024. Commissioner Schaidler suggested reviewing the Greenest Region Compact, indicating what the Village has already taken, and developing a plan moving forward while using the Compact as a template. Commissioner Hoyt suggested using the Compact to recognize what has been completed and recommend certain standards for the Village based on Compact recommendations, providing clarity, certainty, and guidance for issues that may arise for the Village and its residents. Commissioner Schaidler inquired about the process for reviewing the Compact and Mr. Jansen indicated he would include this as a formal agenda item over the coming months. Co-Chair Lennon mentioned the Village sustainability survey and suggested keeping the focus toward the interest of residents and keeping residents engaged and participating. Mr. Jansen indicated he would share the community survey, the UIC Climate Plans, and the Greenest Region Compact information. Co-Chair Lennon suggested sharing

the spreadsheet which analyzed the feasibility and completion of the UIC Climate recommendations.

5. BIRD CITY ILLINOIS AND MIGRATORY BIRDS

Mr. Jansen indicated he had shared the raw data and one page summary provided by Commissioner Hoyt regarding the nighthawk monitoring project. Commissioner Hoyt indicated that Commissioner Beckman had helped compile the data, analyze it, and put together the one-pager. Commissioner Hoyt stated that an ornithologist he had been corresponding with indicated the monitoring may provide new information about the Common Nighthawk, specifically how they use natural spaces when near urban areas. Commissioner Hoyt stated that the ornithologist shared suggestions on how to continue the observations next year and how the information can be used to develop habitat conservation recommendations. With this information, Commissioner Hoyt indicated he is working on an application to present the findings at the Wild Things Conference next February in Rosemont. The deadline for the application is September 13th and the Conference is looking for community focused projects and projects focused on habitat stewardship. Commissioner Hoyt inquired about timeframe for Bird City Illinois application, as he would like to include this as part of the application packet. Co-Chair Lennon inquired about how we can take the data and turn it into recommendations; Commissioner Hoyt stated he would like to review academic literature and speak with experts over the winter before developing any formal applications. Co-Chair Lennon suggested recommendations or informational material for roofing permits to encourage gravel flat-top roofs. Commissioner Hoyt indicated specifically engaging with District 90 prior to the Roosevelt Middle School roof replacement project. The Commission discussed the permitting process, roofing materials, and the best time to engage with local institutions to encourage preservation of gravel rooftops for nighthawk nesting habitat conservation. The Commission agreed on advising local institutions about sharing information to encourage buildings with flat rooftops to preserve their existing gravel roofs. Commissioner Hoyt had suggested turning the Common Nighthawk into a local mascot or branding campaign to promote conservation of habitats, in a manner similar to the Plovers near Montrose Beach in Chicago. Commissioner Hoyt noted the recent newsletter and social media post regarding fall migration beginning. Commissioner Kadlec suggested continuing to engage with the Forest Preserve on the project and share the results with them. The Commission discussed ways to continue to engage with other institutions. Commissioner Beckman indicated he will create a google sheet to share the data with the Commission. The Commission discussed sharing the data with other entities and creating charts from the data. Co-Chair Lennon suggested getting some initial information out in an upcoming newsletter and social media post; Mr. Jansen indicated he could also include the photo of the nighthawk observed nesting on the roof of Roosevelt Middle School.

Mr. Jansen outlined the draft proclamation and the information included in the packet regarding the proclamation. Commissioner Hoyt indicated he could potentially provide more example applications and indicated he would provide suggested edits prior to the next meeting. The Commission discussed the compiled documentation for the Bird City Illinois certification. The Commission discussed the timeframe for submitting the application, with the intention of submitting before the end of the calendar year. The Commission discussed future activities, including annual World Migratory Bird Day events, continued focal species

monitoring, and identifying additional actions that the Village and the Commission may choose to undertake. Commissioner Hoyt recommended submitting after determination of participation the Wild Things Conference

6. GREEN BUILDING GUIDE

Mr. Jansen outlined the final draft of the Green Building Guide on Electrification webpage, incorporating edits suggested by the Commission at the previous month's meeting and the suggested edits that Commissioner Beckman had sent him. Mr. Jansen outlined the updates made to the draft graphics the Commission reviewed last month and provided the results of the HVAC contractor survey, which had limited results. Mr. Jansen further outlined changes made to the Sustainability Guide on the Village website, including changes to previous guides to heat pumps and induction stoves. Mr. Jansen outlined the plan to promote the guide through the newsletter and social media.

7. WEST COOK WILD ONES WILDLIFE CORRIDORS

Co-Chair Charrette shared the West Cook Wild Ones Wildlife Corridor Map. The map shows voluntarily submitted native plant gardens. The Commission discussed the map and ways to share and highlight private native gardens in the Village and surrounding area. The Commission discussed ways to highlight specific homes and homeowners for their native gardens. Co-Chair Charrette also suggested providing information for landscapers who install native gardens. Co-Chair Charrette indicated she has identified a provider for milkweed seeds and is developing a design for the envelopes for the milkweed seed giveaway planned for this fall. Commissioner Kadlec discussed the importance of residents sharing their stories and testimony for their native plants to encourage others to begin planting native species. The Commission discussed engaging with the Library to host a panel of native garden homeowners and landscapers over the winter.

8. ELECTRONICS DROP OFF: PCS FOR PEOPLE

Co-Chair Charrette noted the flyer Co-Chair Lennon had distributed with Oak Park Temple collecting old computers for reuse. Co-Chair Charrette had suggested having a pilot program with the Village as a collection point and engaging with other faith-based institutions to expand and promote the program. Co-Chair Charrette indicated that PCs for People will provide a box for collection and will pick it up when full. Co-Chair Charrette suggested having a collection drive during the holidays and discussed the list of materials accepted for reuse. Co-Chair Lennon suggested coordinating with other institutions to have multiple drop-off locations and to promote it across organizations. Student Commission Stierwalt suggested having a collection box at OPRF to collect Chrome Books from graduating seniors at the end of the school year; Student Commission Stierwalt indicated he would raise it to the school for a collection next May.

9. COMMUNICATIONS AND STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Jansen outlined the quarterly waste report and indicated that he has stopped trying to find any correlation between tonnages of waste, recycling, or compost. Co-Chair Charrette asked Mr. Jansen to recap the Board of Trustees conversation regarding opt-out composting. Mr. Jansen provided a brief overview of what was discussed by the Board and the initial options put forward by LRS for the new waste hauling contract. Co-Chair Charrette

requested and Mr. Jansen indicated he would include the information that had been provided to the Board in next month's meeting packet.

Mr. Jansen provided a summary of ongoing Village sustainability-related projects including the Public Works Garage solar panel installation and the Village Hall permeable paver parking lot projects. Mr. Jansen summarized and the Commission discussed the addition of native plants to Heritage Square. Mr. Jansen provided a general update on the Heritage Square project, including the installation of the garbage/recycling/compost receptacles initially requested by a local student to the Village Board. The Commission discussed the species identified for the native planting site and potential milkweed options to install there. The Commission discussed including signage for the planting site.

Mr. Jansen outlined the upcoming planned communications for the newsletter and social media. The Commission discussed newsletter topics and identified dates to run specific information, including on the Bird City efforts and milkweed seed giveaway.

10. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING

The Commission reached a consensus to hold its next meeting Tuesday, September 8, 2026

11. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Avalos made a motion, seconded by Co-Chair Lennon, to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Co-Chair Lennon, Commissioners Kadlec, Avalos, Hoyt, and Beckman

Nays: None

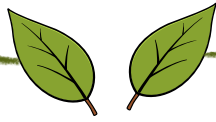
Absent: Commissioner Schaidler

Not Voting: Co-Chair Charrette

Motion Passes.

Seth Jansen, Secretary

Save The Date



October 17th, 2026

3rd Annual Tree Preservation & Bee Board Seminar

1:00 PM-5:00 PM



Village of Franklin Park Police Station

Community Room

9451 W. Belmont Avenue

Franklin Park, IL 60131



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MEMORANDUM

Date: September 8, 2026
To: Sustainability Commission
From: Seth Jansen, Assistant to the Director of Public Works
Subj: Bird City Illinois Resolution Draft

The final remaining action item for Bird City Illinois designation is adoption of a Bird City Illinois Resolution. This resolution must be adopted upon application and upon renewal of the community's Bird City Illinois designation every 3 years.

Attached is a draft Village Resolution. The draft resolution includes all standard template resolution language plus additional language outlining each action the Village and the Commission took to achieve the Bird City Illinois Designation. Commission input is sought with regards to the language of the resolution. The draft further includes all edits and additions suggested by Commissioners prior to the distribution of the meeting packet.

Once edits and additions to the proclamation are agreed upon by the Commission, a formal recommendation vote will be taken, and the resolution will go to the Board for adoption. Once the resolution has been formally adopted by the Board, the compiled documentation of Bird City Illinois efforts taken by the Commission and the Village will be submitted as an application for official designation.

Recommendations:

- Motion to Recommend the Village Board adopt a Resolution in support of the Village becoming certified by the Bird City Illinois program.

Attachment:

- Draft Bird City Illinois Resolution



RESOLUTION NO. 26-__

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE VILLAGE OF RIVER FOREST BECOMING CERTIFIED BY THE BIRD CITY ILLINOIS PROGRAM

WHEREAS, birds are some of the most beautiful and easily observed wildlife that share our communities; and

WHEREAS, many citizens recognize and value birds that are residents and those that pass through during their migration seasons; and

WHEREAS, birds play an important ecological role in our community, controlling insect pests and contributing to pollination and seed dispersal; and

WHEREAS, birds and their habitats are declining throughout Illinois and North America, facing a growing number of threats on their migration routes and in both their summer and winter habitat; and

WHEREAS, public education, awareness, and concern are crucial components of bird conservation; and

WHEREAS, citizens enthusiastic about birds, informed about the threats they face, and empowered to help address those threats can directly contribute to maintaining healthy bird populations; and

WHEREAS, birds contribute to the economy by attracting tourists and generating revenue; and

WHEREAS, climate change is the number one threat to birds and local leaders should adopt environmentally sound policies and practices that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and protect birds and their habitat; and

WHEREAS, pesticides frequently used in garden and lawn care are a leading threat to local bird populations, harming the insects on which birds depend for food, and poisoning birds themselves, therefore the reduction or elimination of neonicotinoid insecticides, rat poisons, and weed killers is encouraged;

WHEREAS, the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918 is important legislation that we need to continue to uphold in our local communities to ensure the protection of migratory birds; and

WHEREAS, the Village's Comprehensive Plan declares that "environmental sustainability is a multi-faceted principle that aims to reduce negative impacts on the environment and preserve natural resources to ensure quality of life for future generations. Often sought through dedicated initiatives, sustainability informs every component of a municipality by emphasizing that we are conscious of how we affect the world around us;" and

WHEREAS, Bird City Illinois is an initiative to build relationships with local municipalities and citizens of the community for a call to action to protect and conserve birds; and

WHEREAS, the Village, the Sustainability Commission, and Village residents are active in working to preserve habitat and reduce threats to birds; and

WHEREAS, the Village is committed to improving wildlife habitat, by signing the Mayors' Monarch Pledge, creating public native plant gardens, and being a Tree City USA member since 1998; and

WHEREAS, the Village and Sustainability Commission are committed to addressing light pollution's threat to birds, by adopting a Lights Out proclamation during peak migratory bird seasons and by creating a broader informational campaign through the Village newsletters and social media to raise awareness of light pollution's impact on migratory birds; and

WHEREAS, the Village adopted a proclamation celebrating World Migratory Bird Day, and the Sustainability Commission held three events, in partnership with the Forest Preserve District of Cook County and the River Forest Library, celebrating World Migratory Bird Day; and

WHEREAS, the Village and Sustainability Commission continue to promote sustainable infrastructure and practices and reduce energy use and carbon emissions, including municipal community solar, curbside composting, and recycling programs; and

WHEREAS, the Sustainability Commission and resident volunteers established a focal species monitoring program by monitoring and documenting common nighthawk nesting locations and activities during the summer months of 2026.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Village of River Forest President, by adoption of this resolution, hereby shows its support of the Bird City Illinois Initiative and endorses the application to become a certified Bird City Illinois community.

IN WITNESS, THEREOF, I have hereto set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the seal of the Village of River Forest, this __ day of __ 2026.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

Catherine Adduci, Village President

APPROVED by me this __ day of __ 2026.

Rosa Castellano, Village Clerk



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MEMORANDUM

Date: September 8, 2026
To: Sustainability Commission
From: Seth Jansen, Assistant to the Director of Public Works
Subj: Sustainability Commission Planning

At the August meeting of the Village of River Forest Sustainability Commission, the Commission discussed developing a comprehensive Sustainability Plan for the Village. The discussion using the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Greenest Region Compact to assess what the Village has completed and offer potential suggestions for future topics of focus. Also discussed at the meeting were the UIC Climate Plans completed for the Village in 2024 and the subsequent resident Sustainability Survey, all of which have been used to offer guidance to Sustainability Commission actions in the subsequent period. These documents were all shared with the Commission following the meeting.

At the May 2026 meeting of the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Environment Committee, Caucus Staff outlined the steps for updating the Greenest Region Compact. The changes would include updating strategies and incorporate climate action plan strategies, as well as developing a reporting and tracking tool for member communities and providing ongoing support to municipalities on the reporting and tracking tool. The Caucus indicated they do not anticipate any need to change the resolution communities, including River Forest, have adopted to join the Greenest Region Compact. The final update for the Compact is expected by the end of the year.

With regards to what has already been completed or implemented by the Village, May of 2027 will mark the 10-year anniversary of the first meeting of the River Forest Sustainability Commission. Co-Chair Charrette had previously discussed and began taking steps to provide a 10-year retrospective on the accomplishments of the Commission. Review of the updated Greenest Region Compact offers the opportunity for the Commission and the Village to review and compile past actions for the 10-year anniversary of the Commission.



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Date: September 8, 2026
To: Sustainability Commission
From: Seth Jansen, Assistant to the Director of Public Works
Subj: Sustainability Guide: ComEd Hourly Pricing

In the 2024 Climate Plans completed by the University of Illinois Chicago graduate students, one of the recommendations to the Village was to “Encourage hourly pricing plans for electric utilities”. At the time, staff identified this recommendation as an item which could be incorporated into the Commission’s existing communications: run in weekly newsletters, posted on social media, and published in the Guide to Sustainable Living on the Village website.

This summer, staff developed a draft webpage and social media graphic to share information on the environmental benefits of ComEd Hourly Pricing. Commission feedback and revisions are sought to finalize each version of the guide. Once final revisions have been reviewed and approved by the Commission, the webpage will become live, and the information will be actively promoted via the newsletter and social media.

Attachments:

- Draft Guide to Hourly Pricing Webpage
- Draft Guide to Hourly Pricing Social Media Graphic

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Save more | Consume less

With Hourly Pricing, you can take control of how and when you use energy.

How To Save Money



Energy Prices are lower during times of lower demand.



Save by shifting your energy use – like using your dishwasher or doing laundry – to lower-priced hours.



ComEd will help you monitor prices & send alerts so you know the best times to use less energy.



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Guide to Hourly Pricing

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How It Works

Prices change every hour

- The price you pay for electricity follows the real-time wholesale energy market.
- Prices tend to be lower overnight and higher on hot afternoons or during high demand.
- You can check prices through:
 - The ComEd app
 - Hourly Pricing website
 - Optional alerts

Your meter tracks when you use power

- A smart meter records your usage in hourly increments.
- At the end of the billing cycle, your cost is simply (kWh used that hour) × (that hour's price) added up across the month.

You can shift your use to save

- Running flexible appliances during lower-price hours costs less.
- Heating/cooling pre-loading (heating or cooling early so your HVAC runs less when prices spike) can help too.

Hourly Pricing Also Helps the Environment

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It reduces peak demand. When everyone uses power at the same time (like hot summer afternoons), utilities must activate the most polluting and expensive “peaker plants,” which often burn oil or natural gas.

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- Reduces local air pollution (especially in high-impacted communities)

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- The need for emergency generation decreases
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- Use electric heating, such as a heat pump
- Are home during the day but can shift some usage
- Use automation (smart thermostats, smart plugs, EV chargers)
- Enjoy paying attention to your energy use

Quick Tips to Maximize Benefits

- Run big appliances and charge EVs overnight when prices are low.
- Use a smart thermostat to cool your home at optimal price times.
- Check price alerts: ComEd will send them during unusually high-price events.
- Consider automation tools to shift loads automatically.

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MEMORANDUM

Date: June 22, 2026

To: Matthew Walsh, Village Administrator

From: Jack Bielak, Director of Public Works and Engineering
Seth Jansen, Assistant to the Director of Public Works

Subj: Village Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Contract

The Village's current Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Contract with Lakeshore Recycling Systems (LRS) was approved by the Village Board in April 2022 and extends through April 30, 2027. The contract includes a five-year extension option at the Village's sole discretion. In February 2026, staff contacted LRS to discuss potential costs associated with exercising this extension and to explore opportunities for additional services.

Prior to the current agreement, LRS acquired Roy Strom Refuse and Removal Services (Strom) in late 2020, assuming Strom's long-standing contract with the Village. The Village's relationship with Strom dates back to the 1980s.

Between LRS's acquisition of Strom and the expiration of the previous contract, the Village and LRS collaborated closely to address transition-related challenges, including missed collections. At that time, the Board supported staff's recommendation to negotiate a new five-year contract with a 12-month opt-out provision to ensure flexibility should service levels fall short. Negotiations also resulted in the addition of a curbside composting program with three cart size options, each priced below the previous monthly compost rate, and two annual at-home electronic waste and household hazardous waste collections at no additional cost. Based on further Board direction, two provisions were amended prior to contract approval:

- The opt-out composting provision was modified to allow the Village to pursue opt-out composting at any time with majority Board approval rather than when the number of subscribers reached 51%.
- The optional unlimited household waste removal day language was revised to prioritize landfill diversion.

Staff has since initiated preliminary discussions with LRS regarding the option to renew the contract for an additional five years. As part of an extension, the Village would have the opportunity to further expand the curbside composting program by incorporating it into the base service cost. Under this model, any resident covered by the contract could request a 65-gallon compost cart at no additional fee. Residents currently using 95-gallon or 35-gallon carts would be grandfathered in and allowed to retain their existing size.

The base price for both standard and unlimited service levels would scale depending on the number of residents opting into a compost cart, with rate adjustments applied at predetermined participation thresholds. Participation rates would be reviewed annually in April and updated for the following fiscal year. Compost carts may also be used for yard waste, which could help offset resident costs associated with purchasing waste tags.

In addition, base service costs would increase annually by a fixed 3.75%, and LRS proposes setting the universal sticker price at \$3.45 in Year 1, with annual increases of \$0.05 throughout the extension period. The proposal also includes 40 additional hours of leaf collection assistance, extending the total from four weeks to five weeks.

In reviewing similar LRS contracts in neighboring communities, staff finds the proposal favorable for both the Village and residents. It offers predictable, non-CPI-based annual increases and maintains a lower base service cost compared to comparable collection models—especially when accounting for the labor cost of backdoor collection.

Recommendation: Staff is seeking a consensus on the proposal from LRS and to direct staff to prepare the contract extension for consideration at a future board meeting.

Attachments:

- LRS Contract Renewal Offer
- Community Comparison



Jack Bielak
Director of Public Works
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Dear Mr. Bielak and Board of Trustees,

On behalf of LRS, I would like to thank the Village of River Forest for the strong partnership we have built over the years. We are proud of the longstanding relationship between River Forest and LRS and greatly value the opportunity to continue serving the community.

LRS respectfully submits this proposal to exercise the contract option for an additional five-year extension. We believe LRS remains the best long-term partner for River Forest based on our decades of service, our shared commitment to innovation and sustainability, and our continued focus on providing exceptional service to the Village and its residents.

Throughout our partnership, River Forest and LRS have worked together to implement programs that have delivered real value to residents and helped position the Village as a leader in environmental stewardship. This includes one of the first curbside composting programs in the State of Illinois, as well as what we believe is one of the best household hazardous waste and electronics recycling programs in the industry. LRS has also been proud to partner with River Forest in the Village's annual fall leaf collection program, helping support seasonal service needs in a reliable and responsive way. Included in this proposal LRS would add an additional 40 hours of leaf collection assistance.

As part of this extension proposal, LRS is presenting an opportunity to transition the current subscription-based composting program to a broader Village offering that would make composting more accessible and affordable for residents. Under this proposal, participation-based pricing would apply as the program expands.

Participation Level	Homes Enrolled	Standard Monthly Rate	Unlimited Monthly Rate
Current Program	Current participation	\$33.10	\$49.09
Proposed Tier 1	Up to 650 homes	\$36.60	\$54.00
Proposed Tier 2	Up to 1,100 homes	\$37.60	\$55.60
Proposed Tier 3	41% to 70% participation	\$39.60	\$57.60
Proposed Tier 4	Above 70% participation	\$41.10	\$59.10



If the Village elects instead to maintain the current subscription-based composting program, LRS proposes a 4.00% increase in Year 1 of the extension term. Both options would provide then follow annual increases of 3.75% in each remaining year of the five-year extension. In addition, LRS proposes adjusting the universal sticker price to \$3.45 in Year 1, with an increase of \$0.05 per year throughout the extension term. More broadly, the pricing and options included in this proposal are intended to maintain the high level of service the Village expects while supporting continued investment in safety, service quality, resident programs, and operational excellence.

We appreciate the Village's consideration of this proposal, and the trust River Forest has placed in LRS over many years. We would welcome the opportunity to discuss these options in greater detail and answer any questions as the Village evaluates the extension. LRS values this partnership and looks forward to the opportunity to continue serving River Forest for many years to come.

Sincerely,
George Strom
Area Vice President
LRS

Municipality	River Forest Proposal	Oak Park (2027 contract)	Highland Park	Northbrook	Lake Zurich	Calredon Hills
Provider	LRS	LRS	LRS	LRS	LRS	LRS
Compost included in base cost?	Yes	No - Additional Opt-In	Yes	Yes	Yes	No - Opt-In for 8 month collection
Back Door Service Provided?	Yes	Opt in (additional \$15 per month)	Yes - one of several subscription services offered	Yes - one of several subscription services offered	Opt in (additional \$25 per month)	Yes for additional fee
Cost Per Month with Compost	\$36.60 - \$41.10 based on Compost enrollment	\$45.42 (Curbside/alley side collection) \$60.42 (Backdoor Service Opt In)	\$54.09 (Once Per Week Backdoor Subscription Service)	\$43.00 (65 Gallon Once Per Week Backdoor Subscription Service)	\$27.92 (standard collection) \$52.92 (with backdoor service)	\$50.03 (standard collection) \$64.69 (backdoor collection)
Base Cost Per Month without Compost	\$35.45 - If Village chose not to incorporate Composting into base cost	\$29.12 (Curbside/alley side collection) \$44.12 (Backdoor Service Opt In)	N/A - compost included in base cost	N/A - compost included in base cost	N/A - compost included in base cost	\$23.53 (standard collection) \$38.19 (backdoor collection)
Annual Increases for Contract	3.75%	CPI with 3% minimum for 1st year and 3.5% minimum for 2nd year	CPI with 2% minimum and 5% maximum	CPI with 3% minimum and 5% maximum	4%	4%