



Buffalo Grove Park District  
**Environmental Action Team**



# BG EAT

15 Years of 'Green Actions' and community involvement

# Mission



The Environmental Action Team of Buffalo Grove strives to raise awareness, improve our community's natural environment and encourage sustainability practices for present and future generations.



EAT's "action team" approach is to plan an event, run it, then celebrate our success!

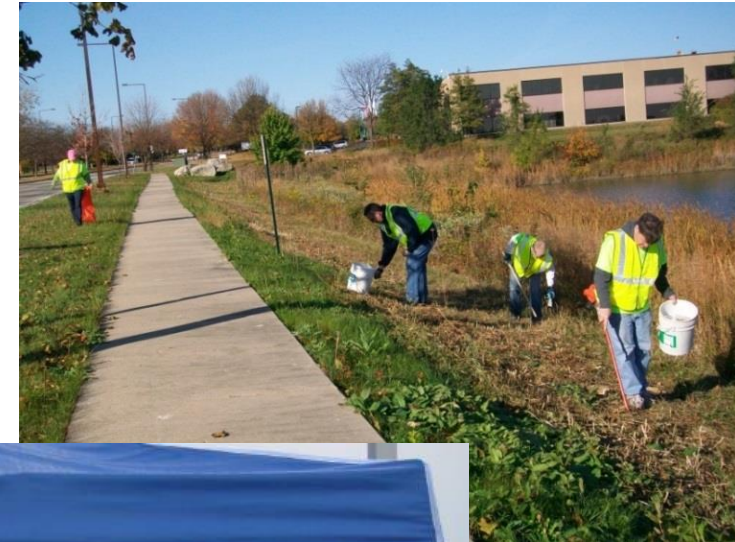


# Project Themes



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- ▶ Community outreach and education
- ▶ Recycling
- ▶ Energy/transportation
- ▶ Litter – road cleanup
- ▶ Habitat restoration
- ▶ Clean water
- ▶ Sustainability
- ▶ Single use plastics
- ▶ Composting





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# Outreach/Education

- ▶ BGEAT.org and Facebook
- ▶ Green Fair
- ▶ Earth Day
- ▶ National night out
- ▶ Museum exhibit and events
- ▶ Programs at CAC
- ▶ Village Sustainability Plan
- ▶ BG Days
- ▶ Rain barrel sales

[www.bgeat.org](http://www.bgeat.org)





# Recycling

- ▶ Clothing donation box at Emmerich/Rylko
- ▶ Green Fair collections
- ▶ Recycling at BG Days
- ▶ Electronics recycling
- ▶ Visits to Waste Management



# Energy/Transportation

- ▶ Collect >500 bikes for Working Bikes Cooperative
- ▶ Promote improved bike transportation
- ▶ Electric car and bike energy exhibits at Green Fair
- ▶ Promotes alternative energy and LED projects, including LED retrofit at all Park District facilities







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# Litter – road cleanup

- ▶ Deerfield Road (Weiland to Barclay)
- ▶ April and October





# Habitats

- ▶ Arboretum events at Reiner Park
- ▶ Nature playground garden
- ▶ Seed collection and cleaning
- ▶ Road cleanups/planting events at Rylko Park
- ▶ Youth projects at parks – scouts, BGHS
- ▶ Aquatic nursery
- ▶ Mayors Monarch Pledge
- ▶ Milkweed seeds





# Clean Water

- ▶ EAT members started Buffalo Creek Clean Water Partnership
- ▶ \$75,000 grants for green infrastructure projects at parks
- ▶ RiverWatch stream monitoring (5 trained Citizen Scientists)



[www.buffalocreekcleanwater.org](http://www.buffalocreekcleanwater.org)



# Sustainability

- ▶ EAT members work with the Village on a range of sustainability initiatives
  - Greenest Region Compact
  - Clean energy
  - Street lights converted to LED
  - Bicycle commission
  - Mayor's Monarch Pledge
  - Composting



**Greenest  
Region  
Compact**

**COLLABORATING FOR SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES**



# Single use plastics

- ▶ Screening and panel discussion of “The Story of Plastic”
- ▶ New EAT initiative in 2024



# 10<sup>th</sup> BG Green Fair

## September, 2023



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- ▶ 20+ exhibitors
- ▶ Education, information, displays, activities, crafts
- ▶ Electric car and solar energy exhibits by EAT members
- ▶ “Green” Waste Management recycling truck
- ▶ Reduce–reuse–recycle collections
  - Shoes, clothing, crayons & books
  - Bicycles and parts
  - Eyeglasses, hearing aids & keys
  - Small appliances, hangers, knives, scissors & ink cartridges
- ▶ Oak trees donated by MWRD



# Fifteen years of friendship, fun and volunteering our time and talents

