

Green Business Recognition



Thank you for your interest in the Village's Green Business Recognition Program! To get started, simply complete the application below and click the "**Submit Application**" button at the bottom. Applications will be reviewed on a quarterly basis by the [Environmental Concerns Commission](http://www.downers.us/govt/boards-commissions/environmental-concerns-commission) (<http://www.downers.us/govt/boards-commissions/environmental-concerns-commission>).

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Questions? Contact [Nick Santoro](mailto:NSantoro@downers.us) (<mailto:NSantoro@downers.us>), Management Fellow, at (630) 493-8875.

Required fields are printed in **bold**.

Business Information

Business Name

Business Address

Zip Code

of Employees

Years in Business

Recycling Service YES - the business listed above has a recycling service.
 NO - the business listed above does not have a recycling service.
Recycling service is required for recognition.

Contact Email
 e.g. johndoe@mydomain.com

Contact Phone
 e.g. 000-000-0000

Business Category

Please select the category that best describes your business.

Business Category

Business Background

Describe Business

The Village of Downers Grove was originally settled in 1832 and was incorporated on March 31, 1873. The Village provides a full range of municipal services to its residential and commercial customers. These services include police and fire protection; building code and fire prevention inspection services; emergency 911 dispatch service; paramedic services; water services; a commuter bus transportation system; a commuter and residential parking system; community development services; and the construction and maintenance of streets, stormwater, and other municipal infrastructure.

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Environmental Laws

(Check if yes) Do you comply with all applicable environmental laws and regulations for your industry?

[ISO 14001 Compliance \(http://www.iso.org/iso/home/standards/management-standards/iso14000.htm\)](http://www.iso.org/iso/home/standards/management-standards/iso14000.htm)

NOTE: Compliance is NOT required for recognition.

(Check if yes) Please check the box if you comply with ISO 14001?

List of Certifications

Please list any applicable environmental certifications that you hold.

Certifications

N/A

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Waste Reduction & Recycling

List and describe waste reduction and recycling measures your business has implemented.

These practices reduce waste or divert waste from landfills (e.g. reduce copying, electronic billing, use of reusable/recyclable containers, etc). A comprehensive list can be downloaded [here \(http://www.downers.us/public/docs/green_business/green_business_practices.pdf\)](http://www.downers.us/public/docs/green_business/green_business_practices.pdf).

Describe

Held annual Recycling Extravaganza collecting 20,000 pounds of paper, 600 pairs of eye glasses and 109,000 pounds of electronics among other items, Improved recycling practices within Village facilities by providing recycling containers in offices and cubicles, Set printers to default two-sided printing, Provided holiday light recycling for residents and businesses, Accepted used motor oil and transmission fluid from residents to be used to heat the Village's fleet services garage during the winter months.

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Water Conservation and Stormwater Pollution Prevention

List and describe the water conservation and stormwater pollution measures that your business has implemented.

These practices reduce the water used in your business and reduce the risk that your business will contribute to pollution (e.g. *install permeable surfaces/landscape, ultra low-flow plumbing and irrigation products, environmentally-sound cleaning products, etc*). A comprehensive list can be downloaded [here \(http://www.downers.us/public/docs/green_business/green_business_practices.pdf\)](http://www.downers.us/public/docs/green_business/green_business_practices.pdf).

Describe

Partnered with the Conservation Foundation to provide a bulk rate discount for residents who purchase rain barrels, Installed demonstration rain garden at 59th and Washington, Replaced pavement on Grove Street from Main to Carpenter with permeable pavers, Built naturalized storm water detention area at 2nd and Cumnor.

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Energy Conservation

List and describe energy conservation measures your business has implemented.

These practices reduce the electricity and natural gas used in your business (e.g. *install renewable energy sources, efficient/natural lighting sources, insulation, etc*). A comprehensive list can be downloaded [here \(http://www.downers.us/public/docs/green_business/green_business_practices.pdf\)](http://www.downers.us/public/docs/green_business/green_business_practices.pdf).

Describe

Installed energy efficient lighting in parking deck resulting in 30% reduction in electricity costs, Replaced incandescent bulbs in Council Chambers with LED lamps, Replaced 50% of holiday lighting in the Downtown Business District with LED lights, Installed solar panels at Public Works Building and at Fleet Management Building, Installed waste oil heater in the Fleet Management Building, Promoted shutting down computers at night.

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Transportation

List and describe the green transportation measures your business has implemented.

These practices reduce fossil fuels used by your business (e.g. *reduce emissions with hybrid/alternative*

vehicles, encourage alternative forms of travel, telecommuting, etc). A comprehensive list can be downloaded [here \(http://www.downers.us/public/docs/green_business/green_business_practices.pdf\)](http://www.downers.us/public/docs/green_business/green_business_practices.pdf).

Describe

Implemented anti-idling policy to eliminate unnecessary idling of Village vehicles, Reduced salt usage by 20% by pre-treating streets with an organic anti-icing compound, Increased the percentage of alternative fuel vehicles in fleet from 62% to 76%, Installed new bike racks at Village Hall.

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Public Awareness/Education

List and describe the public awareness/education measures your business has implemented.

These practices promote sustainability to your customers and employees (e.g. employee/customer/client involvement, green practices/training, establish a green committee/group, etc). A comprehensive list can be downloaded [here \(http://www.downers.us/public/docs/green_business/green_business_practices.pdf\)](http://www.downers.us/public/docs/green_business/green_business_practices.pdf).

Describe

Successfully promoted the holiday light recycling program, Recycling Extravaganza and the Rain Barrel event, Created the Green Business Recognition Program for local businesses.

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Innovation

Sustainability practices that make your business stand out. List and describe the innovative measures your business has implemented.

Describe

Purchased first five-ton Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) truck in region, Began filling vehicle tires with nitrogen, which improved fuel economy and extended life of tires, Installed hybrid street lights in the Prentiss Creek Subdivision, Created education credit for stormwater utility for schools.

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Other Practices

Tell us about other practices in your industry that are becoming common place or should become common place that deserve recognition.

Describe

N/A

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Authorization Terms

ECC Availability (Check if yes) I recognize and understand that my availability to attend a future meeting of the Environmental Concerns Commission, generally held every second Thursday of each month at the Public Works Building, may be necessary.

Authorize (Check if yes) I, as the business contact, have authorization to apply and agree to participate in the Downers Grove Green Business Recognition Program.

Re-Publish (Check if yes) I agree that the Village of Downers Grove may publish information regarding my business on the Village's website.

Submit Application