

# JOIN US TODAY!

## We're Expanding

As a volunteer based committee we're looking for individuals with a special interest or talent to aid us in our quest to reduce, reuse, recycle and conserve our most precious natural resources for future generations. If you have an interest in a special area of conservation then we need you! Bring your ideas, input and creativity to one of our meetings.

## Meetings

Meetings are held on the fourth Monday evening of each month in the Yorkville Public Library meeting room, 902 Game Farm Road. All are welcome to attend. The meeting schedule is subject to change.

## How You Can Participate

Experience is not a requirement to become a member of the Green Committee. We are looking for dedicated, committed people who want to make an environmental impact in the Yorkville community. Anyone interested in joining the Green Committee can get an application form at the front desk in City Hall or from the chairman of the Green Committee at any regular meeting. If you are interested in any special area, such as water conservation, research, trees or water conservation etc., please note that on your form. Applications are online at [www.yorkville.il.us](http://www.yorkville.il.us).

## Green Committee Membership

Membership on the Green Committee is in the form of a Voting Member, Non-Voting Member and a Green Committee Volunteer.

- **Voting Members**—Only 10 voting members are allowed on the committee at one time. When a vacancy occurs the mayor will appoint a new member to the committee. Voting members are required to attend all meetings, with three excused absences a year, in addition to remaining active on a special project or as a member of a subcommittee.
- **A Non-Voting Member** is required to attend two or more meetings a year and is actively involved in a subcommittee or special project on behalf of the Green Committee. Non-voting members receive meeting minutes via e-mail and other committee correspondence on a monthly basis. Contact with the chairman or subcommittee chairman is on an as-needed basis.
- **As a Green Committee Volunteer** you are not required to attend meetings. To be recognized as a volunteer of the Green Committee you are asked to complete two or more hours of service to a special project of subcommittee.

**THE UNITED CITY OF YORKVILLE  
GREEN COMMITTEE—MAKING A DIFFERENCE!**

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## WHO WE ARE

The United City of Yorkville Mayor's **Ad Hoc Green Committee** was established in October of 2007 by Mayor Valerie Burd to research, advise and recommend solutions to the City Council on environmental issues facing our community. The **Green Committee** is instrumental in providing both information and educating the Yorkville community about ecological and environmental topics such as water and energy conservation, LEED design and recycling. 

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

To advise the United City of Yorkville City Council on ways to enhance the community environment and ways to equip and encourage citizens and businesses to participate in sustainable ecological practices. 


## MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Though the **Green Committee** has been in existence for just a short time, we have already made great strides both in the Yorkville community and regionally. We strive to lead by example. Our first Water Conservation Forum was a great first step in educating and making the community aware of our limited natural resources!



## EVERY DROP COUNTS...

was the recurring theme at our first annual Water Conservation Forum. Over 150 Yorkville and county residents joined Mayor Valerie Burd, the Green Committee and representatives from the


**Environmental Law and Policy Center**, the **Kendall County Soil and Water Conservation District** and **Engineering Enterprises** for a frank discussion on water conservation practices for the future of Kendall County. As Kendall County continues to grow it is imperative to learn how to save, reduce, and reuse our water resources. It was so successful we're doing it again next year! 

## Our New Rain Garden...

Thanks to the **Green Committee** and the **United City of Yorkville staff**, City Hall, 800 Game Farm Road is sporting a new Rain Garden. Planted on May 19, 2008 the Rain Garden is located on the south side of City Hall, and was planted to capture 900 square feet of roof runoff. Typically, roof runoff

flows through gutters and downspouts to underground storm pipes that lead directly to streams, creeks and rivers; unable to replenish our groundwater supply. The function of a rain garden is to collect the runoff at the end of the downspout acting as a storage area where native plants absorb the water and allow for infiltration. Stop by City Hall and see the fruits of our efforts! Learn how you can plant your very own rain garden by visiting [www.yorkville.il.us/raingardens.cfm](http://www.yorkville.il.us/raingardens.cfm).

## Our Buildings Are Going Green...

The City of Yorkville and Village of Oswego cooperatively held a joint meeting organized by the **Green Committee**. During the presentation the **United State Green Building Council (USGBC)** educated, informed and presented both municipalities with the ABCs of green building and how the LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) rating system is applied. 



**DID YOU KNOW?** Water covers approximately 70 percent of the earth but less than one percent is available for us to use. Worldwide, water consumption has tripled in the past 50 years. A family of four can use 400 gallons of water every day or more depending on the location!