



Glencoe Sustainability Task Force 2025 Annual Report

The Glencoe Sustainability Task Force (STF) works to conserve natural resources and champion sustainable, economically sound practices. In 2025, the STF advanced a wide range of initiatives that strengthened sustainability efforts throughout Glencoe.

The STF accomplished the following initiatives in 2025:

- Onboarded two new members to serve and welcomed Trustee Michael Rosenblat as the Village Board representative.
- Assisted in selecting the consultant and served as volunteers on the Planning Team for the Sustainability Action Plan, scheduled for completion in 2026.
- Discussed with Village leadership new opportunities to enhance the Village's sustainability practices due to its new Home Rule status and supported a coal tar ban, passed by the Village Board in April 2025.
- Organized and served as volunteers for the 7th annual Donate and Recycle Drop Off Event in May 2025, collecting items from more than 220 carloads.
- Worked with the Tree Commission to review the Village's Tree Preservation Ordinance and recommend possible areas to investigate that would enhance tree preservation related to property redevelopment.
- Supported the Village's curbside Buckthorn Collection Program and monitored progress on Buckthorn removal near Green Bay Road and Westley Road, a joint effort with Cook County Forest Preserves.
- Promoted environmental conservation through a series of Sustainability Sunday posts on social media.
- Highlighted other sustainability programs, including the Recycle Coach app, the Hefty ReNew recycling program and the WasteNot curbside food scrap service.
- Participated in Friends of the Green Bay Trail Day, holding an informational booth.
- Partnered with the Glencoe Park District to hold the annual stargazing event at Glencoe Beach, attracting approximately 50 attendees in November 2025.
- Developed a plan to celebrate its 10th anniversary, including co-branding existing programs, highlighting past accomplishments, planting a commemorative tree and planning a year-end community event.

The STF set the following goals for 2026:

- Support development of the Village's first Sustainability Action Plan and prioritize implementation actions.
- Participate in the Friends of the Green Bay Trail Day.
- Develop and carry out programs celebrating the STF's 10th anniversary, including highlighting past accomplishments and planning a year-end community event.
- Expand public education on Buckthorn, advocate for its removal on public and private property, and continue supporting Village projects such as the Green Bay Trail improvement effort.

- Promote new sustainability initiatives, including Illinois's programs for responsible paint and household battery disposal.
- Encourage water conservation by raising awareness of the Village's online water billing portal, which provides customers with consumption data and usage history.
- Partner with the Glencoe Golf Club to hold the annual fall stargazing event.
- Organize and hold the annual Donate and Recycle Drop Off Event.

Respectfully submitted,

Sustainability Task Force Members and Volunteers