



Meeting Date: September 28, 2026

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Department: Community Development

Agenda Item: Approve a Resolution Endorsing the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus' Greenest Region Compact.

Summary:

The Metropolitan Mayors Caucus' [Greenest Region Compact \(GRC\)](#) is a regional sustainability initiative that leverages the strength of municipal government to build vibrant, sustainable communities across the Chicago region. Municipalities that adopt the GRC by a formal resolution, make a commitment to generally support the GRC goals in their community and in collaboration with other municipalities across the region. GRC members have access to GRC promotional material and are invited to join in collaborative projects that will help achieve GRC goals for their community and the region. At this time, there is no reporting requirement for GRC Communities and there is no cost to Metropolitan Mayors Caucus members.

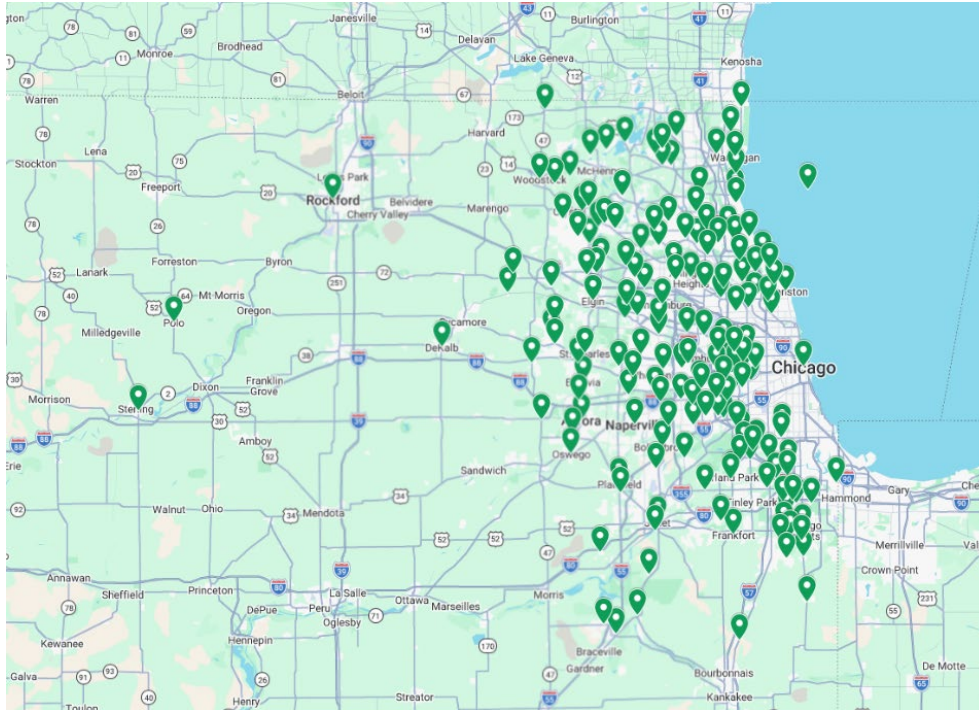
To date, 166 communities of all sizes and strengths (including all Crest Hill neighboring communities and Will County) have adopted the Greenest Region Compact (GRC) to improve the quality of life for more than 6.7 million residents, which makes the GRC the largest regional sustainability collaborative for municipalities in the country. The member municipalities of the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus seek a vibrant, sustainable future for their communities and the greater Chicago region. The consensus goals of the Greenest Region Compact aim for enhanced quality of life for residents; protection and stewardship of the environment and sustainable economic vitality.



Staff believe that the overarching goals of the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus' Greenest Region Compact are well-aligned with the City's sustainability goals and objectives outlined in the current and new Comprehensive Plan. Additionally, working collaboratively with other communities towards a sustainable region will further support the City's current and future sustainability undertakings to improve the quality of life for our residents, such as constructing a new public plaza and park (Crest Hill Commons), promoting walking and biking through adoption of a new Multi-Use Bike and Pedestrian Plan, the City's Rain Barrel Program, the 50/50 Tree Program, Recycling Services, Annual

Shredding Day, and many more. Staff recommend the City Council approval of the Resolution endorsing the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus' Greenest Region Compact.

Map of the Greenest Region Compact Member Communities



Council Action Requested: Direction to include the draft Resolution Endorsing the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus' Greenest Region Compact on the October 5, 2026, Regular City Council Agenda for final consideration.

Attachment

- Draft Resolution Endorsing the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus' Greenest Region Compact