



VILLAGE OF DEERFIELD

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## **Greenhouse Gas Reduction Ad Hoc Working Group Tasked to Make Deerfield Carbon Neutral by 2050**

DEERFIELD, IL – On October 4, the Village Board appointed seven members to the new Greenhouse Gas Reduction Ad Hoc Working Group and asked them to create a 2-5-year greenhouse gas reduction program within the next six months. The goal of the reduction program is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 45% by 2030 and be 100% carbon neutral by 2050.

The creation of the ad hoc working group stems from a February 18, 2020, Village proclamation urging local governments and municipalities to lead the global effort to fight climate change. The group will focus on policy initiatives in key focus areas of our local economy including energy, transportation, food, waste, and trees/land/water to help achieve the greenhouse gas reduction goals.

“Municipalities have an unparalleled opportunity to make changes that can transform local economies and positively impact peoples’ lives both locally, and even globally,” said Mayor Daniel C. Shapiro. “It is time for us to roll up our sleeves and get to work to preserve a future we can all be proud to pass along to our children and grandchildren.”

Members of the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Ad Hoc Working Group include Trustee Mary Oppenheim (Chairperson), Trustee Elaine Jacoby, Sustainability Commission Chairperson Donald Anderson, Sustainability Commissioner William Mertes, Go Green Deerfield Chairperson Art Wilde, Go Green Deerfield Member Camilla Dadey, and Business Community Representative Victoria Street, Executive Director of the DBR Chamber of Commerce.

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