

**AGENDA**  
**GREENHOUSE GAS WORKING GROUP**  
**January 29, 2026**  
**3:00 P.M.**  
**Village Hall, 850 Waukegan Road**  
**Deerfield, IL 60015**  
**Community Conference Room 206**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of December 11, 2025 Meeting Minutes
4. Public Comment
5. Discussion of Transportation Initiatives
  - Bike Route Signage
  - No Idling Signage
  - Wayfinding Signage
6. Discussion of Waste Initiatives
  - Compost Utilization Rate
  - Lakeshore Recycling Systems Tour: March
  - Textile & Electronics Recycling Event: Tentative June 6
7. Discussion of Energy Initiatives
  - WRF Solar Array
  - Green Energy Partnership Program (GEPP)
8. Other Items for Discussion:
  - D-tales: Green Line
9. Next Meeting: TBD
9. Adjournment

Greenhouse Gas Reduction Ad Hoc Working Group  
Meeting Minutes  
December 11, 2025

A meeting of the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Ad Hoc Working Group was held on December 11, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. in the Community Conference Room at Village Hall. Chairperson Mary Oppenheim called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m.

**Present:**

Trustee Mary Oppenheim, Chairperson  
Camilla Dadey  
George McClintick  
Art Wilde  
Andrew Worley

**Absent:**

Elaine Jacoby  
Victoria Street  
Don Anderson

**Also Present:**

Jessica Sciarretta, Management Analyst  
Dan Nakahara, Planner II  
Justin Keenan, Assistant Village Manager  
Robert Phillips, Director of Public Works and Engineering

**Public Comment**

No Public Comment

**Consideration of Minutes**

Commissioner Worely moved, seconded by Commissioner McClintick to approve the minutes of the September 4, 2025, meeting. The minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.

**Discussion of Waste Initiatives**

*Refuse Collection*

Staff provided an update on the Village's residential refuse collection program and upcoming contract renewal. The Group discussed opportunities to improve education, increase waste diversion, and maintain cost efficiency. Staff also presented a proposal for a pilot program offering larger compost carts to a limited number of households to evaluate demand, usage, contamination, and potential waste diversion benefits. Staff will refine program details.

*Lakeshore Recycling Systems Tour*

Staff shared details regarding recent and upcoming tours of the Lakeshore Recycling Systems (LRS) Material Recovery Facility. The Group discussed the value of the tour in better understanding recycling contamination and sorting processes. Members expressed interest in participating in a future tour.

### *2026 Electronics & Textile Collection*

The Group discussed the potential to host a combined electronics recycling and textile collection event in 2026. Staff noted coordination efforts with Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO) and LRS to confirm acceptable materials and downstream processing. Members expressed interest in scheduling the event in late August or when SWALCO sees as best suited.

### **Discussion of Energy Initiatives**

#### *WRF Solar Array*

Staff provided an update on the Water Reclamation Facility (WRF) solar array, noting that installation is nearing completion. Final electrical connectivity remains in progress.

#### *Veregy at Go Green Deerfield Event*

Staff reported that Veregy will participate in an upcoming Go Green Deerfield event to provide an overview of the WRF solar array project. The presentation will highlight project progress and sustainability benefits.

#### *Green Energy Partnership Program (GEPP)*

Staff shared an update on the Green Energy Partnership Program reporting that no contracts have been finalized. Staff will be inviting the program consultant to a future meeting to discuss metrics and strategies to increase participation.

### **Discussion of Transportation Initiatives**

#### *Bike Route Signage*

Staff presented draft concepts for bike route signage. The Group discussed balancing wayfinding, cyclist safety, and Village aesthetics, emphasizing the importance of limiting visual clutter. Staff will evaluate potential sign locations on Village property and return with refined recommendations at the next meeting.

### **Other Items for Discussion**

#### *Sustainability Commission*

Ms. Sciarretta reported that compost and recycling education will be a major Sustainability Commission focus in 2026.

#### *D-tales: Green Line*

Staff shared updates on the Village's D-Tales newsletter "Green Line" content, weekly sustainability social media posts, and ongoing public outreach related to composting, recycling and environmental initiatives.

### **Next Meeting Date**

The next Greenhouse Gas Reduction Working Group will be held on January 29, 2026. a

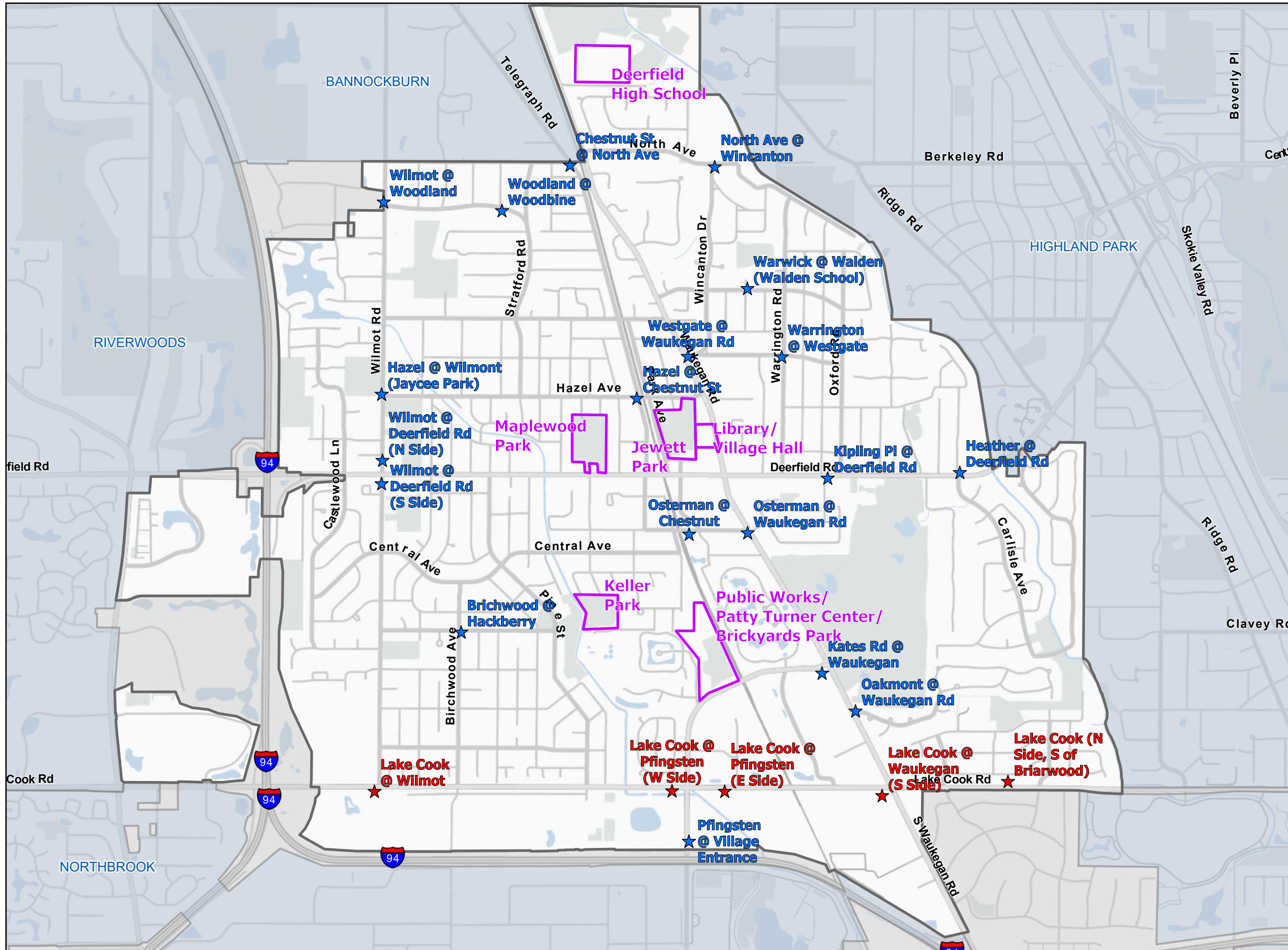
### **Adjournment**

There being no further business or discussion, Commissioner Worely moved, seconded by Commissioner Dadey, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 4:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jessica Sciarretta  
Management Analyst



# Wayfinding Signs - Potential Locations



Potential Routing Destinations

## Potential Routing Sign Locations

- ★ Permit Needed
- ★ No Permit Needed

Brichwood @ Hackberry
Chestnut St @ North Ave
Hazel @ Chestnut St
Hazel @ Wilmont (Jaycee Park)
Heather @ Deerfield Rd
Kates Rd @ Waukegan
Kipling Pl @ Deerfield Rd
Lake Cook (N Side, S of Briarwood)
Lake Cook @ Pfingsten (E Side)
Lake Cook @ Pfingsten (W Side)
Lake Cook @ Waukegan (S Side)
Lake Cook @ Wilmont
North Ave @ Wincanton
Oakmont @ Waukegan Rd
Osterman @ Chestnut
Osterman @ Waukegan Rd
Pfingsten @ Village Entrance
Warrington @ Westgate
Warwick @ Walden (Walden School)
Westgate @ Waukegan Rd
Wilmot @ Deerfield Rd (N Side)
Wilmot @ Deerfield Rd (S Side)
Wilmot @ Woodland
Woodland @ Woodbine

THE GREEN LINE

As temperatures drop, a few simple habits can keep your home comfortable while trimming utility costs. Set your thermostat to 68 degrees when you're home, then lower it 7 to 10 degrees while you sleep or are away. A programmable or smart thermostat can handle the schedule automatically and may qualify for rebates through ComEd.

Keep your furnace running efficiently by replacing filters every one to three months and scheduling a yearly tuneup to check combustion, airflow and safety controls. Small fixes can make a big difference: Seal drafts around windows, doors and attic hatches with caulk or weatherstripping, and add door sweeps where needed.

Make the most of winter sun by opening south-facing curtains during the day and closing window coverings at night to reduce heat loss. Set water heaters to 120 degrees for comfort and savings. If you use a space heater, operate it sparingly, keep a 3-foot clearance and plug it directly into a wall outlet. Test smoke and carbon monoxide alarms monthly. Income-qualified residents may find help through LIHEAP or the Illinois Home Weatherization Assistance Program.



**District 109 Referendum**

At the December 18 meeting, the District 109 Board of Education voted to place an \$87,782,857 referendum on the March 17, 2026, ballot. The revised proposal increases the District's financial contribution and reduces the project scope, resulting in a 33% reduction in the estimated tax impact (from \$536 per \$10,000 tax bill to \$359 per \$10,000 tax bill annually over the life of the 25-year bonds). More than 60% of project costs would be funded by District resources. The updated plan continues to address critical infrastructure, accessibility,

safety and security needs, as well as improvements to learning environments in every school. The referendum details and answers to frequently asked questions are available at [dps109.org/redefine](https://dps109.org/redefine).

**DBR Chamber announces annual business awards**

The DBR Chamber of Commerce honored standout members for leadership and community impact.

**Connector Extraordinaire:** John Gottwald of Edward Jones. He advances inclusion through patient, relationship driven work and helped lead the Chamber's disability

education panel.

**Young Professional of the Year:**

Christian Broughton, event sales director at Ravinia Green Country Club. He turns ideas into action and champions shared wins that strengthen the business community.

**Nonprofit of the Year:** St. Gregory's Episcopal Church,

recognized for pairing bold participation with generous service that lifts partners across the community.

**Business of the Year:** The Subscription Attorney, led by Mathew Kerbis, honored for transparent, subscription based legal services and practical innovation that moves the Chamber forward.