



## Interested in Joining the GROW Commission?

The Green Residents of Westchester (GROW) Ecological Commission will have two 3-year terms open beginning February 2023.

### **Purpose of the GROW Commission:**

Our mission is to work to advise the Village and help educate the community in environmental programs and practices to improve the quality of our air, water and land, to reduce greenhouse gases, minimize waste, and reduce energy consumption. We work to be critical partners in beautification and ecological decisions. The commission shall also prepare, maintain, achieve objectives of, and sustain Westchester's Climate Action Plan.

### **Responsibilities of GROW Commissioners:**

Candidates should have ability and availability to participate in commission meetings, community education/outreach via local events, and contribute to the Village newsletter. Relevant knowledge, education or experience is helpful, but not required. Commission meetings are generally held the first Thursday of each month from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm. Key to the commission being able to educate and engage residents for action on environmental issues/practices, individuals that have some availability outside of our monthly meetings are preferred. Westchester resident or a person whose profession is substantially within the village, 21 or older, welcome to apply.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the GROW Commission, submit a copy of your resume/bio along with a cover letter/statement about your background and interests to:

*Evie Slavic (eslavic@westchester-il.org)*

**2023 Commission Meeting Dates:** January 12<sup>th</sup>, February 2<sup>nd</sup>,  
March 2<sup>nd</sup>, April 6<sup>th</sup>, May 4<sup>th</sup>, June 1<sup>st</sup>, July 6<sup>th</sup>, August 3<sup>rd</sup>,  
September 7<sup>th</sup>, October 5<sup>th</sup>, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, December 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Next GROW Event - Save the Date**

**Illinois Solar for All** with Marina Minic of Citizens Utility Board

Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 at the Westchester Village Hall  
*The same presentation will be offered both days.*

Illinois Solar for All (ILSFA) helps make renewable solar energy more affordable for income-eligible households and organizations through state incentives. ILSFA has programs for income-

eligible homeowners and renters as well as non-profit organizations, and public facilities. Solar energy can help Illinois residents save money and protect them against increases in future energy costs and it's good for the environment!

With Illinois Solar for All, participants will see no upfront costs, and ongoing costs and fees will not exceed 50% of the value of the energy generated from the solar project.

Eligibility is based on the combined income of all household members. Income-eligible households are defined as those whose gross income does not exceed 80% of the area medium income (AMI).

Effective 9/1/22, the maximum gross income for households to be eligible in Cook County is as follows:

1 person - \$58,350 2 people - \$66,700 3 people - \$75,050 4 people - \$83,350

5 people - \$90,050 6 people - \$96,700 7 people - \$103,400 8 people - \$110,050

*If you, or someone you know, may benefit from Illinois Solar for All, please join us on March 25<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup> to learn more!*