



## *2017 Green Tier Legacy Community Annual Report*

**Vision Statement:** The Sustainability Advisory Board of the City of Oshkosh was established in March 2009 and is given the mission to advise the City Manager and Common Council on sustainability issues affecting municipal operations and the community at large.

### **Build and Buy Green**

- **WI Sea Grant Institute Green Infrastructure Audit:** City departments such as Engineering, Planning, and Economic Development began work on an audit of Oshkosh ordinances and approached the SAB to assist with the project, which strives to make regulations more friendly to green infrastructure.
- **New Development:** The Menominee Nation Arena was constructed on the former Buckstaff brownfield site and includes sustainable features such as permeable pavers in the parking lot to handle stormwater on site.
- **Park and Playground Renovations:** Menominee Park's Sea Sand and Sailor Land was completed through the City's Great Neighborhoods Program and includes new equipment and surfaces designed for accessibility and different age groups.

### **Transportation**

- **Vehicle Idling Campaign:** The Sustainability Advisory Board worked with a group of UW-Oshkosh seniors on a project to reduce vehicle idling in the City. The board has since partnered with the Oshkosh Area School District to distribute a letter to parents informing them of the negatives associated with idling and strategies for reduction of idling.
- **Pedestrian and Bicycle Circulation Plan Update:** The City's Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee has worked on an update of the City's 2011 Pedestrian and Bicycle Circulation Plan to ensure that the plan remains relevant moving forward.
- **Electric Vehicle Charging Stations:** Festival Foods is one of the latest locations in the City to install EV charging stations on-site.

### **Land Use**

- **Former Buckstaff Property:** Was redeveloped as the Menominee Nation Arena.
- **Lakeshore Municipal Golf Course:** A portion of the Lakeshore Municipal Golf Course was purchased by Oshkosh Corporation for redevelopment as a global headquarters. Oshkosh Corporation will maintain its presence in the community. The City will redevelop the remainder of the golf course as parkland accessible to everyone.



- **Sawdust District Plan:** The City is working on planning efforts to redevelop the remainder of the former Buckstaff site and area around the arena.
- **Housing Programs:** The City continues to offer 0% interest downpayment assistance and rehab loan programs using TIF money to invest in affordable housing projects.
- **CDBG Program:** Low and moderate income property owners can apply for funding to address high priority issues regarding their properties.

### Energy

- **Residential Energy and Water Conservation Proposal:** The SAB worked with UW-Oshkosh Seniors to examine a possible Residential Energy and Water Conservation Ordinance. The ordinance would require that appliances and water fixtures be brought up to code upon transfer or sale of the property.
- **Community Energy Use:** The City has worked with utilities to calculate electric and natural gas consumption annually.

### Water

- **Site Plan Reviews:** City Staff reviews every development proposal as part of the approval process to ensure that the proposal complies with the City's Stormwater Ordinance.
- **Waters, Wetlands, and Wildlife:** The City has replaced a number of concrete channels with creeks, wetlands, and swales. The City has encouraged swales for new developments.

### Waste

- **UW-Oshkosh Biodigester:** The biodigester has diverted some of the food waste from campus away from landfills to allow for recycling of food waste as fertilizer.

### Healthy Community Planning

- **Quality of Life Analysis and Housing Condition Scoring System:** Several City departments have worked on a "Neighborhood Scorecard" which assesses the conditions of the blocks in the city according to key indicators. Data are captured and displayed on colorful maps which allow for decision makers and the general public to engage in dialogue about current conditions and which blocks of the city could benefit from investment.