

Launch Niles 'Green' Plan

■ Part Of Long-Term Goals For Village

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Niles' 2030 Comprehensive Plan calls for the creation of a long-term environmental sustainability plan. Today (Wednesday), members of the village's environmental practices committee are scheduled to meet to start that process.

The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) has offered Niles resources in the form of a planner to help create an environmental plan at no cost to the village, Committee Chair Trustee Rosemary Palicki said.



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Assistant Village Manager Steve Vinezano has been working to set up the project with CMAP and will give committee members a presentation on it today.

Vinezano said the planner would assess current environmental and sustainability practices in the village. He would then determine long and short-term sustainability goals using workshops with residents and businesses to learn what the village wants in their sustainability plan.

Vinezano said the process would be similar, if on a smaller scale, to what was used to come up with the 2030 Niles Comprehensive Plan.

Among areas that could be looked at are recycling and types and uses of village vehicles, Vinezano

said.

The plan would likely move to the full village board for consideration in May or June if environmental committee members view the proposal favorably.