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THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY RECOGNIZES GLEN ELLYN AS A LEADING GREEN POWER COMMUNITY

Glen Ellyn, Illinois---The Village of Glen Ellyn is proud to announce that it has been designated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as a Green Power Community (GPC). As a GPC, the Village demonstrates its commitment to reduce its carbon pollution, improve public health and help expand the nation's renewable energy supply.

The Village of Glen Ellyn is collectively using more than 84 million kilowatt-hours (kWh) of green power annually, which is enough green power to meet 40 percent of the community's total electricity use. Glen Ellyn is buying a utility green power product (i.e. Renewal Energy Credits) from its supplier, [FirstEnergy Solutions](#), as part of the community's on-going participation in the municipal electric aggregation program. "Going Green" with the community's energy load demonstrates a proactive choice to switch away from traditional sources of electricity generation and support cleaner renewable energy alternatives.

"The EPA is pleased to recognize the Village of Glen Ellyn, IL as a leading Green Power Community and applauds their purchase of green power and its support of the voluntary renewable energy market," said James Critchfield, program director of EPA's Green Power Partnership.

Green power is zero-emissions electricity that is generated from environmentally preferable renewable resources, such as wind, solar, geothermal, biogas, eligible biomass, and low-impact hydro. According to the U.S. EPA, Glen Ellyn's green power use of more than 84 million kWh is equivalent to the electricity use of nearly 8,000 average American homes annually.

"This is a huge honor and we are proud to be recognized by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency," said Adam Kreuzer, Glen Ellyn's Environmental Commission chairman. "Using green power helps our community become more sustainable, while also sending a message to others across the U.S. that supporting clean sources of electricity is a sound business decision and an important choice in reducing climate risk."

About EPA's Green Power Partnership

The Green Power Partnership is a voluntary program that encourages organizations to use green power as a way to reduce the environmental impacts associated with electricity use. The Partnership currently has more than 1,300 Partner organizations voluntarily using billions of kilowatt-hours of green power annually. Partners include a wide variety of leading organizations such as Fortune 500® companies, small and medium sized businesses, local, state, and federal governments, and colleges and universities. For additional information, please visit <http://www.epa.gov/greenpower>.

About Village of Glen Ellyn

Located just 23 miles west of Chicago, the Village of Glen Ellyn, Illinois offers big city amenities with a small town feel. A historic downtown filled with unique shops, restaurants and seasonal events is just one of many attributes that draw visitors to this award-winning community. Small-town charm, civic pride, friendly people and some of the best schools in the state make Glen Ellyn the perfect place to call home. For more information about the Village of Glen Ellyn, visit www.glenellyn.org.

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