

DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference
2016 Municipal Innovation Celebration Ballot

* **First column - vote for the Best Innovation ***

* **Second column - vote for the Best Presentation ***

  **DOWNERS GROVE** – created a short-form video production program to produce online videos for the community. This low-cost approach allows the Village to reach residents quickly for time-sensitive events, communicate important information about service delivery, or spotlight village programs.

  **NAPERVILLE** – installed four floating wetlands in a stormwater pond. The project was a cost-effective way to mimic the benefits of a natural wetland and improve water quality, by offering better flood control, filtering out pollutants, and providing a habitat for wildlife.

  **ELMHURST** – launched a new marketing campaign, Explore Elmhurst. The campaign has several components that all support the mission of driving economic growth and quality of life to residents through tourism and destination marketing. The campaign combined a series of marketing tactics, including a new website and brand logo, a village trolley, and a Summer Sweepstakes.

  **SCHAUMBURG** – created an in-house Rental Property Information System to provide quick, accessible information on all rental properties in the Village. Data is pulled from six different sources, then organized, scored, and displayed in one program, increasing efficiency and saving time for multiple village departments.

  **GLEN ELLYN** – the Glenbard Wastewater Authority obtained grant money to implement a new Combined Heat and Power system at its regional wastewater treatment facility. The project consists of constructing a new building, gas treatment systems, and related enhancements in order to provide self-sustaining heat and power. This method reduces energy consumption, therefore lowering the facility's utility costs and reducing their carbon footprint.

  **WINFIELD** – reached an agreement with Northwestern Medicine - Central DuPage Hospital for a 5-year economic development grant. The large tax-exempt entity created a significant drain on village services, and the agreement for annual payments of \$900,000 will be used to help support the costs of Village services it enjoys.

  **HANOVER PARK** – set up the Safe Communities Coalition and is seeking accreditation from the National Safety Council. Coalition members gather data and assess community risks in six categories, then evaluate and/or develop programs to address those risks, often with little or no cost to taxpayers. The initiative is acting to enhance safety and improve the delivery of services to its residents.

  **WOOD DALE** – redesigned and restored two abandoned, problematic detention basins into environmentally beneficial rain gardens. These retrofitted basins will improve stormwater runoff rates, remove pollutants, provide a habitat for wildlife, and are an aesthetic enhancement to the surrounding subdivision.

