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Village of Algonquin Becomes Silver Level Clean Air Counts Community

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The [Village of Algonquin](#) is a proud participant in [Clean Air Counts](#) (CAC), an innovative, voluntary approach to reducing smog-causing emissions in the Chicago metropolitan region to achieve compliance with standards of the federal Clean Air Act and to improve air quality in our community. The Village has achieved silver status participation in the Clean Air Counts Community Campaign for its dedication to improving air quality.

By implementing an idling policy for all Village of Algonquin public works vehicles that disallows idling for more than three minutes for gasoline engines, five minutes for diesel engines and implementing purchasing guidelines that give priority to low VOC air friendly products, energy efficient lighting and Energy Star approved products the village is making a visible difference.

“From purchasing guidelines for low VOC products, energy efficient office equipment and alternate fuels for our vehicles to development of expansive parks and careful conservation and regeneration of Algonquin’s forestry, we consider our impact on not just air quality, but the whole environment. We further understand that the commitment for this change starts with us,” said William Ganek, Village Manager.

Superintendent of Internal Services, Vincent Olsen said, “I am glad to be in a position where I can make a difference.”

Joining Clean Air Counts means individuals and/or organizations are making a commitment to undertake voluntary efforts to reduce smog in the Chicago region. CAC adopters assess opportunities to reduce emissions and conserve energy in areas related to transportation, energy, operations and maintenance, and development. Adopters also agree to simple, annual reporting about their efforts so that the Campaign can quantify members’ efforts.

[Clean Air Counts](#) is a six-county Chicago regional initiative of the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency – Region V, City of Chicago and Illinois EPA. It seeks significant reductions in smog-forming pollutants and energy consumption.

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