



# The Village of Oak Park

## Building a Brighter, More Sustainable Future

### Background

Oak Park, Illinois, is an incorporated village outside of Chicago with a history of more than 120 years. During the summer of 2022, the village joined the ComEd Strategic Energy Management (SEM) Program to assist with its Climate Ready Oak Park plan and help achieve goals for sustainability and emission reductions.

The village has been a historical leader in the environmental and sustainability fields, something that is vitally important to the community. By pairing the Climate Ready Oak Park plan with the SEM Program, village staff worked to strengthen and solidify their vision for a more environmentally friendly future and become a beacon of inspiration for other communities.

### The SEM Approach

The staff was eager to begin working with the SEM team. Engaging in the SEM Program immediately opened a window to increased communication and allowed the staff to cross-collaborate between departments which had historically not met regularly to discuss energy efficiency.

This new line of communication gave the staff space and dedicated time to address its goals and how to meet them. The village staff was able to complete multiple projects that increased energy efficiency and helped reduce operating costs. Projects included:

- » Fan balancing
- » Leaky ductwork repair
- » Building Automation System (BAS) and panel upgrades
- » In-depth energy assessments
- » Building envelope assessment
- » De-lamping
- » LED upgrades

### Project Snapshot

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— Vic Sabaliauskas, Building Maintenance Superintendent

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ComEd Strategic Energy Management Program 2024

**Total Number of Completed Projects:** 10

**Estimated Annual Electric Savings:**  
1,059,490 kWh

**Avoided Annual Energy Costs:**  
\$120,146\*

#### That's Equivalent To:

**782,433 pounds** of CO<sub>2</sub> reduced\*

**422.5 acres** of trees planted\*

**79 cars** removed from the road for one year\*

**122.8 homes** powered for one year\*

\*Equivalencies from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

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ComEd engineers and data analysts developed an energy model that provided real-time information confirming the increased energy savings. Because of this, they were motivated to complete additional energy-saving projects that are saving them over \$120,000 annually in energy costs.

Along with the launch of the Climate Ready Oak Park plan, the village leadership credits the SEM Program for not only helping them save on energy costs but also increasing their awareness.

*"The program has bolstered our efforts in looking for ways and opportunities to reduce our energy usage each day and over a long-term period," said Vic Sabaliauskas, Oak Park's Building Maintenance Superintendent. "SEM support has been positive and helpful."*

### The Results

The completion of these projects, among others, led the Village of Oak Park to **save 1,059,490 kWh** in 2023, reducing its annual energy costs by **over \$120,000**.

After an incredible first year with the SEM Program, the Oak Park staff and community are excited to take the next step on their long-term energy efficiency journey.

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