



MEMORANDUM

TO: David A. Hulseberg, Village Manager

FROM: William Heniff, AICP
Director of Community Development *WH*

DATE: September 2, 2010

SUBJECT: **PC 10-08: Text Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance (Green Code Review and Green Building Handbook)**

Background

This item originally came before the Village Board at their August 19, 2010 meeting with a unanimous recommendation of approval from the Plan Commission. The Village Board continued this item to the September 2, 2010 Village Board meeting to allow the Environmental Concerns Committee (ECC) the opportunity to review the proposed text amendments and the Green Building Handbook.

Staff made a presentation before the ECC on August 24, 2010 providing background on the following text amendments:

- Solar Panels
- Wind Turbines
- Rain Barrels and Cisterns
- Geothermal Systems

In addition, staff also introduced the Green Building Handbook for their review. The handbook includes information on the newly-adopted 2009 International Energy Conservation Code, DuPage County Stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs) and promotes current “green” practices.

ECC Findings

The ECC reviewed both items and supported the proposed text amendments and the Green Building Handbook, with some suggestions. The ECC did discuss the following items for future considerations:

- Explore permitting rain barrels and cisterns in the front and corner side yards
- The ECC asked to be engaged earlier in the process for any future text amendments pertaining to “green” initiatives.

