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Prospective Developer:

Thank you for your interest in our fair city! We are excited to work with you as you bring economic development in what we hope will be the most environmentally responsible and resilient way possible.

The NEST B&D Committee was established in 2019 to advocate for sustainable development within the City of Naperville. Our main priority is the reduction of greenhouse gasses (GHG) within building design and construction with additional focus on human and ecosystem health.

Toward that end, we would like to encourage you to consider incorporating the following in your new development:

1. **Maximize energy efficiency**, and go beyond the adopted 2021 energy conservation code to the greatest extent feasible.
2. **Minimize greenhouse gas emissions** from materials, construction, maintenance and use, and go beyond the current Naperville 2021 energy conservation code to support the construction of zero carbon buildings.
3. **Include renewable energy** in your development plans when feasible, or where site conditions do not allow for on-site renewable energy generation, **contribute to local carbon offset projects**, such as local community solar or tree planting projects.
4. Make your new development **electric vehicle ready**. Retrofits at a future date may cost significantly more.
5. **Limit dark colored impervious surfaces**, as they contribute to creating the urban heat island.
6. **Complete third-party verified green rating systems and utilize certified products**, such as LEED or Energy Star.
7. **Reuse existing buildings** when possible because the most resource efficient buildings are the ones that already exist.

In exchange for your significant efforts and to promote additional sustainable development in our city, we are happy to answer any questions you may have and will work with you to showcase the sustainability of your Naperville projects through local and social media.

We are grateful for your leadership in helping to build a more sustainable and resilient community and look forward to working with you,

The NEST Building and Development Committee
