

## 2018 Proposed Initiatives - Village President Allison Rozek

### **M. Conservation committee study village service delivery; recommend ways to decrease the environmental impacts of each service.**

The Village has an opportunity to become even more environmentally conscious and sustainable by commissioning a study to evaluate the environmental impacts of our service delivery.

For example, we currently vacuum leaves. It would be good to know the environmental impact that service delivery creates from the diesel it consumes. Then compare it to other common practices for leaf collection such as the City of Milwaukee's practice of using a street sweeper to pile leaves in one area and a garbage truck to collect and dispose of them.

Another service would be removal of trees. How much storm water does a mature tree of varying species soak up diverting the water from entering the river. How much air pollution does it soak up. For the same amount of storm water or pollution reduction, is it cheaper to inject then to pay for the same environmental benefits from constructing bioswales?

Studying the unintentional environmental impacts of current service delivery methods will help guide decisions on service delivery in the future.