To get the word out about their project, Forest Glen partners launched a multi-pronged communications campaign. They published articles in local newspapers like The Sounds, held community workdays at project sites, and created a graphic identity that reflected places and activities familiar to the community.
Forest Glen Climate Toolkit Work Continues
By Jennifer Herren Gatesman

The project's focus is on water conservation, pesticide reduction and lowering our community's carbon footprint by installing rain barrels, constructing bat boxes, and planting vegetables and native species.

The Field Museum's dedicated website http://fieldmuseum.org/explore/department/ecco/chicago-community-climate-action-toolkit-profile-forest-glen will share this model for climate action with other communities in Chicago and around the world. The Boeing Corporation funded this project, based upon recommendations from The Field Museum's Chicago Climate Action Plan (CCAP) research providing partners with financial and technical resources to help engage their communities in the CCAP and the Climate Action Plan for Nature (CAPN), developed by Chicago Wilderness. For more information, contact the Sauganash Chamber's Executive Director, Jennifer Herren Gatesman at 773/545-9300

Troop 20804 Girl Scouts busy at work on a new fence for their Hope Garden.

Vegetables grow out of straw bales in the Hope Garden created by Troop 20804 Girl Scouts.
The Sounds
December 10, 2011

Boy Scout News
By Kevin Casey

Troop 626 visits Springfield, IL.

Since September 2011 Boy Scouts from Queen of All Saints Basilica Troop 626 have been busy installing Rain Barrels in homes in the Edgebrook, Forest Glen, Sauganash, and Wildwood Communities. This rain barrel was placed in the First Congregational Church of Forest Glen at 5400 N. Lawler Avenue in Forest Glen. The rain barrel is behind the church and is part of the straw-bale vegetable garden planted by Ambassador Girl Scout Anne Marie Aguirre of Girl Scout Ambassador Troop 20804. The straw-bale vegetable garden is part of Anne Marie Aguirre’s Girl Scout Gold Award Service Project. The Rain Barrel installation and the sustainable Straw Bale Vegetable Garden were done in partnership with the Field Museum and the Forest Glen Climate Toolkit with funding from the Boeing Corporation.

Boy Scouts from Queen of All Saints Basilica Troop 626 camped overnight at Camp Wakonda in Chillicothe, IL. On Saturday, November 19th the Scouts visited the Abraham Lincoln Museum in Springfield. After visiting the Abraham Lincoln Museum the scouts headed to Cozy Dog Drive In home of the famous Dog on a Stick. At Cozy Dog Scouts ate corn dogs and watched traffic on historic Route 66. After lunch the scouts headed to Oak Ridge Cemetery to visit Abraham Lincoln’s Tomb and the Memorials to the Korean War, World War II, and Illinois Vietnam Veterans. After the scouts finished paying their respects to our fallen heroes, the scouts headed back to Camp Wakonda to prepare Scout Master Steve DeLa Cruz’s famous Dutch oven banana meatloaf dinner with broccoli and cheese and baked potatoes followed by a dessert of Louisiana Sweet Cake and Orial cookies. On Sunday morning after breaking camp, scouts and adult leaders played a pick up game of touch football. The following scouts attended: Sean Casey, Tommy De La Cruz, Ethan Hamp, Liam Hamp, Kjell Johnson, Kyle Moorhouse, Bradley Varner, and Liam Varner. Special thanks to Mr Paul Johnson, Assistant Scoutmaster Julio Gudas and Scout Master Steve De La Cruz for giving up your free time to make this trip possible.

Cub Scout Pack 3942 and 3957

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Boy scouts from Queen of All Saints Troop 626 install a rain barrel at the First Congregational Church of Forest Glen as a contribution to Girl Scout Troop 20804’s Hope Garden. Funding for his project came through the Sauganash Chamber of Commerce from Boeing Corporation and the Field Museum as part of the Chicago Climate Action Plan with the Sauganash Community Association.