

## NOVEMBER 2022 CLIMATE CORNER

Climate change is real. We can anticipate and reduce our risks from climate change through *Climate Resilience*. According to Wikipedia, [climate resilience](#) is defined as the "capacity of social, economic and ecosystems to cope with a hazardous event or trend or disturbance."

The BHV Environment Committee has a Climate Resilience Subcommittee that was created one year ago. In that year we encouraged lower vehicle emissions by installing bike racks at the Village Hall; promoted 'dark skies' for bird safety by reducing parking lot lights at night; worked with the BHV Master Plan to support climate resilience efforts; organized a program on rain gardens to learn how to nurture native plants and slow water run-off from intense rainstorms; supported the BHV Planning Commission efforts to allow solar installations; joined Ann Arbor Township's Climate Resilience Committee; and promoted 'Rewilding' to preserve native plants and limit lawn watering.

What more can we do in BHV? In the Barton Bulletin's "Climate Corner" we will provide ideas and share success stories to strengthen our climate resilience. Contact any member of the Climate Resilience Subcommittee (listed below) to share your concerns, questions, and suggestions.

November is [Native American Heritage Month](#)! At our Thanksgiving tables, we might enjoy squash, pecan pie and succotash without knowing that our words for these foods come from the Algonquian

family of languages, which includes Ojibwe, spoken widely in Michigami ("great sea" in Ojibwe) for generations. American English has borrowed words from Native languages: hammock, muskrat, opossum, chipmunk, hickory, moccasin, and many more. These words give voice to the Indigenous people who spoke and still speak them today. In the original Olmsted design our three BHV parks were given Native American names: Cayuga ("canoe pulled out of water"), Minoma ("good water"), and Otsego ("welcome water").

If you want, take some time to learn more about the Native people who lived and still live here with us. You can pay a virtual visit to the [Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian](#). Despite the difficulties of the past and present, Native American people today flourish, and have much to teach about resilience.

### *SOME TIPS FOR RESILIENCE*

**FOOD:** Consider buying local food for your holiday table to support farms that focus on soil health and land management. Some of our nearby farms have created food support networks for the community, for example, [here](#).

**GIFTS:** Although Black Friday sales are compelling, consider the effect of your [gift choices](#) on the environment and on people far and near. One idea is to give experiences, such as tickets to local concerts, dance, or theater events, rather than things.

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