



# DU PAGE COUNTY

## Environmental Committee

### Summary

421 N. COUNTY FARM ROAD  
WHEATON, IL 60187  
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**Tuesday, July 2, 2024**

**8:30 AM**

**Room 3500A**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

8:30 AM meeting was called to order by Chair Sheila Rutledge at 8:47 A.M.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Other Board Member present: Member Patty Gustin

<b>PRESENT</b>	Garcia, LaPlante, and Rutledge
<b>ABSENT</b>	Covert, Cronin Cahill, and Evans

**Motion to allow a Board Member to join committee for quorum purposes**

Chair Rutledge appointed Member Michael Childress for purposes of a quorum. All ayes, motion carried.

**3. CHAIRWOMAN'S REMARKS - CHAIR RUTLEDGE**

No remarks were offered.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

David Barcus, Dark Sky International, shared that the state of Illinois passed the Dark Sky bill. Barcus also shared information pertaining to Kane County Forest Preserve, Westmont Public Works, Brookfield's Pollinators meeting, Naperville Environment and Sustainability Task Force (NEST), and The Illinois Energy Efficiency Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG) lighting mandates.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

5.A. [24-1922](#)

Environmental Committee Minutes - Regular Meeting - Tuesday, May 7, 2024

<b>RESULT:</b>	APPROVED
<b>MOVER:</b>	Lynn LaPlante
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Paula Garcia

**6. DISCUSSION****6.A. Preliminary Budget FY2025**

Joy Hinz, Environmental and Sustainability Programs Manager, shared the general fund allocation for the 2025 Environmental programs. Committee members discussed and suggested ways for the County to become leaders in making positive environmental changes.

**7. STAFF REPORTS****7.A. [24-1923](#)****Solar Switch Summer 2024**

Joy Hinz, Environmental and Sustainability Programs Manager, shared an update on the Solar Switch Program and the savings the program has provided for homeowners.

**7.B. [24-1924](#)****Portable and Medium- Format Battery Stewardship Act**

Joy Hinz, Environmental and Sustainability Programs Manger, provided an update on the Portable Battery Stewardship Act and shared the benefits of this resource for the state of Illinois.

**8. PRESENTATIONS****8.A. SCARCE**

Kay McKeen, Executive Director of SCARCE, shared information on the summit from January that was held for all of the DuPage County Environmental groups. Other updates and the remainder of McKeen's presentation will be continued at the next Environmental Committee Meeting due to lack of time.

**9. OLD BUSINESS**

No old business was discussed.

**10. NEW BUSINESS**

No new business was discussed.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:58 A.M.



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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

8:30 A.M. meeting was called to order by Chair Sheila Rutledge at 8:30 A.M.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Other Board Members present: Member Yeena Yoo late arrival at 8:41 A.M and Member Patty Gustin late arrival at 8:42 A.M. due to attending another committee meeting.

<b>PRESENT</b>	Covert, Cronin Cahill, Garcia, LaPlante, and Rutledge
<b>ABSENT</b>	Evans
<b>LATE</b>	Gustin

**Motion to allow a Board Member to join committee for quorum purposes**

Chair Rutledge made a motion at 9:05 A.M. to add Member Patty Gustin to the meeting for quorum purposes when Vice Chair Garcia and Member Cahill left to attend another meeting. All ayes, motion carried.

**3. CHAIRWOMAN'S REMARKS - CHAIR RUTLEDGE**

Chair Rutledge thanked Public Works and the Division of Transportation for the tree planting they did at the Great Western Trail in West Chicago. Chair Rutledge shared information about the Blooming Fest in downtown West Chicago taking place on May 18, 2024.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Kay McKeen, Founder and Executive Director of SCARCE, thanked numerous people for their participation in the Design Challenge, The Garden Market, and Earth Flag ceremonies. McKeen provided information on upcoming events for the months of May and June.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

5.A. [24-1425](#)

Environmental Committee Minutes - Regular Meeting - Tuesday, April 2, 2024

<b>RESULT:</b>	APPROVED
<b>MOVER:</b>	Cynthia Cronin Cahill
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Sadia Covert

**6. STAFF REPORTS**6.A. [24-1426](#)

## 2024 International Compost Awareness Week

Joy Hinz, Environmental and Sustainability Programs Manager, shared information about the media plan for distributing the educational material on composting during International Compost Awareness Week taking place from May 5, 2024 to May 11, 2024.

6.B. [24-1427](#)

## Grow Geo Chicagoland

Joy Hinz, Environmental and Sustainability Programs Manager, shared information about the educational campaign and contractor introduction program, Grow Geo Chicagoland. Spreading the word about geothermal and pairing a resident with an experienced contractor is the goal of this program.

**7. PRESENTATIONS**

## 7.A. Priority Climate Action Plan for the Chicago Metropolitan Statistical Area 2024

Edith Makra, Director of Environmental Initiatives for the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus, presented updates and information on the planning and implementation of the U.S. EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grants.

**8. OLD BUSINESS**

No old business was discussed.

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

Chair Rutledge shared that she received an email from a constituent in regards to proper recycling. Chair Rutledge was accompanied by Edith Makra, Director of Environmental Initiatives for the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus, in discussing the U.S. EPA Consumer Recycling Education and Outreach Grant Program.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



# Informational

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## BUILDING & ZONING DEPARTMENT

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### MEMORANDUM

TO: Environmental Committee

FROM: Joy Hinz, Environmental & Sustainability Programs Manager

DATE: June 26, 2024

RE: Solar Switch Summer 2024

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Solar Switch is a program offered by nonprofits Midwest Renewable Energy Association and Citizens Utility Board in partnership with various northeastern Illinois counties including DuPage. The program includes Solar Power Hours held by CUB that teach residents about solar and how to take advantage of the incentives currently available to residents. It also touches on community solar and the Illinois Solar For All program which are other methods to secure solar.

Solar Switch connects residents with the opportunity to have qualified, vetted solar installers bid on their project which reduces installation costs. During the 2023 program, a total of 313 homeowners in the region opted to install solar with an average savings of \$4,965 on a standard-sized solar installation. The current program letting has launched and will be open through August 21, 2024.



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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Environmental Committee

FROM: Joy Hinz, Environmental & Sustainability Programs Manager

DATE: June 25, 2024

RE: Portable and Medium-Format Battery Stewardship Act

On May 24, 2024, the Illinois General Assembly passed the Portable and Medium-Format Battery Stewardship Act. Upon signature of the Governor, the Act will require that battery producers implement a stewardship plan to collect and recycle portable and medium-format batteries. No person will be able to sell covered batteries or battery containing products that are covered under the Act unless they are part of a stewardship plan which includes the collection and recycling of batteries. A landfill ban and proper labeling will follow with effective dates January 1, 2028, and January 1, 2029. The legislation includes minimum collection sites based on population for portable batteries and at least ten permanent collection sites in Illinois and one in every county with a population of at least 200,000 for medium-format batteries.

Education and outreach including the development and maintenance of a website, periodic press releases and articles, social media and other relevant media and other promotional materials must be provided by the stewardship organization.

In addition to this legislation, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency has received funding from the U.S. Department of Energy for the enhanced collection and recycling of batteries throughout the State. The grant performance period is up to 36 months from grant agreement.

For reference a *portable battery* means the following primary or rechargeable batteries: (1) for rechargeable batteries, a battery weighing no more than 11 pounds and having a rating of no more than 300-watt hour; (2) for primary batteries, a battery weighing no more than 4.4 pounds.

A *medium-format battery* means the following primary or rechargeable covered batteries: (1) for rechargeable batteries, a battery weighing more than 11 pounds or having a rating of more than 300 watt-hours, or both, and no more than 25 pounds and having a rating of no more than 2,000 watt-hours; (2) for primary batteries, a battery weighting at least 4.4 pounds but not more than 25 pounds.

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