



DU PAGE COUNTY

Environmental Committee

Final Summary

421 N. COUNTY FARM ROAD
WHEATON, IL 60187
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Tuesday, August 5, 2025

8:30 AM

Room 3500A

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

Additional Board Members: Member Paula Deacon Garcia

Guest Speaker: Tom Ricker and May Lee Lue

Staff present: Joy Hinz, Geoffrey Matteson, Myles Barnes, Catherine Figlewski, Tim Harbaugh, Joan Olson, Nicholas Alfonso, and Jason Blumenthal.

PRESENT	Cronin Cahill, Haider, Honig, LaPlante, and Rutledge
ABSENT	Evans

3. CHAIRWOMAN'S REMARKS - CHAIR RUTLEDGE

Chair Rutledge addressed the board with a recap of how grateful she is for the work they've gotten to accomplish together during her tenure as chair.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Kay McKeen - Founder and Executive Director of SCARCE extended thanks to those that attended STEM-A-PALOOZA. Kay explained that they had over 20 hands on activities for kids and made the committee aware of the fall recycling extravaganza's that are coming up. Kay also shared news that Northwestern Hospitals and their 721 locations were considering starting bread tag and key collection programs. Kay closed out her comment with thanks to the committee and to Sheila for her tenure as chair of the environmental committee.

4.A. [25-1877](#)

Online Public Comment

Attachments: [Enviornmental Committee - Public Comment 8-05-25_Redacted.pdf](#)

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Cynthia Cronin Cahill
SECONDER:	Saba Haider

5.A. [25-1810](#)

Environmental Committee Minutes - Regular meeting - Tuesday, July 1, 2025

Attachments: [7-1 Minutes Summary FINAL.pdf](#)

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Cynthia Cronin Cahill
SECONDER:	Saba Haider

6. PRESENTATIONS

6.A. [25-1812](#)

EV Readiness and EV Charging Station Map Demonstration

Ian Johnstone - Energy Analyst for DuPage County Environmental Division highlighted that DuPage County is apart of the Greenest Region Compact (GRC) outlined by the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus (MMC). The GRC provides a framework, list of strategies and objectives for local communities to achieve sustainable goals. Ian describes that it was necessary for the County to join the GRC to qualify to participate in the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Electric Vehicle Readiness Program. This program gave the County a list of action items to complete to be considered ready for the EV boom happening across the country. Ian explains the different checklist items the county along with other municipalities had to complete to earn our 2nd Cohort bronze status (2024), and he compared those objectives to this year's checklist for the 3rd Cohort silver status award (2025) that was given to the county for completing the outlined objectives and actions given by the MMC Program. Ian ends his presentation highlighting that the County was granted \$10,000 for local public safety and electrification projects through the Powering Safe Communities Program Award from the MMC and ComEd. This award allows the county to fund Level 2 and Level 3 charger stations on county grounds that will be following ComEd's Make-Ready Rebate requirements.

Tom Ricker - Manager of GIS Information Technology developed an EV Charging Map to present to the board based of data from Illinois Alliance of Clean Cities. Tom explained how to navigate the tool and the parameters they used to show an accurate map of charging stations throughout DuPage County and its neighboring cities. Tom explains the Geo Processing section of the map that highlighted the gaps in service stations in DuPage County and the drive time it takes to get to them. Tom explained the geo processing of EV ownership through census data that helped locate placement for any new stations in the county for commercial/industrial purposes. Committee Chair Sheila, Member Paula Deacon Garcia, and Vice Chair Saba Haider had questions following this presentation.

Attachments: [EV Readiness Environmental 08-05-2025.pdf](#)

RESULT: PRESENTED

7. STAFF REPORTS

7.A. **25-1811**

Green Energy Justice Cooperative & GrowGeo Chicagoland

Joy Hinz - Environment & Sustainability Manager for DuPage County Environmental Division highlighted two opportunities for the County to partner with the Geothermal Alliance of Illinois' GrowGeo educational campaign and Green Energy Justice's Community Solar Cooperative. Mary Lee Leu - Project Manager of Accelerate Climate Solutions explains in depth to the board the initiative of their non-profit in partnering with the Citizens Utility Board (CUB) to make residents of the County aware of an opportunity to invest in renewable energy. Member Cahill had a follow up question to this presentation.

Attachments: [Green Energy Justice Memo.pdf](#)

RESULT: ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE
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9. OLD BUSINESS

Environmental Committee Chair Sheila Rutledge shared how proud she is of the work she got to do during her tenure and thanks the staff that made it all possible.

10. NEW BUSINESS

Vice Chair Saba Haider, Member Cahill, and Member Honig thanked Chair Rutledge for her service and they recapped all the great work they have done together.

11. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 AM.



Informational

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Formstack Submission For: [PublicComment](#)

Submitted at 08/04/25 12:06 PM

Meeting Date: 08/04/25

Meeting: Environmental Committee

Name: Greg Stoumbelis

Organization: Resident

Address:

[Redacted Address]

Daytime Phone:

[Redacted Phone]

Subject: DuPage Water Comissions Property Sale (75th street parcel)

Comment:

We've lived here for almost 6 years and plan to be here for another 30 more... so I have concerns...

- 1) The lack of inter commission disclosure when this transaction was originally proposed is of substantial concern. DuPage County Forest Preserve Land Preservation Manager Kevin Stough had said they were not contacted about the sale of the land. Why not? Why the secrecy?
- 2) There are wetlands that are part of the ecosystem that need to be protected and wildlife that will be displaced if this goes through. It's easy to say that the wildlife will eventually relocate to the forest preserve (which could create overcrowding) but there will initially be an inevitable migration through existing neighborhoods. And some of these animals might settle in the woods on our property which represents a safety issue.

3) There is also the obvious concern of noise from 75th street as trees are taken down (noise levels have already increased dramatically since the tornado in the Summer of 2022).

4) Finally there is SUBSTANTIAL concern what development will do to the water table and the well water quality / safety for anyone with adjacent property that are on their own well systems like us.

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*Formstack Submission For: [PublicComment](#)
Submitted at 08/04/25 12:18 PM*

Meeting Date: 08/05/25

Meeting: Environmental Committee

Name: Eleni Stoumbelis

Organization:

Address:

[Redacted Address]

Daytime Phone:

[Redacted Phone]

Subject: Development of Water Commission land on 75th St

Comment:

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*Formstack Submission For: [PublicComment](#)
Submitted at 08/04/25 2:47 PM*

Meeting Date: 08/05/25

Meeting: Environmental Committee

Name: Otto Guedelhofer

Organization: Adjacent land owner

Address:

[Redacted Address]

Daytime Phone:

[Redacted Phone]

Subject: Sale of public land by DuPage Water Commission adjacent to 75th street west of Green Road

Comment:

I fully endorse comments by my neighbors pointing out the negative impact this potential land sale would have on a variety of elements not the least of which is the Environment. My family has occupied and owned our property adjacent to the south border of the DWC forest for nearly 40 years. During that time we have enjoyed the old growth woods, pond and wet lands before the DWC purchased the entire tract to grab 2 acres for two

million gallon water tanks. At the time we were told that the unused balance of the property could not be sold for a profit and would be governed by other regulations attempting to protect the public's land from nefarious uses.

The property is unique from an environmental perspective because of the virtually untouched state it is in. As a parent it has been my joy to inform our 4 kids about nature and enjoying the natural world by not harming the woods. There are many very large oaks of several varieties, hickory, walnut and many other species of very old 200 year plus trees. The pond in the woods attracts a variety of wildlife including great horned owls, red tail and Cooper's hawks, several species of woodpeckers including Pileated, Redhead, Red Bellied, Flicker, Downey and Harris. All of which nest annually in the woods. As I write this I hear the newly fledged Hawks being pestered by the blue jays.

Song birds, fly catchers and many others are also in residence in the woods. Ducks including wood ducks and many more common varieties are seen on the pond. The more common animals like raccoon, skunk, deer are plentiful. The soil is a rich forest floor combination of healthy ingredients. The property is ideally suited to preservation, not Affordable Housing which will by design encourage overcrowding and destruction of the forest environment.

In spite of the Tornado damage a few years ago which topped many Centennial Oaks, the forest has rebounded and has become dense with under canopy growth that has benefitted from more direct sun light as the previous dense canopy was partially removed by the tornado. So the forest is not a tornado waste land. It is a vibrant home to much wildlife and would be a valuable addition to the DuPage Forest Preserve, especially since there is a wide undeveloped strip of forested woods connecting the DWC woods to the Green Vally FP at the South East corner of the DWC woods.

Environmentally the land slopes to the north and east draining

runoff from Wayewood to the South and the Development to the West. This has created several wetlands across the woods. Some of which hold standing water in most years. This year the lowlands are moist inspite of the recent heavy rains however the lowland behind our house along the DWC woods that usually contain standing water, this year are without standing water. Water and runoff management across and through the DWC woods would be problematic for multifamily development.

Environmental congestion along 75th street would no doubt be severely impacted by a significant increase in population caused by a housing development as there are no other ways to gain entrance or exit from the woods than on to 75th street. It seems clear to those of us who have lived in the area for decades and watched the County influence land use that once again the County is provided another opportunity to help maintain the natural environment or further plunder its resources. I hope this time the County steps up to protect our precious resource, our environment.

It would be nice if the County Zoning persons that I have called many, many times would call me back. And the President of the Forest Preserve would also answer my repeated calls. It to me is strange that our elected officials can complain that the DWC never communicated with them, but how come these same people can't find time to return a call to omen of their constituents? No DWC person has ever reached out to let us know what is going on, on the property with whom we share a property line. We find out by hearing trees being cut down and ground up, like Avatar on Saturday morning before 8am or by finding surveyors trespassing on our property. This whole situation going back to when the County had the chance to buy the Thornberry property adjacent to the East of the DWC woods and to the south by GVFP along the power lines was available. Here we go again!



Minutes

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2. ROLL CALL

Member Haider arrived at 8:47 A.M.

Additional Board Members: Member Paula Deacon Garcia and Member Yeena Yoo.

Guest Speaker: Kay McKeen

Staff present: Joy Hinz, Geoffrey Matteson, Myles Barnes, Catherine Figlewski, Joan Olson, Evan Shields.

PRESENT	Cronin Cahill, Evans, Honig, LaPlante, and Rutledge
LATE	Haider

3. CHAIRWOMAN'S REMARKS - CHAIR RUTLEDGE

Chair Rutledge shared a comment to enjoy our summer and our gardens harvest this year. Chair Rutledge also reminded the committee to not put down any harmful pesticides as you spray for bugs and pests in your yards during this season.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5.A. [25-1613](#)

Environmental Committee Minutes - Regular meeting - Tuesday, May 6, 2025

Attachments: [May Minutes Environmental](#)

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Cynthia Cronin Cahill
SECONDER:	Lynn LaPlante

6. PRESENTATIONS

6.A. SCARCE - DuPage County Projects

Kay McKeen - Founder and Executive Director of SCARCE highlighted SCARCE's initiatives from April to June 2025, including the 19th Annual Sustainable Design Challenge, where teams from Lake Park and Glenbard East High Schools were recognized for their innovative designs.

She commended the recertification of Forest Glen Elementary's Earth Flag on April 22, emphasizing the dedication of a library aide who spearheaded environmental projects at the school. The 'Growin' Green Garden Market' held on May 3 offered organic seedlings and native plants to promote sustainable gardening practices. SCARCE also conducted compost workshops on May 8 and June 26, educating 49 participants on composting techniques, with volunteer John crafting wooden compost bin covers from scrap lumber. Additional efforts included hosting 35 municipal engineers to discuss litter reduction and recycling initiatives, conducting teacher training on solar energy and STEM education, recycling 39.4 tons of paper, culminating in the service of 226 vehicles and the shredding of 5.4 tons of paper in collaboration with West Chicago. SCARCE also supported recycling initiatives with state senators and partner municipalities and previewed upcoming events, including STEM-A-Palooza at the DuPage County Fair. Kay closed by expressing pride in SCARCE's sustainability accomplishments this year, outlining future goals, and responding to questions from members.

7. STAFF REPORTS

7.A. [25-1610](#)

Campus Tree Planting Event with Chicago Region Tree Initiative

Jennifer Boyer - Campus Natural Resources and Grounds Services Supervisor spoke about the Chicago Region Tree initiative by detailing the results of the planting of 38 trees. A video recap reel of the planting event was on display for all members in attendance. Jennifer concluded that the DuPage County Campus is an accredited level one arboretum through The Morton Arboretum, which sets the County apart from other arboretums, and that most of our new trees planted within the last 10 years are native trees.

Attachments: [CRTI tree planting](#)

7.B. [25-1611](#)

Illinois Battery Recycling

Joy Hinz - DuPage Environmental & Sustainability Programs Manager shared about new legislation titled the 'Illinois Battery Stewardship Act' that goes into effect January 1, 2026. This legislation will soon add more primary battery locations to the already existing rechargeable drop-off locations. Joy mentioned further that the State of Illinois has grant funding available that the county will be talking with the local communities about and how they're working on finding more drop-off points this fall.

Attachments: [Battery Stewardship Act Memo 7-1-25](#)

7.C. [25-1612](#)

Switch Together Summer 2025 Campaign

Joy Hinz - DuPage Environmental & Sustainability Programs Manager spoke on the success the County has seen since partnering with iChoosr's - Switch Together Solar Group Buy Summer Campaign. 93 households accepted their solar offers and since the start of the program there have been 111 installations which equals 1,107 kilowatts that were added solar capacity. In closing, Joy reminded the committee of the upcoming iChoosr campaign happening later this summer and that committee members should watch for calls with questions about the program.

Attachments: [Solar Switch Spring Summer 2025 Memo](#)

8. OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed.

9. NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

10. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:57 A.M.



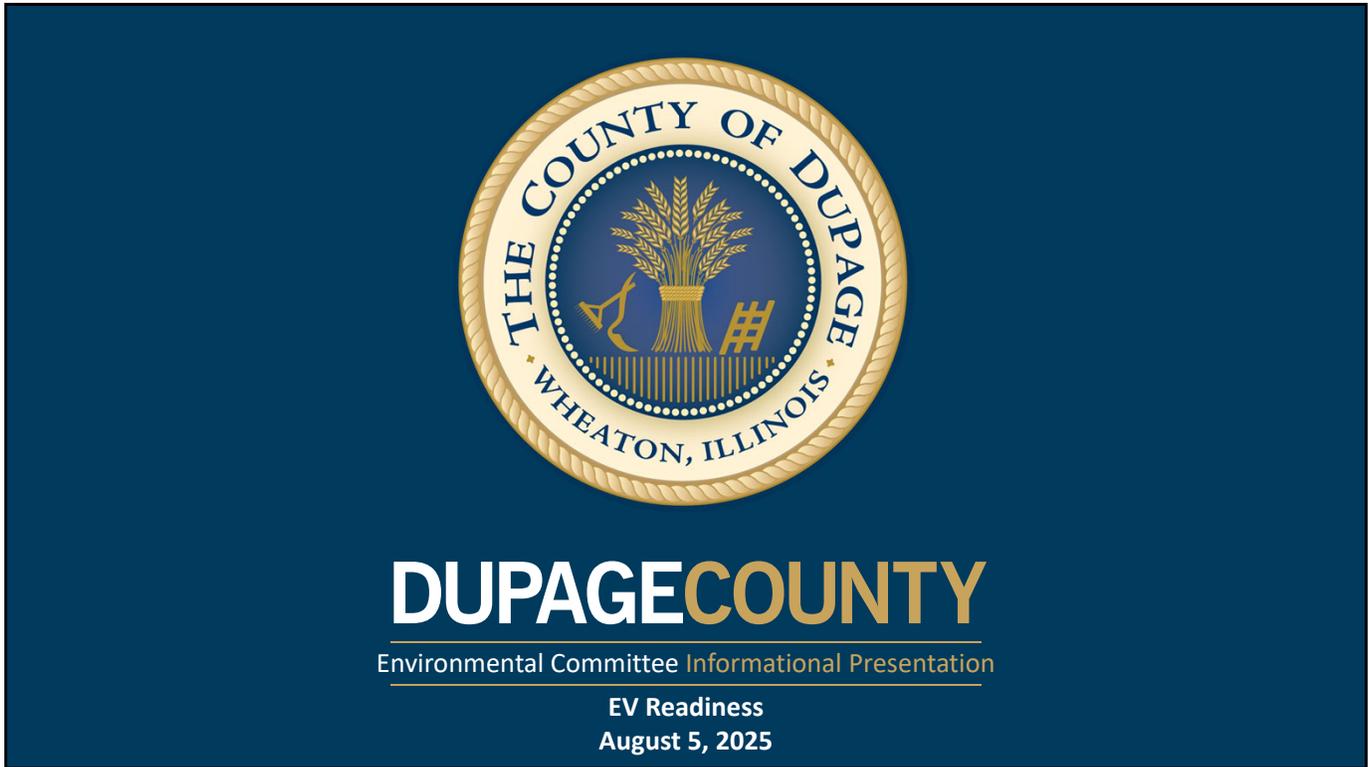
Presentation

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Greenest Region Compact



Metropolitan Mayors Caucus – Greenest Region Compact

- **Greenest Region Compact (GRC)** – A compact that provides the framework for local communities to achieve sustainable goals
- **Categories**
 - Climate
 - Economic Development
 - Energy
 - Land
 - Leadership
 - **Mobility**
 - Municipal Operations
 - Sustainable Communities
 - Water
 - Waste & Recycling

Category	GOAL	OBJECTIVE	Already achieved in Progress	Not planned	Not planned	Not planned	Not planned	Notes	Link to Resource		
Waste Reduction	Support sustainable material management	GOAL	+ ADVANCED STRATEGY								
		WR1	Set a specific waste reduction goal:								
		WR1a	> Set a waste reduction goal for municipal operations								
		WR1b	> Set a waste reduction goal for the community								
		WR2	Promote and practice waste reduction & recycling in municipal operations								
		WS3	Reduce the use of paper in municipal offices								
		WR4	Conduct waste audits to identify waste reduction opportunities							Y	
		WRS	Support exchange of goods and services among residents (i.e. Rummage Sale, Sporting Goods Swap)								
		WR4c	+ Adopt a Pay-As-You-Throw program								
		WR4d	Support by-product synergies among industries								
WASTE & RECYCLE	Recycling materials across all sectors	WR4e	Make public events "zero waste"							Y	
		WR9	Establish and strive for specific recycling goals:								
		WR9a	> Establish and strive for a residential recycling								
		WR9b	> Establish and strive for a multi-family recycling								
		WR9c	> Establish and strive for a commercial & institutional recycling goal								
		WR10	Provide curbside recycling for residents								
		WR11	Provide access to recycling infrastructure and services at public places								
WR4f	Support regional efforts for developing a food scrap composting services								Y		

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EV Readiness



Metropolitan Mayors Caucus - EV Readiness Program

- MMC created the EV Readiness Program to help municipalities prepare for the growing demand of electric vehicles and associated infrastructure.
- EV Readiness is measured through a series of tasks or checklist items including the following: Commit to EV Readiness, Zoning and Planning, Permitting and Inspection, Safety and Training, Parking and Access, New Construction, Access to EV Charging, Municipal Fleets, Utility Engagement, Community Engagement, Market Development and Finance



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EV Readiness Checklist



2024 - bronze

2025 - silver

EV READINESS CHECKLIST ACTIONS						
Action #	Objectives and Actions	Clear Filters	Action Points			
			Bronze	Silver	Gold	Extra Points (Extra Points Only)
CR	COMMIT TO EV READINESS		5			
CR-1	Make a public statement in support of EV readiness.		5			
CR-2	Report baseline metrics, including power level and quantity of publicly accessible and municipally owned EVCS; number of municipal EVs; and registered constituent-owned EVs.		5			
ZP-1	Evaluate zoning code to identify any barriers to safe, expedient EVCS development.		10			
ZP-2A	When EV charging is not the primary use of the site, classify the EV charging station as an accessory use.		5			
ZP-4	Where minimum parking requirements exist, flex the number of required parking spaces to accommodate Level 2 and DCFC EVCS. (Conditional Points)		5			
PI-1A	Develop a clear and code-compliant standard permitting and inspection process for single family residential EVCSs.		5			
PI-1B	Develop a clear and code-compliant standard permitting and inspection process for multiple family and		5			



EV READINESS CHECKLIST ACTIONS						
Action #	Objectives and Actions	Clear Filters	Action Points			
			Bronze	Silver	Gold	Extra Points (Extra Points Only)
CR	COMMIT TO EV READINESS		5			
ZP-3A	Define transportation electrification technologies (EVs, EVCSs) to be considered.			2	2	
ZP-3B	Establish zoning regulations to facilitate EVCS installation, assuring it no more difficult to site EVCS than any other equipment or use, and clearly communicate rules.			5	5	
ZP-3D	Establish new or articulate existing regulations for content and appearance of advertising on EVSEs.			5	5	
ZP-3E	Establish new or articulate existing regulations for whether and under what conditions EV charging stations are allowed in the right of way.			5	5	
ZP-3F	Establish new or articulate existing regulations for the appearance of public EVCSs.			5	5	
X	Clearly and concisely communicate EVCS zoning regulations to the public.			2	2	



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EV Readiness Bronze



▪ DuPage County was a part of the **2nd Cohort** to go for an EV Readiness award in 2024

- Aurora
- Batavia
- Bensenville
- Chicago
- DuPage County
- Elgin
- Hickory Hills
- Kane County
- Montgomery
- Richton Park
- Wilmette



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EV Readiness Silver



▪ **Chair Rutledge** and at the time, **Vice Chair Garcia** had so much fun at the ceremony they wanted us to go for silver!

▪ DuPage County then joined the **3rd Cohort** to pursue silver

- City of Berwyn
- Village of Brookfield
- Village of Deerfield
- City of Evanston
- Village of Glenview
- City of Highland Park
- Village of Northbrook
- Village of Park Forest
- Village of River Forest
- City of Rolling Meadows
- Village of Streamwood
- City of Warrenville



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EV Readiness Silver Achieved!



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Powering Safe Communities



Metropolitan Mayors Caucus & ComEd Powering Safe Communities

- **Powering Safe Communities Program Award**— Annual individual grants up to \$10,000 for local public safety and electrification projects
- DuPage County submitted EV Charging at the Care Center project
- **Level 3 charger** part of sidewalk project
- **Level 2 charger** in the main parking lot to meet ComEd’s Make-Ready Rebate requirements



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Staff Report

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Sheila Rutledge, Chair
Environmental Committee Members

FROM: Joy Hinz, Environmental & Sustainability Programs Manager

DATE: July 30, 2025

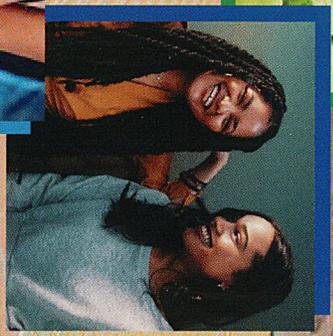
RE: Green Energy Justice Cooperative & GrowGeo Chicagoland

The Environmental Division has been asked to partner again with the Citizens Utility Board (CUB) and Geothermal Alliance of Illinois on the GrowGeo Chicagoland. The program is similar to the solar Switch Together program with CUB providing education to residents about geothermal without the group buy aspect. At the end of the sessions, attendees will be directed to the Geothermal Alliance of Illinois' contractor list if/when attendees are interested in obtaining a quote. The County's role is to assist with the outreach and participate in the educational sessions. The Division will push out the opportunity using the Cool DuPage outreach platforms.

CUB is also partnering with the Green Energy Justice Cooperative on a community solar opportunity. The cooperative facilitates community-based solar projects as part of the State's Illinois Shines program also known as the Adjustable Block program. The Illinois Power Agency's contractor, Energy Solutions, provides solar renewable energy credit incentives to solar vendors to develop projects within the State that support the State's renewable energy portfolio goals. The project targets participation in Winfield and Naperville Townships but is open to others in DuPage and Will County. The Division will also push out the opportunity using the Cool DuPage outreach platforms.



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**INTERESTED IN
SAVING MONEY
ON YOUR
ENERGY BILL?
THE GREEN
ENERGY JUSTICE
COOPERATIVE CAN
HELP!**



WELCOME TO THE GREEN ENERGY JUSTICE COOPERATIVE (GEJC)!

Founded in 2023 by Blacks in Green, GEJC represents a groundbreaking approach to **community-owned clean energy**. As a multi-race, multi-class, intergenerational, and Black/Brown-led cooperative, we're building more than just solar panels -- we're creating pathways to economic independence and environmental justice.

Our nine megawatts of solar power in Winfield and Naperville Townships stand as a testament to what communities can achieve when they come together.

It's more than clean energy -- it's about taking control of our energy future!

WHY SIGN UP?

- Save up to 20% on the energy you use.
- Never pay more than ComEd's residential rate.
- Own your energy!

HOW TO SIGN UP:

1. **Sign Up**
 - Become a member by paying a one-time membership fee
 - Anyone can be a member and help support clean energy!
2. **Subscribe**
 - Verify you live in our service area and that ComEd is your current utility provider
 - Our agents can help you verify this, or you can check online at gejc.org
3. **Save**
 - You could save up to 20% on the energy you use each month
 - You pay nothing to subscribe!

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: DO I PAY AN EXTRA FEE TO SUBSCRIBE?

No, you only pay for the energy you use at a discounted rate. The only fee is a one-time, lifetime membership fee to join the cooperative.

Q: HOW DO I SAVE MONEY ON MY ELECTRIC BILL?

Members purchase the electricity from their subscription at up to 20% savings over ComEd's rate. GEJC can't guarantee savings but we do guarantee that you'll never be charged higher rates than ComEd.

Q: CAN I JOIN IF I'M NOT A LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLD?

Yes! We offer different membership tiers to ensure everyone can participate while maintaining our focus on serving low to moderate-income communities.

Q: I'M A RENTER OR LIVE IN AN APARTMENT, CAN I STILL QUALIFY?

Yes! No solar panels have to be installed on your home, so anyone can sign up.