



DU PAGE COUNTY

Environmental Committee

Final Summary

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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.pdf](#)

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

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

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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](#)

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.