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Welcome to our Chapter!

We're excited to get you involved with our efforts to explore, enjoy, and protect the environment.

The Sierra Club is a National organization with statewide Chapters. The Illinois Chapter covers the entire state of Illinois and our focus is community organizing, getting outdoors, and passing environmental legislation in Springfield.

Due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, nearly all of our volunteering opportunities are virtual, but rest assured that there are dozens of ways for you to volunteer with our Chapter.



I love volunteering with the Sierra Club because our members and supporters are deeply invested in the fight for clean air and clean water in every community across our country. When we talk to our legislators in Springfield or DC, they listen to us and act on our demands because they know we have the goods. They know we will make the calls, send the postcards, write the letters to the editor, and show up on the streets to fight for environmental justice. We can only do that because we are a people-powered movement that runs on volunteers and organizers like you who put people and planet over profit.

— David Teeghman, Chicago



Our Values

- **Our mission:**
 - To explore, enjoy, and protect the wild places of the earth
 - To practice and promote the responsible use of the earth's ecosystems and resources
 - To educate and enlist humanity to protect and restore the quality of the natural and human environment
 - To use all lawful means to carry out these objectives
- **We believe everyone has something to contribute** to our movement, and we're committed to getting you involved. When we work together, we have more power than polluters and achieve major environmental victories.
- **We recognize that environmental racism is at the root** of many of our current ecological crises. Communities of color are overburdened with polluting industries and are most vulnerable to the devastating impacts of climate change. We work with communities of color across the state to fight industrial pollution and we're committed to prioritizing the voices of the most impacted.
- A crucial part of building a more livable world is addressing white supremacy and doing our part to transform our society, as well as our own organization. We welcome you to join us in this endeavor.

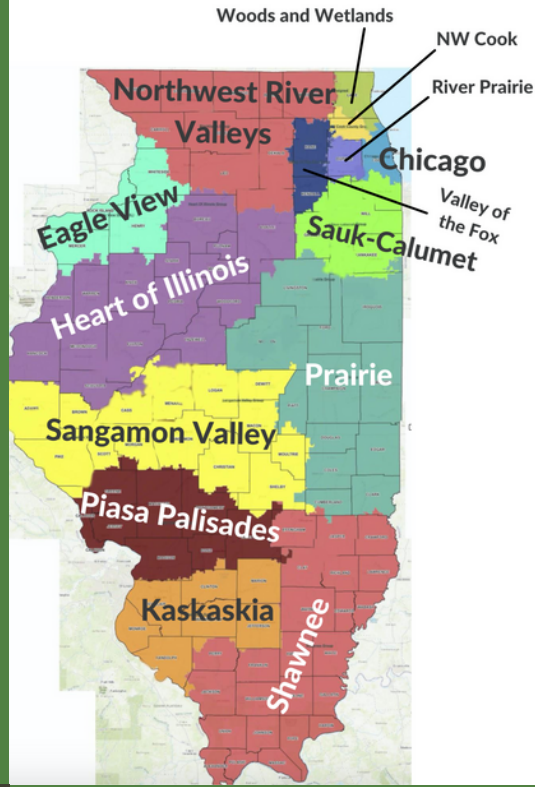
Our Victories

- We were a key player in passing the [Future Energy Jobs Act](#), the most important climate bill in Illinois History.
- We've helped retire more than a dozen coal-fired power plants.
- We also helped pass the [Clean Water Workforce Pipeline Program](#) to provide training and resources for careers in water infrastructure.
- Our Ready for 100% campaign helped get Chicago to pass a resolution for 100% clean power by 2035 and electric buses by 2040.
- In Lake County, we helped lead a coalition in stopping the construction of the Rt. 53 toll road extension.

Local Groups

Our 14 groups are volunteer-run and help execute our statewide campaigns as well as serve as hubs for local environmental issues and organizing. Typical group activities include:

- Program meetings with special speakers
- Social media and newsletters
- Water testing
- Local issue teams on monarchs, recycling, pollution and more
- Lobbying state officials
- Political action
- Outdoor trips and outings



How do I get connected?

1. Fill out our volunteer interest form. sc.org/ilvolunteer
2. Sign up for an intro meeting with a staff organizer.
3. They will introduce you to a leader in your local group.
4. Join a local issue-team, upcoming event, or activity!

