

CGE NEWS

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Thank-You to Steve Perkins

CGE gratefully acknowledges the ground-breaking work of Steve Perkins, who is retiring from CGE as of this month. Mayor Hagerty recognized Steve for his climate efforts at a City Council meeting on Monday, October 9.

Seventeen years ago, Steve convened the Network for Evanston's Future, an umbrella group of organizations working on various aspects of sustainability -- and raising community awareness about climate change.

Steve's vision was that Evanston could make a real difference in the fight against climate change, and he prodded City Council to sign the US Mayors Climate Protection Agreement (2006). He then proposed a city-community collaboration to develop a plan to achieve the emissions-reduction target called for in the Agreement. This unique partnership of dozens of citizens and city staff produced Evanston's first Climate Action Plan (2008).

Steve next pulled together a number of the citizens who had helped develop the climate action plan to form Citizens' Greener Evanston and work with the City to implement the plan. Thanks to this ongoing city-citizen partnership, Evanston is one of the very few communities in the country to have achieved the emissions-reduction goal set in the Climate Protection Agreement.

When it became clear that Evanston would meet the target in its first Climate Action Plan, Steve was part of a small group who worked with Evanston's Sustainability Coordinator to develop Evanston's second climate plan: The Livability Plan.

As we close in on the target set in that second plan and begin work on our next plan, we want to thank Steve for all he has done to make Evanston a true leader in sustainability.

What is Green Investing?

Find Out at the November 8 Green Drinks

Investment. Divestment. Impact investing. What does it all mean? Ultimately, how do you invest in a socially responsible manner? Come hear Josh Strauss, CFA, discuss the ins and outs of making an impact through your hard-earned money. Bring your questions!

When: Wednesday, Nov. 8th, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Where: The Celtic Knot, 626 Church St.

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been involved in Chicago area water issues for 50 years.

When: Saturday, Nov. 18, 10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.

Where: Arrington Lagoon Shelter, 1631 Sheridan Road

Mayor Appoints Members to Climate Action and Resilience Plan Working Group

Fifteen Evanston residents have been selected by Mayor Stephen Hagerty to create a plan that addresses climate action, adaptation, and resiliency for the City. In a series of monthly meetings over the next year the group will work with City staff to:

- Complete a community-wide climate risk and vulnerability assessment
- Establish emissions and vulnerability reduction targets
- Submit a climate action and resilience plan to the City Council

The 15 appointees to the Working Group are:

Likwan Cheng
Jack Darin
Robert Dean
Joel Freeman
Jeri Garl
Vickie Jacobsen
Emily Lawrence
Sarah Lovinger

Lauren Marquez-Viso
Gabriela Martin
John Moore
Mariana Oliver
Judy Pollock
Gajan Sivandran
Lonnie Wilson

Evanston Designated "SolSmart Gold" for Advancing Solar Energy Growth

Evanston has received a gold designation from the national SolSmart program for making it faster, easier and more affordable for homes and businesses to go solar. The designation recognized the City for taking bold steps to encourage solar energy growth and remove obstacles to solar development, including:

- Streamlining the process for solar energy installations by creating a single solar permit.
- Creating a one-stop shop webpage, cityofevanston.org/solar, to provide helpful information to solar energy installers and residents
- Facilitating staff participation in trainings on best practices on solar installation and permitting.

For more information, please visit cityofevanston.org/solar

Please support the continued conservation of Isabella Woods

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Citizens' Greener Evanston works to make Evanston a more sustainable community - environmentally, economically and socially and to address climate change by dramatically reducing our greenhouse gas emissions.

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