



Evanston Reaches 76% on Progress Toward Community Habitat Certification



Evanston aspires to be the first city in Illinois to be an NWF (National Wildlife Federation)-certified community habitat. We are making great progress, and have achieved many required actions, such as habitat restoration work, partnerships to help pollinators and birds, education and outreach through festivals, scavenger hunts and other

fun events. However, to achieve our goal we need more NWF-certified gardens at homes, schools, parks, and places of worship.

Want to certify your garden? [You can do so here.](#)

Or contact Habitat@NaturalHabitatEvanston.Org.

Evanston Recycling Event July 7th

The City will host its eighth annual "Evanston Recycles" event on Saturday, a free "drive up, drop off" event that provides residents an opportunity to recycle and donate a variety of items and securely shred documents.

When: Saturday, July 7, 9 a.m.- 12

Where: Evanston High School (ETHS), 1600 Dodge Avenue



[Click here for details](#) on event logistics and what can be recycled.



Look for CGE at the July 14 Farmers' Market

CGE will have a booth at the Farmers' Market on Saturday, July 14. Come by and say hi and find out what we do and how you can get involved in helping Evanston reach its sustainability goals.

Three Big Wins for Solar Energy in Illinois

A trio of solar energy legislation in Illinois reflects the growing progress of solar development in Illinois:

SB 3214

(Solar Pollinators)

SB 3214 will lead to increased pollinator-friendly habitat on solar energy project sites in Illinois.

SB 486 (Solar Project Uniform Assessments)

Currently, 102 county assessors determine solar project values, and each can reach a different result, creating uncertainty within the solar industry. This effort by the solar industry to create a uniform standard for the state's county assessors is similar to the legislative work to establish a uniform statewide standard for assessing wind power projects.



SB 2591 (Solar Agricultural Impact Mitigation Act) The solar industry negotiated with the Illinois Farm Bureau to develop mitigation legislation to protect agricultural interests. A comparable "AIM Act" is in place for wind power projects, and the Farm Bureau sought similar requirements for solar energy projects. This bill is a good compromise that sets reasonable standards for solar energy projects.

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