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# CGE NEWS

December 2020

## We Can't Do It Without Your Help!

CGE continues to be grateful for the passionate and dedicated volunteer environmentalist community here in Evanston. We're pleased to be working with all of you to make our city a more just, sustainable, and resilient city in the face of the climate crisis. Your support is essential to our continued efforts. We know that this is a particularly difficult year for everyone, and that there are countless needs in the community. But we hope you can contribute to our efforts to helping our community thrive by [donating online](#) or mailing a contribution to:

Citizens' Greener Evanston

P.O. Box 1748

Evanston, IL 60204-1748

## A Discussion of Evanston's Environmental Justice Resolution, and More

You are invited to join this streaming discussion with CGE president Rachel Rosner, Janet Alexander Davis (Environmental Justice Evanston), and Kim Holmes-Ross. They will cover environmental racism, Evanston's Environmental Justice Resolution, and the intersections of sustainability, equity, and anti-racism. The event is part of a morning

When: Saturday, Dec. 12 at 10:00 a.m.

[Join via Facebook Live](#) or [Radio LaDifference](#).

## Restoring and Expanding Evanston's Green Space



### Channel Habitat Fund



Restoration of natural habitat in the Ladd Arboretum and Harbert-Payne Park began in 2016 and is an ongoing effort. It takes a lot of work: removing buckthorn and other invasives, planting native trees, shrubs, and wildflowers, posting educational signs, and other steps to enhance habitat for pollinators, birds, and other native wildlife – not to speak of enhancing community enjoyment of these areas.

Want to help support these efforts? Consider a contribution to [The Channel Habitat Fund](#). You can [donate online](#) or send a check to Citizens' Greener Evanston at P.O. Box 1748, Evanston, IL 60204-1748

## Find Out More About Community Solar

If you can't put solar panels on your own home but want to support new renewable energy in Illinois with no upfront investment, you can now become a community solar subscriber. Join these December webinars to learn all about how Community Solar projects work, how they are supporting pollinators, and how to help push for more solar power in Illinois. Both webinars are at noon.

[Thursday, Dec. 10: Pollinator-Friendly Solar Farms](#)

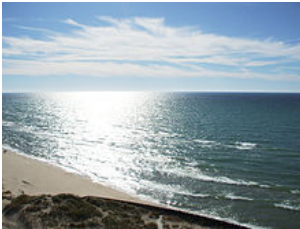
## [Tuesday, Dec. 15. Community Solar and the Future of Solar Policy](#)

Hear how you can help support more renewable energy in Illinois.



CGE is excited to be partnering with [Trajectory Energy Partners](#) to offer Evanston residents the opportunity to become community solar subscribers. For every new subscription through this partnership, \$75 will be given to the Evanston Community Foundation (ECF), specifically its Evanston Community Rapid Response Fund. Each donation will be matched through ECF's \$1,000,000 grant challenge.

## Provide Your Input on Water - At the State *and* Local Levels



**Statewide**, there are 13 critical issues up for discussion on our state water plan. Between Tuesday and Thursday, **Dec. 1 - Dec. 3** the public is invited to review these issues and provide feedback to ensure that the project is addressing everybody's most important water-related needs in Illinois. You can choose from three sessions. Please see the [State Water Plan Task Force page](#) for details and registration information.

**Locally**, CGE's [Watershed Collective Committee](#) would like to hear from you to help outline a public education program about water in Evanston. Please share your issues, questions and thoughts about this vital resource that we can't live without. Contact [Clare Tallon Rouen](#).

## Clark St. Beach Bird Sanctuary Celebrates 5-Year Anniversary

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When Northwestern University built its new Visitors Center five years ago, Evanston lost a wild refuge for migrating birds. In response, local volunteers stepped up to create an oasis for these birds just south of the campus that is now growing and thriving. The sanctuary offers many great [volunteering opportunities](#) – want to work right at the lakefront and help with planting? How about bird monitoring? Learn more by [visiting their website](#).

## A Panel Discussion on Climate Change Featuring Author Bill McKibben

Celebrate the grand opening of Loyola's new [School of Environmental Sustainability](#) and hear Bill McKibben (yes, *that* Bill McKibben) deliver his always passionate, always valuable, insights on climate change.

**When:** Monday, December 14, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

[Register here](#).



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