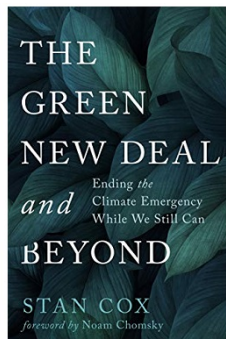


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CGE NEWS

June 2021

Webinar - What's NOT Being Addressed in Environmental Discussions



CGE, along with several Chicago-based groups, is pleased to be co-sponsoring this webinar in which highly regarded author and Land Institute scientist [Stan Cox](#) will analyze the critical issues *not* being addressed in the dominant environmental discourse today. Cox's latest book, [The Green New Deal and Beyond](#), has won raves from the likes of Naomi Klein, Noam Chomsky, and Bill McKibbin. President Biden's plan is a step in

the right direction for avoiding climate disaster, but much more needs to be done – that's certainly clear since the gut-punch Illinois climate legislation received this week.

Co-sponsored by: 350 Chicago, SOIL, 350 Kishwaukee, NEIS, Sunrise Movement Chicago, Extinction Rebellion Chicago, CAPA Loyola Student Chapter, Sunrise Chicago, CAPA UIUC Chapter, Etown Sunrise, and the Evanston Library.

When: Thursday, June 3, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

[Register here](#)

Miss an "Earth Week for Everyone" Session? You Can Find It On You Tube

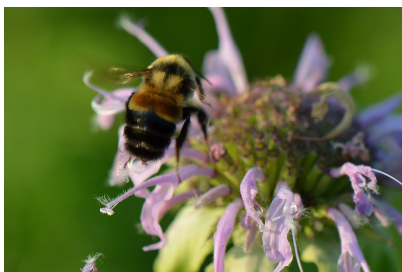
the sessions are now available on our [You Tube channel](#) - so you can dip into material as you wish. You can also access slides from several presentations [on our site](#).

Please Help the City Limit Leaf Blowers

We know – we're preaching to the choir here. But have you done everything you can to help the movement? June is a big month, because new limits are being proposed in coming weeks regarding both Evanston leaf blowers and parkway gardens. So if you haven't already done so, please write your aldermen, asking them to vote FOR the proposed limits on leaf blowers, and [sign the petition](#). Please also ask the City to revise the proposed [parkway garden ordinance](#) to *encourage gardens* by not imposing strict prohibitions and fines because natural gardening is better than turf grass for clean air, clean water, and biodiversity.

Conserving the Endangered Rusty Patched Bumble Bee

The native rusty patched bumble bee population has declined over 87% in the last twenty years. To make sure that it continues to exist here, the [Evanston Host Plant Initiative \(EHPI\)](#) is collaborating with community members to help them grow some [38 host plants native to Illinois](#) that the bee relies on. These plants include hyssop, echinacea, and wild bergamot, which are also beneficial for other pollinators. To join this effort, [sign up here](#) (scroll to the bottom of the page) and join [the host plants for the rusty patched bumble bee iNaturalist project](#).



We Are Water Holding Data Visualization Workshops This Month

[We Are Water Evanston](#) is a community research project that explores our relationship with and concerns about water. This collaboration between CGE and Northwestern University surveyed more than 800 Evanston residents, resulting

month in which participants will create art to explore our connections to water -- our greatest local natural resource and our key to climate resilience. The art projects will appear in shop windows throughout the city. Workshops will be taking place on these dates:

[Saturday June 5](#), 1:00-5:00 p.m. on the 5th floor of the Cinemark parking garage.

[Saturday June 12](#), 10:30-12:00 at Artmakers Outpost

[Saturday June 12](#), 2:00 - 6:00 p m, at Kamen Park East

[Monday, June 28](#), 3:00-5:00 pm. Robert Crown Reading Garden

Produce Sharing Starts June 12th

Grown more produce than you can use? Edible Evanston connects gardeners with their food pantry partners to get fresh, hyper-local produce to those in need.

Starting June 12th and running through mid-October [Edible Evanston Produce Sharing](#) volunteers provide coolers at locations throughout Evanston so you can donate anything extra you grew to local Evanston food pantries. Grow locally, share locally! [Get the schedule and drop-off locations here.](#)



Volunteer at the Food Forest and Learn as You Lend a Hand

Join the volunteers at Edible Evanston's diverse Eggleston Park Food Forest, where friendly experts will discuss discoveries and share ideas (and usually some produce) as they maintain Evanston's public permaculture food forest. [Sign up at Edible Evanston's website](#) for upcoming events throughout the month.

Note: The Food Forest is always open for you to visit and has helpful educational signage. However, please be aware that red-winged blackbirds have made several nests in the Food Forest this year and are very protective until early July. A hat is highly recommended!

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