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CGE NEWS

May 2021

Thanks for Celebrating Earth Week with Us!

CGE's Earth Week for Everyone on April 22-24 was packed with engaging and challenging discussions, and we want to thank everyone for making those three days such a success. We had 26 presentations and panel discussions across three days, with over 50 presenters, panelists, and guests. If you were a registrant, you'll soon get a follow-up email containing links to the session presentations and recordings, so you can see any sessions you missed or watch them again! In the meantime, check out the Evanston Roundtable's [detailed recap of the sessions](#) or visit the CGE site to peruse [some of the presentations](#).

During April you were probably inundated with donation requests from environmental groups because it was Earth Month, right? Well, we didn't do that. But if you liked Earth Week for Everyone and appreciate what we do, please [consider donating to CGE now](#). Because every month is Earth Month.

Helping Evanston Businesses Become Sustainable



Through the [Sustain Evanston program](#), businesses can get significant recognition for voluntarily reducing their environmental impact and making our community healthier. The 2021 recognition period opens May 3 and runs through July 11. Office buildings, retailers, restaurants, healthcare, spas, and landscaping businesses are all eligible.

Waste Diversion in Illinois is the Topic for the Next Go Green Illinois Meeting

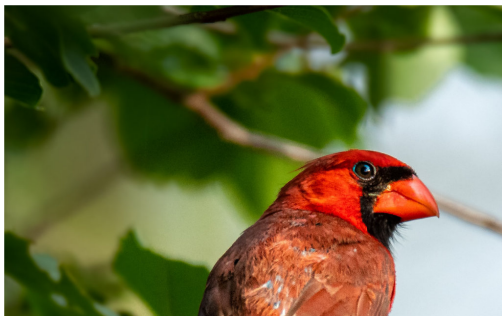
Join other north suburban environmental groups at this May 11 webinar to learn about waste reduction and diversion efforts in Illinois, with a special focus on food scraps and composting. Please click [here](#) to register. If you do not receive a confirmation within a few minutes, please try to register again or contact Go Green Illinois at info@gogreenillinois.org

When: Tuesday, May 11, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

[Register here.](#)

Bird Buzz Native Plant Sale

Native plants offer birds berries to eat, nectar to feed from, insects to eat, and a place to nest. Want to help make that happen? Through May 8 you can purchase [a variety of natives](#) thanks to a partnership between the Evanston Environmental Association and Natural Habitat Evanston. Purchase in advance [here](#), and pick up your order on May 22 at the Morton Civic Center, 2100 Ridge. If you'd like to volunteer to help out during the sale, please [sign up here](#).



Onward with Aggregation!

The Evanston City Council has approved a 30-month agreement with Chicago-based MC Squared Energy Services, LLC as part of the City's community choice electricity aggregation program. The agreement will support the goals of the [Climate Action and Resilience Plan \(CARP\)](#) by moving the City closer to its goals of 100 percent renewable electricity by 2030 and community carbon neutrality by 2050. Find out more about what it means [here](#).

As a reminder: *no one* from the City will be calling or soliciting residents in any way about this program or requesting customer account numbers or personal information. Should you or anyone you know receive aggressive or

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How Do Evanstonians Think About Our Natural World?

CGE's [Natural Habitat program](#) is planning listening sessions to hear what members of the community think about habitat, soil, insects, birds and wildlife. Can you help them talk with the community at public events or conduct interviews? If so, [sign up here](#).



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