

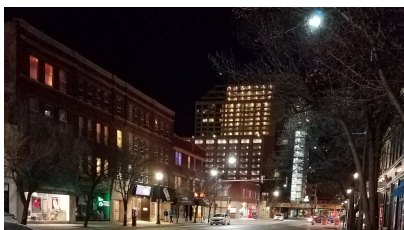
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Evanston Commits to Building Standards That Decrease Greenhouse Gases

Because buildings create 80 percent of Evanston's carbon emissions, Mayor Biss recently announced that the City has committed to the [National BPS Coalition](#). Participating in the coalition will enable Evanston to inclusively design and implement building performance standards and complementary policies and programs, driving investment into building retrofits and well-paying jobs that create healthier buildings and lower housing and energy costs. Evanston will also be able to leverage technical support via federal agencies such as the Department of Energy and the EPA. These performance standards, coupled with complementary programs and policies, will enable the City to meet the goals stated in our [Climate Action and Resilience Plan \(.pdf\)](#) as well as its health and equity goals.



All Sustainable, All Local - Check Out These New Shopping Spots

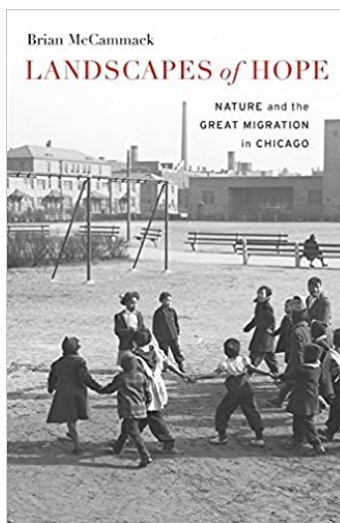
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community-owned coop focuses on supporting sustainable agriculture and being transparent in their sourcing, and envisions “a vibrant community where people, planet, and our prosperity are connected through food.” [Find out more and become a member.](#)

[Eco and the Flamingo](#), the Chicago area’s first zero waste general store, has just opened their doors in Evanston at 1551 Sherman Ave. They specialize in sustainable, ethically sourced products for bath, body, and kitchen, as well as cleaning supplies.

[The WasteShed](#) is part of the Evanston Rebuilding Warehouse at 1245 Hartrey Ave. and offers repurposed art, craft, and school materials, and serves as a dynamic center for activities related to sustainability, art, craft, education, and material culture.

Webinar: Nature and the Great Migration in Chicago



The first major history to frame the Great Migration as an environmental experience, *Landscapes of Hope* considers how black Chicagoans forged material and imaginative connections to nature takes us to Chicago’s parks and beaches as well as to the youth. In doing so, it takes us to camps, vacation resorts, farms, and forests of the rural Midwest. Join author and Lake Forest professor [Brian McCammack](#) who will discuss his book.

When: February 10, 7:00 p.m.

[Register here.](#)

February 8: Learn What CEJA Means for Illinois

In September 2021, Illinois passed the Climate and Equitable Jobs Act (CEJA) which builds on the success of the Future Energy Jobs Act (FEJA) passed in 2016. These groundbreaking bills bring the benefits of a clean energy economy to residents and businesses across Illinois, and will rapidly expand access to the savings, clean energy, and job benefits of solar power.

You can learn more about CEJA at this webinar hosted by Trajectory Energy Partners.

When: Tuesday, February 8th at 7:00 p.m.

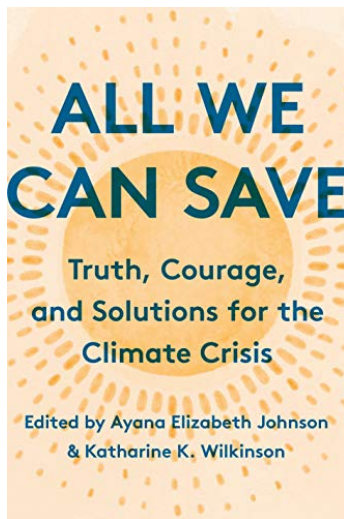
[Register here.](#)

The next Evanston action to ask Chase bank to stop funding the money pipeline of climate destruction takes place this Friday. These events have been covered by ABC, WBEZ, and EvanstonNOW. As always, the group will meet at Fountain Square on Friday, February 4, from 4:30-5:00 p.m. during which time Chase customers will read a letter to Chase's board members and CEO urging them to stop funding the money pipeline. There will be an effort to talk to bank managers about climate concerns as part of a national campaign to meet with Chase employees.

[RSVP on Facebook for Feb 4th.](#)

Participating organizations: Chicago Area Peace Action, Chicago Against Line 3, Save Our Illinois Land, Citizens' Greener Evanston, Extinction Rebellion Chicago, Sunrise Movement Chicago, Rising Tide Chicago, [350.org](#) Chicago, E-Town Sunrise

All We Can Save Book Discussion



The Robert Crown branch library is hosting a series of discussions of the book [All We Can Save](#), with the goal of bringing people together to discuss how we can use the climate crisis as an opportunity to build better, more sustainable, equitable and compassionate communities. This book group will be co-led by Rachel Rosner, President of Citizens' Greener Evanston and Program Consultant for It's Our Future, a youth-driven climate justice program. Those interested should sign up using the link below.

When: Wednesday, March 9, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

[Register here.](#)

Don't Toss It! – Get it Fixed

Broken small appliance? Clothes need mending? Bike needs fixing? Come to the next [Evanston Repair Cafe](#) and get it fixed. [Repair Cafés](#) are a national movement that offer free meeting spaces where people fix things together. Besides the obvious money savings, the cafes also keep items out of landfill, promote collaboration, and support Evanston's [Climate Action and Resilience Plan](#). Please note that at this event there will be no Electronics Diagnostic.

[Register here.](#)



A Local Threat to Resident and Migratory Birds

The Carvana Car Automat is a proposed 14-story, all-glass illuminated tower that could be built next to Skokie's Harms Flatwoods, a protected nature preserve, which puts it in the path of millions of migratory birds. The proposal is scheduled for a final vote from the Skokie village board on Monday, February 7. For background, see this [Chicago Audubon page](#).

If you'd like to voice your concern, here's what you can do:

- [Sign the petition](#)
- [Send a letter to the Village Board](#), at publiccomments@skokie.org and copy Chicago Bird Collision Monitors (info@birdmonitors.net), Jan Schakowsky's District Director Leslie Combs (Leslie.Combs@mail.house.gov), and Bret Sassenberg, the representative from Carvana managing the local project (bret.sassenberg@carvana.com).

Gardening that Matters with Bird Buzz Native Plants

The 2nd "Bird Buzz" presentation will look at the culture of lawns with wildflowers that benefit birds and pollinators, including the Rusty Patched Bumble Bee. Led by Leslie Shad of Natural Habitat Evanston, and Libby Shafer, Founder of the Evanston Host Plant Initiative.

When: Wednesday, February 23, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

[Register here.](#)

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