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# CGE NEWS

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## What's in a Name? Let Us Know by March 4

As part of CGE's efforts to become more effective and inclusive, we're looking to rename our organization. If you haven't already responded to our recent survey, you can still do so because *the deadline has been extended to Friday, March 4*. We've narrowed possible names down to a few options and would really value your input on them [in this brief survey](#). It shouldn't take more than five minutes to complete it, and in doing so you can enter a drawing for a \$50.00 gift certificate. Please respond to [the survey](#) by or before Friday, March 4. Thanks! And stay tuned.

## District 65 School District is Seeking a Sustainability Coordinator

Are you that person? If so, please [click this link to apply](#) - or share it with someone who might be interested. For more information, see this [Evanston Roundtable article](#).

## Federal Policies for Environmental Justice: A Discussion with Jan Schakowsky

Join congresswoman Jan Schakowsky as part of a series of discussions on environmental justice. This event will focus on federal policies and initiatives in environmental justice impacting communities nationwide and globally. Recent initiatives to curb plastic pollution and waste will be a key component of this discussion. The event will be both in-person and live streamed.

**When:** Tuesday, March 22, 6:30 – 7:30

## March 15: Learn How to Prevent Bird Collisions

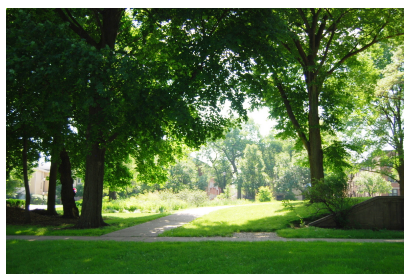
If you want to prevent bird strikes, join Leslie Shad and Libby Hill from Bird-Friendly Evanston to learn about simple ways to help birds see and avoid your windows and fly safely outside your home. To make this event more fun and actionable, they will provide a "Preventing bird collisions" kit so you can apply what you learn immediately. Pick up your kit starting on Monday, March 7th at the Robert Crown Library Branch.

**When:** Tuesday, March 15, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

[Register here for the webinar.](#)

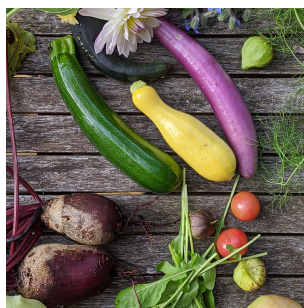
## What About Our Trees?

The City of Evanston is considering a new ordinance to protect trees on private property. CGE's Natural Habitat program is collecting thoughts from the public on whether you favor such a tree ordinance. Please provide your feedback [via this brief survey](#).



## Edible Evanston Events Return for Spring

The annual Edible Evanston Seed Swap, tentatively scheduled to take place on March 19, provides free vegetable garden seeds and a place for you to share your seeds with the community.



In addition, April marks the beginning of Food Forest volunteer work events on select Saturdays and Thursday. For details on both these events, visit the [Edible Evanston site](#).

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[Soil Health Week](#) in Illinois, from March 7–11, is a chance to bring together voices across Illinois to educate the public, fellow farmers, eaters, agency officials, and legislators on why healthy soil is important. CGE and two of its programs, Edible Evanston and Natural Habitat Evanston, have signed on to sponsor this state-wide initiative led by the Illinois Stewardship Alliance. [Register](#) for this free virtual event series today!



## Wild & Scenic Film Festival March 11

From monarch butterfly migration to Indigenous people and the Klamath River, you can see the year's best short films covering topics relevant to the future of our planet at the [Wild & Scenic Film Festival](#). This year you can choose to attend the festival either online or in-person at the Rotary International theater. The *festival is presented by* the Evanston Environmental Association (EEA), NorthShore University Health System, and the City of Evanston.

**When:** Friday, March 11, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

[Get tickets here.](#)

## Learn About Cook County's Restoration Programs

At the March Go Green Illinois meeting, John McCabe, Director of Natural Resource Management at Cook County Forest Preserve District will discuss Cook County's restoration programs and how you can get involved. CGE's Leslie Shad will share her experience in helping Evanston become a certified wildlife habitat community, and there will also be an overview of the Budburst Program and an update on state legislation to protect pollinators.

**When:** Tuesday, March 8 from 1pm - 3 pm

[Register here.](#) (If you do not receive a confirmation within a few minutes, please try to register again or email [info@gogreenillinois.org](mailto:info@gogreenillinois.org))

## Get Ready for Spring with These Two Native Plant Sales!

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Evanston residents are fortunate to have two opportunities to buy native plants and support two great causes:

[The Bird Buzz Native Plant Sale](#) - Thanks to Natural Habitat Evanston and the Evanston Environmental Association, you can now order your native plants [online](#) until May, or until supplies run out. Once ordered, you can pick up your plants on May 21 at the Morton Civic Center. This year's sale will offer twice as many plants as last year, with a great variety of wildflowers, shrubs and trees, and even some native grasses that are no-mow lawn-alternatives.

[The District 65 PTA Equity Project native plant sale](#) benefits the Evanston/Skokie District 65 PTA Equity Project fund that helps all schools meet their fundraising goals. You can pre-order plants through March 14. In doing so you'll be supporting both our schools and our ecosystem!



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