



File a Public Comment to Oppose the Latest CO2 Pipeline!

You can take an important step to help in the on-going efforts to stop the hazardous, high-pressure carbon dioxide pipeline cutting across Heart of Illinois Group Sierra Club, by posting a comment to the Illinois Commerce Commission Public Comment link at their website for Case 23-0475. [More »](#)



CAPP – Citizens Against Predatory Pipelines Needs Your Support

Citizens Against Predatory Pipelines has filed in Opposed to the application by Wolf Carbon Solutions US LLC for a state permit to build and operate a hazardous carbon dioxide pipeline. CAPP has an excellent attorney and we are in the process of seeking experts to help us contest aspects of the Wolf pipeline application. [More »](#)



Peoria City/County Municipal Landfill Expansion Future Still Not Clear

At the August 23rd Peoria Solid Waste Committee meeting, an update was given on ongoing issues with an undocumented coal mine thought to be in the middle of the permitted City/County landfill expansion for the new Landfill #3. That expansion was to be in progress soon. The current landfill is expected to reach capacity in 2024. [More »](#)



Wildlife Migration Means Hungry Birds – Consider Bird Feeders for Helping Your Feathered Friends

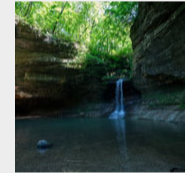
Migratory birds provide ecosystem benefits that include pest control and some pollination of plants. Having a bird feeder does not influence whether birds migrate or not, but a food source can help birds seeking much-needed energy for their flight. [More »](#)



HOI Group Meetings and Events

[Hike at Starved Rock State Park With a Visit to Catlin Park & Salt Marsh »](#)

Sat, Sep 16, 10:30am - Starved Rock Visitor Center



Meet at the Starved Rock State Park Visitor Center parking lot at 10:30 a.m. for a short hike in the state park and then a short drive to nearby Catlin Park for a visit to the Catlin Wetlands and to see the site of the proposed expansion of U.S. Silica's mining operation which is adjacent to these fragile and rare wetlands. Efforts are currently underway to insist on a public hearing on this expansion by the Corp of Engineers. Learn about these efforts and see what wetland resources are being put at risk. [Registration required.](#)

[Wildlife Killing Contests in Illinois »](#)

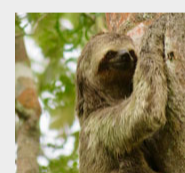
Wed, Sep 20, 6:30pm - Forest Park Nature Center



Every year, Illinois is home to unethical and senseless wildlife killing contests promoting the indiscriminate killing of coyotes, foxes, and raccoons for prizes. Francisco Santiago-Avila, the Science & Conservation Manager, [Project Coyote](#) & [The Rewilding Institute](#), and Jane McBride, Project Coyote, will provide an overview of known wildlife killing contests in Illinois. They will discuss impacts by county, on nature preserves, and state conservation areas. They will also encourage you to think about the science of why wildlife killing contests do not serve any conservation or ecological purpose and the ongoing efforts to prohibit them in our state of Illinois, the Prairie State.

[Wonders of the Amazon Rainforest »](#)

Wed, Oct 18, 6:30pm - Forest Park Nature Center



Join us to learn more about Brazil and Ann Schreifels' recent trip to the Amazon River Basin. The vast watery jungle in South America is filled with amazing species of mammals, birds, reptiles, and plants of all types. With year-round tropical temperatures and water everywhere, the Amazon ecosystem couldn't be more opposite from the dry prairies and woodlands of central Illinois. The diversity of life there is astounding and carefully balanced, but the encroachment of modern human lifestyles is starting to take its toll. Luckily it's still possible to travel beyond the reach of the most destructive practices and see nature as the wonder it is.

[Update on the Wolf Carbon Solutions Hazardous CO2 Pipeline »](#)

Wed, Nov 15, 6:30pm - Forest Park Nature Center



By November, expert testimonies by both the Wolf corporation and by pipeline opponents such as CAPP – Citizens Against Predatory Pipelines, will have been presented to the Illinois Commerce Commission for consideration in the permit process for the hearing. Hear the latest news regarding outreach and organizing and what lies ahead for the case in this presentation by Joyce Blumenshine, Central Illinois Healthy Community Alliance. Slides showing examples of key locations of concern along the Wolf Carbon Solutions US LLC route will be shown along with citizen-generated mapping in efforts to better understand population centers on the Wolf route. Bring your questions and concerns for discussion. The program is free and the public is invited to attend.

[Check our calendar for more events.](#)

HOI Executive Committee Candidates Needed



Nominations for the HOI Executive Committee are needed by October 18th. Four positions will be up for election this year for a 2024-2025 term. Committee members have a range of opportunities from organizing programs for the general meetings, representing HOI at various meetings and events, or being active by contributing ideas. Nominate yourself or send in a nomination for someone that would like to be on the Committee. Meetings are held once a month (currently on Zoom), and are a great way to participate in your local Sierra Group. If you are interested, email hoi@illinois.sierraclub.org for information about the position and how to get on the ballot.



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