



ICC Accepts Wolf Carbon Solutions Filing to Withdraw CO2 Pipeline Application

The Company Says They Will Refile “Soon”. On December 4th, 2023, the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) expert staff assigned to the Wolf Carbon Solutions US LLC (WCSUS) permit application case issued their [five page comment](#) stating they did not object to WCSUS’s Motion to Withdraw Application Without Prejudice. [More »](#)



Citizens Against Predatory Pipelines Donations Needed!

CAPP, the volunteers organized to stop the Wolf Carbon Solutions US LLC high-pressure CO2 pipeline, ask for your donations to their legal fund for continuing efforts to have legal representation. We expect Wolf to make a second try for a state permit and need to be ready to face the filing “head-on” when that happens. [More »](#)



New Initiatives and Opportunities for You!

Your Heart of Illinois Group Sierra Club encourages you to be involved in your local group! This year will have new opportunities for your participation, including water sampling and learning about fly fishing, just to name a few. Local, state, and Congressional elections are also coming up and there is a lot that can be done for these time-valued and limited opportunities. If you have an interest please email hoi@illinois.sierraclub.org or fill out our [volunteer survey form](#).



Changes on the HOI Group Executive Committee

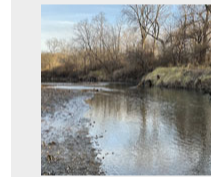
We all owe the dedicated, ever-ready, hard-working, and patient Bob Jorgensen our greatest thanks for his service as HOI Chair. Bob has led the group through a long list of issues, advocated tirelessly for clean energy, and has been the key inspiration for many of our efforts over the years. [More »](#)



HOI Group Meetings and Events

Winter Hike and Water Monitoring at Vicary Bottoms Park »

Sat, Feb 3, 10am - Parking Lot Off Kickapoo Creek Road



Join Sierra club members on a hike across level fields and along Kickapoo Creek. This is a hike with nice morning light and interesting terrain and history. It is also dog-friendly. Meet at the parking lot off Kickapoo Creek road at 10:00 am. We will also collect water samples and test for chloride pollution. [Registration required.](#)

A Lasting Legacy: *The Pullman Company and African American Pioneers of the Labor Movement* »

Wed, Feb 21, 7pm - VIRTUAL



A virtual program presented by the Pullman National Historic Park. Discover Pullman’s rich and complex labor history from the 1894 Pullman Strike and beyond. Since 1894, the Pullman Company was at a critical nexus of U.S. labor history that explored relationships between capital, organized labor, and government. Dive into the compelling story of the Pullman porters, an almost exclusively African American workforce, who found employment opportunities within the Pullman Company. Their unionization efforts eventually led to the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, which became the first black labor union chartered by the American Federation of Labor in 1937. The group’s subsequent influence in the 1960s civil rights movement places it within a keystone of American history. [Registration required.](#)

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Rock Island Trail Hike at Alta »

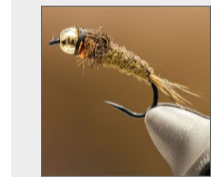
Sun, Mar 10, 1pm - Rock Island Trail Alta Parking Lot



Come hike this beautiful section of the trail from Alta north toward Dunlap. The first part off the trail passes through an area with beautiful houses. There are many trees on both sides of the trail, but if you look carefully you can see some of the houses. Farther north the trail is flanked by open farmland. 2024 marks the 35th anniversary of the trail’s founding. Come join us and help us sing “Happy Birthday” to the trail. This outing is sponsored by the Pimiteoui Trail Association and the Heart of Illinois Sierra Club. [Registration required.](#)

Free Fly Tying Workshop »

Sun, Mar 17, 1-3pm & 3-5pm - Forest Park Nature Center



Have you ever wanted to learn about the fine art of tying flies? The Sierra Club HOI Group is partnering with the Oakbrook Chapter of Trout Unlimited to offer a free workshop on fly tying. Learn how to craft convincing (to the fish, anyway) lures for trout, bass, and panfish. Sessions will last two hours, during which participants will work closely with a trained instructor (two students to each instructor) and learn to tie two or three different fly patterns. [Registration required.](#)

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

SKY BLESSING

Dark blue layer of fluffy stratus hanging over
stunning stripe of white-yellow,
casting blessed solar-rays to
flat fields in the horizon distance:
Mother Earth and Father Sky embracing;
power resting and blessing.



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