

Peoria County Hearings for Four Creeks Wind Farm Begin September 14



The [Four Creeks](#) utility scale wind farm project has been filed to Peoria County Zoning. **Your presence at the hearings is needed!** The sessions will be at the Holiday Inn & Suites, Peoria, [7601 North Orange Prairie Rd.](#) , near the Grand Prairie Shopping Center, beginning on Monday, September 14th, at 9 a.m. It is expected expert testimony both for and against the project will be presented and then there will be public comments in general. The Four Creeks Project plans to install about 113 wind turbines with the potential to generate up to 663 megawatts (MW) of wind energy in the area. This energy can supply about 160,000 homes with electric energy. [More »](#)

So Much Depends on Your Vote!

Heart of Illinois Group Sierra Club encourages everyone to vote this year, whether early voting, mail-in voting or in-person. Early voting (in-person) in Illinois begins September 24th and ends November 2nd. Check with your local election commission for available early voting locations and times. Election day is Tuesday, Nov. 3rd, with polls open at 6 a.m. and closing at 7 p.m.

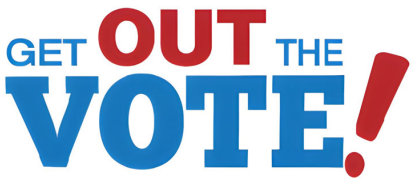


Please check out the links below for our endorsed candidates at the national, state, and local levels.

- ★ [US House and Senate](#)
- ★ [Illinois House and Senate](#)
- ★ [HOI Group Area Candidates](#)

Help Get Out the Vote!

Do you like a nice neighborhood walk to enjoy your morning or afternoon? Turn that into some volunteer time for helping inform people about great candidates with door-to-door flyers and talking to those who are home. Training is provided! [More »](#)



Why Edwards and other Closed Coal Plants Have No Battery Back-Up or Solar Installed

Did you ever see a social media post asking support for a battery back-up installation at the Edwards closed coal plant or solar at the Duck Creek plant which was closed by Vistra for economic reasons? The Illinois Coal to Solar Energy Storage Initiative was intended to enable closed coal plants transition to new uses that would provide property taxes for the area and employment. [More »](#)



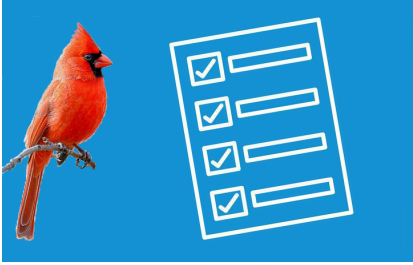
Pesticide Drift Harms Plants and Pollinators

Herbicides kill or damage the flowering plants that pollinators depend on. Herbicide drift can affect plants sometimes over a mile away from the intended application site. Prairie Rivers Network recently published [Pesticide Drift in Public Spaces](#) , which explores the frequency and distribution of pesticide drift in the places where children and adults play and learn. [More »](#)



Changes Coming This Fall to Our Birdseed Sale and Executive Committee Elections

This fall there will no longer be a November-December print newsletter, which included our birdseed order form and our Executive Committee election ballots. Instead, our birdseed order form will be mailed separately, and the Sierra Club Illinois Chapter will manage our HOI Group election, which will be online. [More »](#)



HOI Group Meetings and Events

Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance Update »

Wed, Sept 16, 6:30pm
Universalist Unitarian Church
3000 W Richwoods Blvd, Peoria

Come Chris Riccardo, Midwest Organizer for the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance (SUWA), will talk to us about recent developments involving the Bear's Ears and the Grand Staircase Escalante National Monuments. The spectacular Bear's Ears and the Grand Staircase Escalante National Monuments comprise a rare and fragile ecosystem in a land that is both sacred to indigenous peoples and of great historical and archeological importance. The Trump administration signed a proclamation on July 13, 2026 slashing the size of these by 90%, removing protected status for nearly 3 million acres of public land and dissolving cooperative tribal management structures. [More »](#)

Everglades of the North: The Story of the Grand Kankakee Marsh »

Wed, Oct 21, 6:30pm
Universalist Unitarian Church
3000 W Richwoods Blvd, Peoria

The HOI Sierra Club will be showing the award-winning documentary film Everglades of the North: The Story of the Grand Kankakee Marsh. This 52-minute movie compels the viewer to consider the vital role wetlands and prairies play in our ecosystem and delivers the ongoing and living story of the marsh through expert interviews, beautiful high-definition wildlife footage, historic never-before-seen photographs, and dramatic recreations. Pat Wisniewski, producer and cinematographer on this film, will be available for Q&A following the program. [More »](#)

Rock Island Trail Hike at Wyoming »

Sun, Oct 25, 1pm
Wyoming Depot
311 E Williams St, Wyoming

Please meet in the parking lot near the old train station building in Wyoming. We will hike for about 90 minutes. This is a joint hike with the Sierra Club Heart of Illinois Group and the Pimiteoui Trail Association. [Please RSVP and sign the online waiver.](#)

Check our calendar for more events.

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