



## Illinois Clean Energy Legislation Needs Your Call to Win!

Phone Your State Representative TODAY! House Vote Expected Soon.

Call now to urge your state Representative to Vote Yes for a climate and equity bill, which is our state's best answer to Climate Code Red. [Read More »](#)



## Oppose the Donovan Park Pavilion Arts Center

Donovan Park in North Peoria is 140 acres of open green space that serves as a neighborhood park, cross country track competition, observatory night sky public viewing and natural area. Unfortunately, the Peoria Park District has verbally approved the concept of a privately owned and operated Arts Entertainment Centre. [Read More »](#)



## New Washington Sewer Line: Hundreds of Trees, Wetlands, and Farm Creek at Risk

The Washington City Council needs to add environmental impacts as a priority for their review of additional proposals for their new sewer trunk line. And, add into that, consideration of the costs of the new route for access and maintenance in the years ahead. [Read More »](#)



## Putnam County Puts Moratorium on Wind Energy Approvals

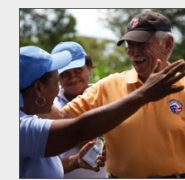
The Putnam County Board voted to approve a new resolution putting a moratorium on wind energy approvals until April 15th, 2022, or an earlier date if the Board so votes. [Read More »](#)



### HOI Group Meetings and Events

#### Serving as a Peace Corp Volunteer »

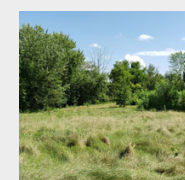
Sept 15, 7pm - VIRTUAL



Vaughn Thornton is a Peoria based Peace Corps recruiter, who served as an education volunteer in Indonesia. Peace Corps sends US volunteers abroad for two years to work in one of six sectors: Environment, Agriculture, Health, Education, Youth & Development, and Community & Economic Development. These projects can differ across the globe. While volunteers in Mexico may work with local communities to develop and facilitate environmental educational resources those in Togo work with local farmers to improve crop cultivation practices. Vaughn is eager to discuss the many ways you can serve abroad and the resources available. [Please RSVP to receive a Zoom meeting link via email before the meeting.](#)

#### Donovan Park »

Oct 20, 7pm - VIRTUAL



Heart of Illinois Group will host a discussion on Donovan Park, Peoria, and the possible plans for a seasonal-use entertainment venue and parking lot, proposed for the southeast corner of the park. More details will be coming. [Please RSVP to receive a Zoom meeting link via email before the meeting.](#)



Check our calendar for more events.



## Heart of Illinois Sierra Club Prairie Plants Fall Sale

This is your last chance to buy prairie plants and get them in the ground before winter so you will enjoy them next year. Jim Alwill, a volunteer with the Prairie Dawgs at Jubilee State Park, is offering a variety of plants (plugs, 2" wide and 4" deep) for sale at \$2 each. Profits will be split between Jim and the Heart of Illinois Sierra Club. Preorder and pick up your plants on Tuesday, September 14th from 9 a.m. to noon at the Forest Park Nature Center parking lot. If you cannot pick up at the scheduled date and time, you can make other pickup arrangements with us.

[Read more about available plants and how to order.](#)

## HOI Executive Committee Candidates Needed



Nominations for the HOI Executive Committee are needed by October 13th. Four positions will be up for election this year for a 2022-2023 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](mailto:hoi@illinois.sierraclub.org) for information about the position and how to get on the ballot.



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