



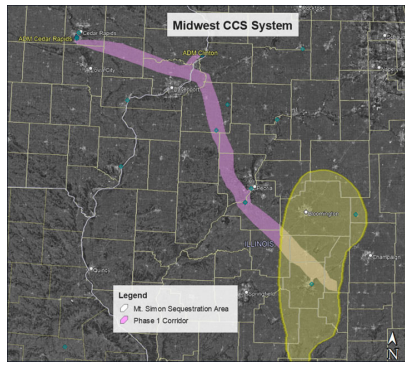
Important Sessions on Local Coal Ash Plans

Your Questions and Comments Are Needed! Area coal-fired power plant companies will hold public meetings to announce plans for closing coal ash basins and ponds. Pekin Powerton plant hearings are May 18th and 19th. Edwards plant hearings are May 25th. [Read More »](#)



Tazewell, Peoria, Stark and Knox Counties on Map for New CO₂ Pipeline

In April, Wolf Carbon Solutions/ADM published a flyer for their proposed new CO₂ pipeline from Clinton and Cedar Rapids, Iowa, ending near Decatur, Illinois. ADM has a carbon capture and sequestration (CCS) site near their Decatur ethanol plant. [Read More »](#)



A Simple Tip to Help the Planet

Here is a suggestion on something basic you can work on from our just past Earth Day to Earth Day 2023. Start considering your use of toilet paper. [Read More »](#)



Join Peoria League of Women Voters in Local Climate Change Action!

The Heart of Illinois Group Board has voted to join in efforts with a new Climate Change Committee under the auspices of the Peoria League of Women Voters, initiated and lead by John Brady. [Read More »](#)




Try Out Helping HOI!


Wondering what it is like to do environmental tabling? Join with experienced HOI volunteers June 4th for National Trails Day tabling at Starved Rock State Park. [Read More »](#)



HOI Group Meetings and Events

HOI Group Walk and Dinner »
 May 18, 5:45pm - Gateway Building, 200 Northeast Water Street, Peoria

 Meet at the Gateway Building on the downtown Peoria riverfront for a short 30-45 minute walk, followed by an optional dinner at a location determined by the group. This is a great opportunity to escape the pandemic blues and engage in conversation with your fellow environmentalists. [RSVP is not required but is appreciated.](#)

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




Lindsay Keeney, IEC Conservation Director, leads a discussion on 30x30 at Forest Park Nature Center on April 27th. Photo: Joyce Blumenshine

30x30 Discussion at Forest Park Nature Center

Thirty-four people attended an overview and discussion on April 27th at Forest Park Nature Center of the importance of "30x30" conservation goals, to save 30% of our natural areas by 2030. The meeting was led by Eliot Clay and Lindsay Keeney from the Illinois Environmental Council and hosted by the Sierra Club Heart of Illinois Group. It was good to be back at Forest Park Nature Center, our first meeting there since the Covid-19 pandemic began in early 2020.

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The shriek, the moan of grief
 Cannot out-shout the
 Silence of the forest,
 The comfort of a breeze
 Through the leaves,
 The twitter of hungry chicks
 In the nest.



Sometimes the forest is like
 A giant sponge
 Soaking up my pain,
 Turning it into compost
 So next year seeds can sprout
 In the optimism of spring.

For Mosey, Buddy, Samson, Jack, Katie, and Alex May their love make the world a better place.

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