



### Wolf-ADM CO2 Pipeline a Risk to Peoria

The Canadian Wolf company and Archer Daniels Midland (ADM) are proceeding with plans for a 280 mile long high-pressure, liquified, carbon dioxide pipeline from Iowa, crossing the Mississippi River north of Moline into Illinois. [Read More »](#)



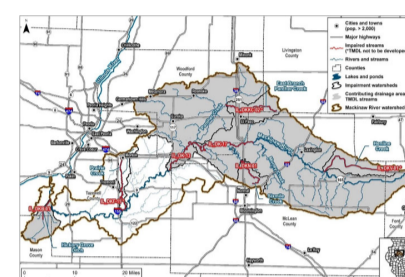
### Protect Local Clean Energy Projects

We all fought for nearly three straight years to pass the Climate and Equitable Jobs Act (CEJA). Just as the many benefits we've been excited about all this time are beginning to take effect, we must band together to defend the progress we've made toward our clean and equitable future. HOI Group Sierra Club supports action to protect local clean energy projects! [Please take a moment to respond to the Illinois Environmental Council action request.](#)



### Mackinaw and LaMoine Rivers Need Your Help!

Have you ever paddled on the Mackinaw River or thought about how beautiful it looks from a highway crossing? Your presence is greatly needed Wednesday, January 11th at 1:30 p.m. when the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency holds a virtual public meeting on their Total Maximum Daily Load and Implementation Plan. [Read More »](#)



### Toilet Paper Sustainability Scorecard

As you might know I have written a couple articles lately on the damage being done by the cutting of old growth forests that hold a great deal of carbon to make toilet paper. Some big name stinker companies like Charmin, Cottonelle, and Quilted Northern, among others, are clear cutting trees from places like the Canadian boreal forest at a rate of 1 million acres of forest every year. [Read More »](#)



### Utilities Falling Short on Promises to Reduce Carbon Emissions


I have some not-so-great news to share with you today. The Sierra Club recently released its updated [Dirty Truth Report](#), and it looks like utilities have made little progress in the fight against climate change. [Read More »](#)



### HOI Group Meetings and Events


#### Winter Hike at Sommer Farm »

Sat, Jan 28, 1pm - Sommer Farm  
6329 N Koerner Rd, Edwards

 Come along on a winter outing January 28th at Sommer Farm. The park offers a variety of terrain, an interesting backstory, and some historic structures. We'll do some hiking, meet with the resident superintendent for some background on the park and its features, and maybe have a warming fire and some hot beverage. The park is owned by the Peoria Park District and is only open by appointment. [RSVP and waiver requested.](#)

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

### Congratulation to the 2023 HOI Sierra Board!

 Thanks to all who voted in the recent HOI Board election. Board members elected for a 2023-2024 term are Bob Jorgensen, Zachary Nolan, and John Wosik. Your [HOI Board](#) meets monthly to decide on conservation actions, group programs, budget expenditures, and other matters that keep the HOI Group going. Your annual membership helps us keep our website, Nature Center room use rental, and other work going. Your participation is greatly needed! Please see the HOI website for our [volunteer form](#) and let us know how you would like to get involved! Happy 2023 ahead!

### ALL THE SILENT THINGS OF EARTH




All the silent things of Earth move  
with mute sighs,  
sending messages  
across the golden flowing plains and  
into forested valleys.


All the silent things of Earth move  
with the surge of fluid, its great Mississippi,  
held back with as much ease,  
gushes endlessly  
out of insatiable depths.  
flowing from cape to cove,  
taking potential,  
giving hope.

All the silent things of Earth move  
into warmth –  
the sky lean again and  
relieved of its load,  
the Earth fat now  
with glowing quiescence.






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