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Illinois' wilderness.



July 2014

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Governor's Office, IGEN Community Colleges Celebrate Illinois EV Network

From June 23-25, 11 Illinois community colleges involved with the Illinois Green Economy Network (IGEN) along with the Office of Governor Pat Quinn and the Office of the Lieutenant Governor Sheila Simon toured Illinois and its electric vehicle (EV) infrastructure as a part of the IGEN EV Road Trip. The Illinois Board of Tourism's MiniAbe—an honored guest of IGEN—took part in the 350 mile ride from John A. Logan College in Carterville to College of Lake County in Grayslake, with stops at other community colleges along the way.

"Illinois has the pedal to the metal when it comes to building a cutting edge electric vehicle infrastructure. We have nearly 5,000 registered plug-in cars, and 450 public and private charging stations, including one of the nation's largest networks of fast-charging stations," Governor Pat Quinn said. "As gas prices soar, Illinois motorists are starting to embrace this clean energy transportation option. The 'Illinois EV Road Trip' is a great showcase of this emerging technology, our community college system and such Illinois gems as Route 66."

The EV Road Trip stopped in Springfield for a ride-and-drive event at the Governor's Executive mansion, which features a charging station and EV. Illinois Central Management Services, Department of Vehicles and the Governor's Senior Sustainability Policy Advisor Eric Heineman hosted the event before continuing the relay on to Bloomington—EV Town U.S.A.

"I am pleased to see Illinois' community colleges showing how they are taking the lead in utilizing and promoting sustainable technology," said Lt. Governor Simon. "By making charging stations available on campus, schools are not only supporting safe and reliable EV technology and our environment; they are also making it more convenient for employees who own or are considering an electric vehicle to charge at the workplace." During the relay, event organizers encouraged colleges to commit to the Department of Energy's Workplace Charging Challenge Pledge, which aims to achieve a tenfold increase in the number of U.S. employers offering workplace charging by 2018.

Events

Chicago: A Retrofit Case Study

CCGT
July 10

Chicago's Deep Tunnel Tour

Southeast Environmental Task Force
July 12

Science of the Great Lakes: A Professional Development Workshop

Alliance for the Great Lakes
July 14-16

Illinois Renewable Energy Conference

Illinois State University
July 16

Want to get your hands dirty?
Volunteer with the Chicago Conservation Corps!

A New Millennium Reserve

After months of public outreach and research, the public/private Millennium Reserve Steering Committee has delivered its report to Governor Pat Quinn recommending priority actions within the Millennium Reserve, a 210-square mile region being developed into a thriving area for commerce, communities and wildlife in the Calumet region and southeast Chicago lakefront.

“This report is an important step in transforming this region and includes recommendations on things such as increased public access, facility

construction, strategic trail connection and workforce plans,” Governor Quinn said. “The report complements the unique visions that have already been started for the Millennium

Reserve. I want to thank the steering committee for their hard work and encourage the members to continue building upon this ambitious comprehensive plan for reinvesting in the Calumet region.”



In addition to the report, the Millennium reserve unveiled a new website—donated by Adage Technologies—that demonstrates a commitment to “Economy, Community, Environment.” Please visit the site for more information and a link to the report.

Green Jobs Corner

- Various Opportunities in Energy Efficiency and Outreach
Elevate Energy
- Senior Energy Advocate
Natural Resources Defense Council
- Space to Grow Project Manager
Healthy Schools Campaign
- Field Coordinator
Citizens Utility Board
- Energy Advisor
Franklin Energy
- Urban Forestry Technician
Village of Oak Park
- Campaign Organizer
Sierra Club
- National Practice Leader
CB&I Energy & Sustainability

Events

Illinois GreenBuilt Home Tour

USGBC-Illinois
July 26-27

Commercial Building Energy Efficiency Opportunities

MEEA (Webinar)
July 30

What's in Your Watershed?

SCARCE and the Blackwell Forest Preserve
August 2

Smart Grid for Schools

Illinois State University
(Professional development workshop in Bloomington and Oak Park)
August 2, 4, 6, 9, 13

Gateway to Community in the City of Neighborhoods

American Community Gardening Association
August 7-10

Towards a Greener Illinois

Governor Quinn took action on a number of bills that will advance a more sustainable Illinois.

Supporting local food systems

HB5657 sets rules and incorporates farmers' markets and local foods into Illinois agricultural landscape. The bill sets clear timelines for state agencies to develop administrative rules for farmers' markets, creates a statewide license for sampling and requires product origin transparency to ensure consumer protection.

"This new law will encourage people across Illinois to get out and buy local," Governor Quinn said. "Farmers' markets offer uniquely local goods and we need to ensure they are safe for all Illinois shoppers. Establishing statewide standards for farmers' markets will help vendors and

consumers know what to expect no matter where they sell or buy produce in the state."

Setting the stage for solar

HB2427 authorizes the Illinois Power Agency (IPA) to use up to \$30 million to purchase renewable energy credits (REC) for solar projects across Illinois. The law emphasizes distributed generation as a possible alternative to meeting energy demands.

"These last days of are some of the longest of the year, the perfect time to talk about getting more of our electricity from solar," Governor Quinn said. "Thousands of residents will soon get cheaper, cleaner energy, and we will create good paying jobs for working families in the process. It's this sort of innovation that has made Illinois a national leader in clean energy production."

Green Grants and Opportunities

Illinois Energy Now *Opened June 1, ongoing*

This \$70 million energy efficiency program for public facilities opened on June 1st. Interested applicants should follow this link for more information on the requirements, application and the program.

ISEIF grants for education, outreach and research *Due August 12th*

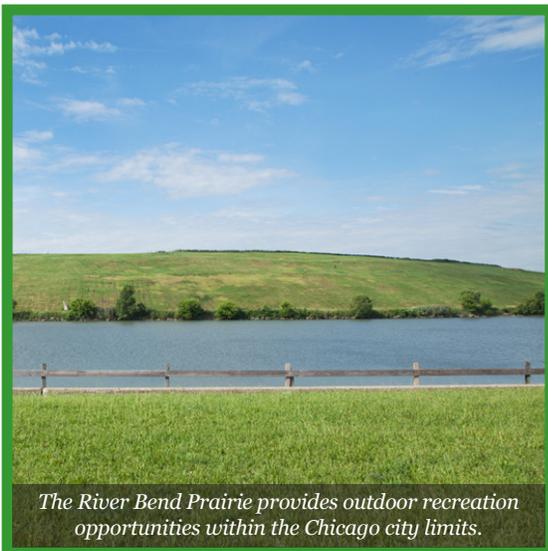
The Illinois Science and Energy Innovation Foundation (ISEIF) offers a number of grants to expand the use and understanding of the smart grid network amongst a number of stakeholders.

Creating a National Bike Trail

Officials from the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) announced that a 72.6-mile network of existing trails, designated bicycle routes and bicycle-friendly streets between Indiana and Wisconsin state lines has been selected to become part of the U.S. Bicycle Route System. The new U.S. Bicycle Route 36/37 follows the Lake Michigan coastline and passes through the heart of Chicago, providing communities and neighborhoods with an opportunity to

take advantage of the tourism and economic development possibilities of being on an interstate bike system.

The last U.S. Bicycle Route created in Illinois was the TransAmerica Trail in 1982. To date, the national system encompasses 6,834 miles in 12 states. When fully developed, the national system will have more than 50,000 miles of interstate bicycle routes crisscrossing the country.



The River Bend Prairie provides outdoor recreation opportunities within the Chicago city limits.



Governor Pat Quinn visits the 61st Street Farmers' Market to sign a bill promoting local agriculture.



MiniAbe takes advantage of Illinois' robust EV infrastructure during IGEN's EV Road Trip.



Another golden sunset over the Mississippi River at Pere Marquette State Park.

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