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A Guide for Community Activists Working to Build Sustainable Cities

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Chapters

1. Nature

The Chicago region is home to thousands of species of native plants and animals, including some of the rarest on earth. Learn what you can do to help protect and restore these habitats through hands-on volunteer activities and advocacy efforts, or simply by enjoying them!

2. Backyard Habitats

As glorious as our natural areas are, nothing beats your own backyard (if you're lucky enough to have one!). Learn how to bring nature to you by planting native species that attract birds and butterflies, saving water through installation of a rain garden and other fun activities.

3. Green Neighborhood

Connections between individuals and the environment are nurtured in the communities we live in. Collective efforts such as community gardening, art activities, and recycling not only help beautify our neighborhoods; they promote a shared value for sustainability throughout the city and region.

4. Green Buildings

Green buildings are environmentally responsible, profitable and healthy places to live and work. Find out what you can do to make your home or office more energy and water efficient, improve indoor air quality and conserve materials and resources.

5. Agriculture/Food

Sustainable agriculture integrates environmental health, economic profitability and social and economic equity. It helps farmers stay on their land and ensures that farming practices don't degrade our natural resources. Learn more about community-supported agriculture, how you can

improve your own gardening practices or about one of your neighbors who is engaged in inspiring work!

6. Transportation

Hey! You gotta get around, right? Whether you bike, walk, ride or drive, learn what you can do to improve your commute and meet other people working on the same issues.

7. Energy

Did you know that one well-placed tree can do to the work of four air conditioners? Or that poor insulation, inefficient appliances, drafty doors and other fixable faults cost U.S. consumers billions of dollars every year? Learn the simple things you can do to improve the energy efficiency of your home and business and save money!

8. Water

Our bodies are made up of 75 percent water and yet we often take the provision of clean and fresh water for granted. Whether you like to canoe and swim in our lakes and rivers, or you want to help monitor water quality, you can learn about the organizations and individuals working on this important issue.

9. Air Quality

There are many simple things that you can do to improve air quality: walking and biking more, buying paints with no to low VOCs (volatile organic compounds) and mowing your yard early in the day. Simple, right? Learn more about what you can do and about what organizations across the region are doing to improve our air quality!

10. Nature-Based Recreation

The Chicago region boasts hundreds of activities for you to enjoy the great outdoors! Learn where the best bike and canoe paths are, what herpetologists do, where you can volunteer your skills by working as a docent in museums and zoos across the region and much more!

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Nature

ORGANIZATION	CHAPTER	VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY
Chicago Wilderness	Nature	Habitat Restoration
Willowbrook Wildlife Center	Nature	
Chicago Wilderness Habitat Project	Nature	Monitoring, Environmental Advocacy
Citizens for Conservation	Nature	Habitat Restoration
Forest Preserve District of Cook County	Nature	Habitat Restoration Office Work, Environmental Advocacy, Habitat Restoration
Friends of the Forest Preserves	Nature	
Illinois Environmental Council	Nature	
Illinois Natural History Survey	Nature	
National Audubon Society Chicago Region	Nature	Environmental Advocacy, Habitat Restoration
North Branch Restoration Project	Nature	Habitat Restoration
Plants of Concern Chicago Botanic Garden	Nature	Monitoring
Sierra Club, Illinois Chapter Chicago Group	Nature	Office Work, Environmental Advocacy, Habitat Restoration
The Conservation Foundation	Nature	Habitat Restoration
The Nature Conservancy Illinois Chapter	Nature	Environmental Advocacy, Habitat Restoration
The Poplar Creek Prairie Stewards	Nature	Habitat Restoration
US Fish & Wildlife Service Chicago Field Office	Nature	
Boone County Conservation District	Nature	Urban Greening/Farming, Miscellaneous
DuPage Volunteer Stewardship Group		
Forest Preserve District of DuPage County	Nature	Habitat Restoration

Forest Preserve District of DuPage County	Nature	Treecare, Urban Greening/Farming
Forest Preserve District of Kane County	Nature	Trail Maintenance, Educational/Docents
Forest Preserve District of Will County	Nature	Habitat Restoration
Fox Valley Land Foundation	Nature	Office Work, Habitat Restoration
Illinois EcoWatch Network Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources	Nature	Monitoring, River Restoration, Treecare, Habitat Restoration
Lake County Forest Preserves	Nature	Monitoring, River Restoration
Lake County Volunteer Stewardship Network	Nature	Monitoring
McHenry County Conservation District	Nature	Environmental Advocacy, Miscellaneous, Habitat Restoration
Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie	Nature	Educational/Docents
Poplar Creek Prairie Stewards	Nature	Habitat Restoration
Volo Bog State Natural Area	Nature	Treecare, Urban Greening/Farming, Habitat Restoration
West Chicago Prairie Stewardship Group	Nature	Habitat Restoration
Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation	Nature	Habitat Restoration

Backyard Habitats

ORGANIZATION

Chicago Botanic Garden

Chicago Wilderness

Conservation@home The Conservation Foundation

Rain Garden Network

State of Illinois Rain Garden Initiative, Office of Lt. Governor

US Environmental Protection Agency Great Lakes National Program Office

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Urban

Greening/Farming

Green Neighborhood

ORGANIZATION	CHAPTER	VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY
Resource Center - North Park Village	Green Neighborhood	
Archi-treasures	Green Neighborhood	Miscellaneous
Center for Neighborhood Technology	Green Neighborhood	Office Work
Chicago Master Gardener Program	Green Neighborhood	Urban Greening/Farming
Chicago Recycling Coalition	Green Neighborhood	
The Congress for the New Urbanism	Green Neighborhood	
Conscious Choice	Green Neighborhood	
Faith in Place	Green Neighborhood	
Foresight Design Initiative, Inc.	Green Neighborhood	Miscellaneous
Greencorps	Green Neighborhood	Urban Greening/Farming
Greening Schools Project, Office of Pollution Prevention, IEPA	Green Neighborhood	
GreenNet	Green Neighborhood	Miscellaneous
Near NorthWest Arts Council	Green Neighborhood	
NeighborSpace	Green Neighborhood	Office Work, Urban Greening/Farming
Resource Center - Railyard Buyback Center	Green Neighborhood	
Resource Center - Uptown Recycling Station	Green Neighborhood	
Resource Center - Wrightwood	Green Neighborhood	
Save Our Urban Land (SOUL) U of I Extension,	Green	

Chicago High School for the Ag Sciences
Sustain

The Delta Institute

The Resource Center

Neighborhood
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Miscellaneous

Green Buildings

ORGANIZATION

Green Building Resource Center Center for Green Technology

Center for Neighborhood Technology

Sustainable Home Project

The Green Bungalow Initiative Historic Chicago Bungalow Association

US Green Building Council Chicago Chapter

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Agriculture/Food

ORGANIZATION

Cedar Valley Sustainable Farm
Moore Family Farm
Angelic Organics
Chicago Green City Market
City Farm
CSA Learning Center, Urban Programs Office
Families Against Rural Messes
Family Farmed Initiative Sustain
Genesis Growers
Green Earth Institute

Growing Home, Inc.

Henry's Farm
Illinois Soybean Association
Illinois Stewardship Alliance
Local Organic Initiative Sustain
Prairieland Community Supported Agriculture
Sandhill Organics

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Greening/Farming

Transportation

ORGANIZATION

Chicago BlueWays

League of Illinois Bicyclists

Logan Square Walks

Midwest High Speed Rail Association

United Transportation Union

West Town Bicycle Advisory Committee Break the Gridlock

Blackstone Bicycle Works

Chicago Area Mountain Bikers

Chicagoland Bicycle Federation

Break the Gridlock

Campaign for a Free and Clear Lakefront

Campaign for Sensible Growth

Campaign to Build Illinois Transit Citizen Action Illinois

Chicagoland Transportation and Air Quality Commission

Center for Neighborhood Technology

Citizens Against the Sprawlway

The Council for Disability Rights

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Miscellaneous
Phone Calling,
Miscellaneous

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Energy

ORGANIZATION

Citizens Utility Board
Community Energy Cooperative
Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity
Division of Energy Conservation and Renewable Energy
Environmental Law and Policy Center
Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation
Illinois Renewable Energy Association
Illinois Solar Energy Association
Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance
UIC Energy Resources Center

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Water

ORGANIZATION	CHAPTER	VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY
Alliance for the Great Lakes, Chicago Office	Water	Miscellaneous
Calumet Ecological Park Association	Water	
Chicago Area Paddling	Water	
DuPage River Coalition The Conservation Foundation	Water	Habitat Restoration
Fox River Ecosystem Partnership	Water	
Friends of the Chicago River	Water	River Restoration
Friends of the Fox River	Water	
Great Lakes Regional Pollution Prevention Roundtable	Water	Monitoring
Illinois State Water Survey	Water	
John G. Shedd Aquarium	Water	Office Work, Monitoring, Miscellaneous
Prairie Rivers Network	Water	
The Conservation Fund, Illinois Office	Water	

Air Quality

ORGANIZATION

American Lung Association, Chicago

**Clean Air Counts Campaign
Lake Michigan Air Directors Consortium**

Mobile CARE Foundation

**Safer Pest Control Project
Chicago Area Clean Cities Coalition
Chicago Asthma Consortium**

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Environmental
Advocacy,
Miscellaneous

Office Work,
Miscellaneous

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Nature-Based Recreation

ORGANIZATION

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Bird Conservation Network	Nature-Based Recreation	Monitoring, Miscellaneous
Brookfield Zoo	Nature-Based Recreation	Educational/Docents
Chicago Herpetological Society	Nature-Based Recreation	
Field Museum of Natural History	Nature-Based Recreation	Miscellaneous, Educational/Docents
Friends of the Parks	Nature-Based Recreation	Office Work, Urban Greening/Farming
Garfield Park Conservatory	Nature-Based Recreation	Urban Greening/Farming, Miscellaneous
Illinois Butterfly Monitoring Network	Nature-Based Recreation	Monitoring
Illinois Trails Conservancy	Nature-Based Recreation	
Lincoln Park Zoological Society	Nature-Based Recreation	Miscellaneous, Educational/Docents
Morton Arboretum	Nature-Based Recreation	Habitat Restoration
Museum of Science and Industry	Nature-Based Recreation	Miscellaneous
North Park Village Nature Center	Nature-Based Recreation	Monitoring, Habitat Restoration
Park District of Highland Park/Heller Nature Center	Nature-Based Recreation	
Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum	Nature-Based Recreation	Miscellaneous, Educational/Docents
Spring Valley Nature Center	Nature-Based Recreation	Habitat Restoration, Educational/Docents
Schaumburg Park District	Nature-Based Recreation	
Wild Ones, North Park Village Center	Nature-Based Recreation	
Openlands Project	Nature-Based Recreation	Treecare, Urban Greening/Farming
Emily Oaks Nature Center Skokie Park District	Nature-Based Recreation	Miscellaneous, Educational/Docents
Irons Oaks Environmental Learning	Nature-Based	Habitat Restoration

Center	Recreation	
SCARCE	Nature-Based Recreation	Miscellaneous
Spring Brook Nature Center	Nature-Based Recreation	Miscellaneous, Habitat Restoration

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ISTEP (Illinois Sustainable Education Project)

LA City Dept. of Sanitation/WaterShed Mgt.

LA County Public Works

LA Rivers and Mountains Conservancy

MacArthur Foundation

Philadelphia Water Department

Richard Driehaus Foundation

Seattle Dept. of Sustainability/Environment

The Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

William Penn Foundation