



# IEC AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP

Since 1975, the Illinois Environmental Council has been building power for people and the environment in Illinois. We've done that by convening and advocating on behalf of our affiliate organizations working to protect Illinois' communities and environment.

Our affiliate organizations are the backbone of the environmental movement in our state and represent the very best of our community. They've guided our agenda and shaped our strategies over the years.

In recent years, IEC has leveraged the power of our growing affiliate network to pass nation-leading climate policy in Illinois. The historic passing of the Climate and Equitable Jobs Act (CEJA) in 2021 clearly demonstrated the power of Illinois' growing environmental movement and the impact of decades of advocacy and leadership from IEC that has shaped the Illinois environmental policy space.

This success has only been possible due to the cooperation and collaboration of our more than 100 affiliate members across the state of Illinois. I'm thrilled that our affiliate membership ranks continue to grow both in the number of members and the depth of issue expertise represented.

You can see the full list of our affiliates proudly displayed on our website.

As we continue to grow, so too does our movement. We will use the power we are building to win more battles against special interests, and our communities and environment will be better for it. We'd love to have you join us!



With gratitude,

Jen Walling  
Executive Director

# AFFILIATE BENEFITS

## **ADVOCACY, LOBBYING, AND COALITION BUILDING**

IEC provides expertise and resources to effectively advocate for your policy priorities. We can facilitate the right conversation with the right decision-maker and build support around your issue with our members and affiliates.

## **AFFILIATE-ONLY LEGISLATION TRACKING AND UPDATES**

- During the state's legislative session, IEC holds exclusive Legislative calls, circulates an informative environmental bill tracker, and keeps our affiliates updated on what's moving in Springfield.
- IEC keeps members updated on City of Chicago and federal government activity via recurring meetings and email listservs.

## **OFFICE RESOURCES**

IEC's Springfield office is just a few blocks from the capitol, and IEC has office space in Chicago's loop. Take advantage of our WiFi and kitchen, or use our space for your meeting.

## **COMMUNICATIONS PLATFORMS**

Participate in IEC's popular Lunch & Learn Series, receive social media toolkits on relevant environmental issues, and join a network of environmental communication professionals throughout Illinois.

## **STAFF SUPPORT**

Connect with IEC program staff on a regular basis to stay informed about current policies and issues.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

IEC holds decision-makers accountable for their impact on the environment, in part through our signature publications, including our annual Illinois Environmental Scorecard and our Chicago Environmental Scorecard. Be the first to receive these popular evaluations of key environmental votes in the General Assembly and Chicago City Council. In addition, members receive our newsletter and other pertinent literature.

## **NETWORK BUILDING TOOLS**

The State Voices voter database enables you to better understand your membership, build your network of supporters, and make canvassing easy and efficient.

## **LEADERSHIP AND STRATEGY**

Lead and Influencing Affiliates help shape the agenda for IEC. These benefits include the ability to nominate or appoint a member to our board.



# AFFILIATE SUPPORT LEVELS

	LEAD AFFILIATE \$2,500+	INFLUENCING AFFILIATE \$500+	SUPPORTING AFFILIATE \$150+
PUBLICATIONS	✓	✓	✓
OFFICE RESOURCES	✓	✓	✓
PRIORITY LEGISLATION TRACKING	✓	✓	✓
STAFF SUPPORT	✓	✓	✓
IEC ANNUAL MEETING	✓	✓	✓
ADVOCACY, LOBBYING & COALITION	✓	✓	✓
NETWORKING BUILDING TOOLS	✓	✓	
SERVE ON IEC BOARD	✓		
COMMUNITY COUNCIL (PLACE- BASED, CBOS)	✓	✓	✓

IF YOUR ORGANIZATION CANNOT AFFORD MEMBERSHIP FEES PLEASE CONTACT US FOR MORE INFORMATION ON FINANCIAL SUPPORT.



## CONTACT US TO JOIN OR FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP

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Since 1975, the Illinois Environmental Council has worked to safeguard Illinois —its people, its plants and animals, and the natural systems on which all life depends by building power for people and the environment. Representing over 100 environmental organizations in the state, IEC carries out its mission to advance equitable public policies that ensure a healthy environment across Illinois through collaboration, building power, and advocacy.



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