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The University of Illinois Electrical and Computer Engineering Center which joined the Net Zero Honor Roll in 2023. (Photo credit to SmithGroup)



A Letter from Our Board Chair

2023 was a landmark year for Illinois Green Alliance and net zero buildings. In 2024, it is critical we seize the next opportunity to grow our impact!

Last year with your help, Illinois Green Alliance's events and programs were attended by over 4,000 people. We redoubled our efforts to advocate for building decarbonization policy – including pitching our support of electrification to Chicago Mayor Brandon Johnson. We launched Illinois Green's biggest project yet – the Building Energy Resource Hub ("the Hub"), a one-stop-shop for information, guidance, and training on energy efficiency.

Given this momentum, it is an honor to be stepping into my role as 2024 Chair of the Board of Directors. I'm thrilled to be here at such a pivotal time – in our industry and in our world. Right now Chicago is on the verge of introducing bold new policies for building decarbonization, more buildings than any prior year were certified net zero energy in 2023, and Illinois Green's membership has surpassed a 5-year peak, representing a catalyst of interest in green building knowledge and community. Our achievements to date demonstrate it's possible to build the sustainable future we desperately need.

Given our recent achievements, I look forward to the organization accelerating in three key areas: Fostering a strong, diverse network of building experts and sustainability advocates, educating policymakers across the state on the importance of building decarbonization, and turning the Building Energy Resource Hub into a state-of-the-art tool for implementing energy efficiency.

Now, more than ever, I ask that you get involved with Illinois Green — attend one of our more than 50 education & networking events (like my personal favorite, the Women in Green Leadership Luncheon), bring a colleague, and meet someone new. I am constantly sharing how Illinois Green is the best organization to get involved with — professionally and personally — and I know many others feel the same. Join us and see for yourself the networking, collaboration, inspiration, and positive impact that can be made.

Thank you for all you have done — and all you will continue to do — to strengthen our Illinois Green Alliance network. The work we do together is critical to support our path to a decarbonized, healthy, resilient, and equitable future for all.

I look forward to capitalizing on our momentum in 2024 and beyond — and I hope you do too.

Onward!



Annalise Dum | 2024 Board Chair

North America Sustainable Buildings Practice Lead | JLL

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These sustaining partners in our mission ensure an equitable and resilient building environment for all through their support.

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Our 2024 Leadership

2024 Board of Directors

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Thank you to our Leadership Circle Members

Leadership Circle Members go above and beyond in providing financial support for our education, policy, and existing buildings engagement programs. As large donors, they are demonstrating their commitment to our mission of ensuring green buildings and sustainable communities for all.

Annalise Dum | JLL

Isaac Elnecave | Phius

Juanita Garcia | Pepper Construction

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Our Strategic Plan: 2021 – 2025

To combat climate change in Illinois, it's time we made net zero buildings feasible, affordable, and so commonplace that every building in Illinois is net zero by 2050.

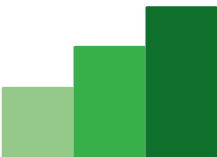
Mainstreaming the technology and building methods, whether new or existing, will not be easy but **no one is better positioned to make it happen than green building professionals.**

To advance our 2050 vision, we must act now to mainstream the technologies and building methods that make net zero possible for new and existing buildings. That's why, over the next five years, we will build on our experience promoting Carbon Drawdown strategies in the built environment by:



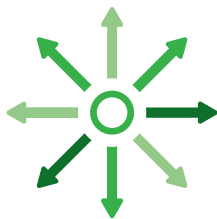
Educating architecture, engineering, and construction professionals

to ensure there are at least 100 AEC firms who have the expertise to use net zero building methods in their work and can help us raise awareness about their value with building owners and policymakers.



Removing barriers

by providing information about the technical, financial, social, and policy roadblocks to net zero adoption and passing at least two major new laws that help to overcome these barriers.



Demonstrating it can work everywhere

by collaborating with people in historically underinvested communities where building types are often viewed as not possible to retrofit to net zero (schools, community buildings, affordable housing, etc.) By piloting programs that showcase this is feasible in 100 buildings around Illinois, we can better make the case for policies that help these buildings in more places take action.

Advancing our Strategic Plan

2023 Highlights

1

The **Getting to Zero Illinois Summit** included over **200 attendees**.

The program allowed for dialogue with owners, operators, and designers of net zero buildings and concluded with a standing room only Emerald Awards Ceremony recognizing trailblazers advancing net zero in Illinois.

2

The **Building Energy Resource Hub** was launched.

With the support of partners like Elevate, BOMA Chicago, the Illinois Finance Authority, ComEd, and the City of Chicago, this new project will better serve building professionals and owners with the resources and tools they need to meet our region's climate goals.

3

The **Auxiliary Board** hosted the third annual **Race to Net Zero 5K**.

The event, organized by our young professional leaders within our membership, was successful in **raising nearly \$10,000** to support this coming year's green schools sustainability projects.

4

30 schools enrolled in the latest cohort of the Illinois Green Schools Project.

Schools from Carbondale to Libertyville are participating and will implement a sustainability project with support from Illinois Green mentors.

5

Over **250 building professionals** voiced support for decarbonization policy.

The call to action has encouraged Mayor Johnson to consider new policies like a building performance standard for existing buildings and an all-electric policy for new construction. Meanwhile, Oak Park passed the first-of-its-kind building decarbonization policy in Illinois.

6

Over **4,100 people** attended an **Illinois Green event** in 2023.

With the help of our volunteer-led Programs Committee and support of our partners, we provided education on the latest trends and technologies and networking with other professionals.

Strategic Plan in Focus

Education & Engagement

2023 Impact

58

programs, trainings,
and events

4,150

event attendees

170

program speakers

Highest Attended Education Events in 2023

- Building Decarb Tech Series: Clean Tech Innovations
- Developing Leadership in Sustainability
- Commercial Building Decarb Summit: Getting Past Politics to the Technical, Economic, and Practical Reality
- Building Materials Reuse: From Whole Buildings to Individual Components
- Leading the Charge: Policy and Design for EV Adoption
- Mass Timber High Rises: Returning to Chicago after 150 years

2023 Top Program: 2022 Chicago Energy Transformation Code: Know & Go (with AIA Chicago)

This hybrid event was attended by 250 people to learn about Chicago's new energy efficient building code.

The session featured 3 panelists, including Grant Ullrich, Deputy Commissioner at the Chicago Dept. of Buildings, Emily Purcell, Sustainable Design Lead at CannonDesign, and Saagar Patel, Practice Lead at Stantec Consulting Services. Attendees learned about the benefits of the new code and the impact on new projects.



Thank you to our 2023 Programs Committee Members!

The Programs Committee is a group of volunteers who lead the selection, development, and implementation of Illinois Green Alliance's education programs.

Jennifer Alvarado, Kate Anderson, Matthaios Aravosis, Wayne Beals, Anjana Dalal, Tom Dietz, Allen Dusault, Jill Farr, Mohammad Heidarinejad, Damon Henrikson, Chelsea Lamar, Jason LaFleur, Jason Meyering, Daniel Moring, Iwona Mroz, Janet Olson, Conner Rettig, Sophia Seol, Aditya Singh, Jed Starner, & Sydney VanKuren

Introducing the Building Energy Resource Hub

Check it out! www.buildinghub.energy



Resources, tools, and
education for building
energy efficiency.

In July 2023, we launched the Building Energy Resource Hub, with the help of our project partners. This launch is the culmination of over five years of planning and project design, and we are excited to share it with our community.

This new resource for Chicago & Northeastern Illinois stakeholders will provide critical training and resources, ensuring that the region can meet aggressive climate action goals within the buildings sector, while building an inclusive green economy.

The business case for building decarbonization is urgently and dramatically shifting. More than ever building professionals are asking questions on how to take advantage of financial tools & make energy efficiency retrofits.

That's exactly why we've created the Building Energy Resource Hub – to alleviate marketplace uncertainty about building decarbonization and the solutions available to improve building performance.

The Hub will provide education, online tools and serve as a connector to the broader network of resources in the industry that are out there to help with code and policy compliance, challenges of navigating funding, and guidance on technical assistance options and strategies. The primary focus areas of the Hub's programs and services will be serving building owners, developers, and contractors in the large multifamily and commercial building sectors, with an emphasis on those in disinvested communities.

*People are what make buildings work –
the Hub is here to serve those people.*

The Building Energy Resource Hub focuses on:

- Addressing market gaps by acting as an objective resource for technical training, resources & education
- Convening and curating energy efficiency and financing best practices to serve as a one-stop-shop
- Sharing technical and actionable resources
- Creating connections and links to partner programs and services

Strategic Plan in Focus

Clean Building Policies

2023 was a landmark year for expanding clean building policy with significant movement being made at the federal, state, and local levels. The effects of landmark federal legislation like the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and the Inflation Reduction Act, along with the state's Illinois Climate and Equitable Jobs Act have dedicated billions to funding building decarbonization efforts. Local municipalities have continued to take action, with Oak Park passing ordinances to require energy benchmarking in all buildings and electrification in new buildings. The City of Chicago brought back the Department of Environment and advanced equitable building decarbonization by dedicating \$15 million for high performance electric retrofits in low-income communities.

With these significant policy wins, the foundation has been laid for decarbonization policy in Illinois. However, our net zero vision can only be achieved by continuing to engage with local policy efforts and bringing the green building business voice to the table.

Priority Policies in 2024:

Statewide Clean Heat

The Illinois Clean Jobs Coalition aims to pursue a statewide bill to reduce greenhouse gas impacts, protect consumers from high gas prices, and protect consumer health. The Illinois Clean Heat bill would build on the success of the Climate and Equitable Jobs Act by enacting stronger gas efficiency standards and require all buildings in the state to hit net zero carbon emissions targets by 2050.

Funding Opportunities

Funding is a consistent challenge in the green building space, but now we are seeing a number of government agencies begin to roll out grants, loans, and other funding opportunities. These agencies are providing access to billions of dollars in funding for renewable energy, building retrofits, clean jobs training and more. Illinois Green will monitor these opportunities and connect our audience with them as they become available.

Spotlight on Solutions:

Building Industry Professionals as Policy Champions

Our network of building professionals are trusted voices for advancing green building policy in Illinois. Our members are experts in sustainable building practices and often work with those technologies every day. This experience is invaluable in advocacy work. It shows that established professionals support these policies, there is active business demand for sustainable buildings, and there is an ever growing amount of green jobs.

In 2023, Illinois Green worked to expand our efforts to empower building professionals as policy champions. We redoubled efforts to track policy happenings and share with our audience. We encouraged our members to meet with their

local elected officials. Members also arranged for us host policymakers on tours of projects that they worked on like an all-electric bungalow in Jefferson Park and the net zero Academy for Global Citizenship on the southwest side.

In December, we were even able to lead a group of these advocates all the way up to the fifth floor of City Hall. In partnership with E2, we convened a group of leaders in the building sector to meet with Mayor Brandon Johnson to discuss why businesses in Chicago support decarbonization policy.

Illinois Green also advanced our work in helping young professionals get involved in advocacy. We restructured our Auxiliary Board to

include a Policy Committee for the first time ever. The members of this committee planned and executed a tour for policymakers of Oak Park's net zero Community Recreation Center. For many of the group, this was their first step into advocacy and they knocked it out of the park.

2024 is already shaping up to be a busy year in the policy space, with significant legislation being considered at the state and local level. To make it a successful, we will need to lean on our members to lend their voices to the decarbonization movement. To learn more about how you can get involved, visit: illinoisgreenalliance.org/advancing-policy



Policy Brief: Stretch Energy Codes

As one mandate of the 2021 Climate and Equitable Jobs Act, Illinois has undergone the process of developing residential and commercial stretch energy codes. These stretch codes set much more aggressive energy efficiency targets than the base code, require readiness for future installation of electric technologies, and offer multiple avenues to meet the new requirements. Stretch codes offer many benefits including allowing municipalities to increase energy efficiency and reduce carbon emissions in their jurisdictions without undergoing a long, difficult process of developing their own code and maintaining consistent standards across the state.

Starting in July 2024, municipalities across the state have the ability to adopt the stretch codes as their base energy codes.

Complying with the Stretch Code

The structure of the stretch codes offers multiple routes of compliance. Owners, developers, and project teams have the ability to decide which pathway works best for them and their project. These pathways include installing high efficiency systems and extremely airtight design, meeting a certain number of energy efficiency credits, or achieving PHIUS certification.

Stretch Code Effects

Research from the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory show that Illinois' residential stretch code proposal will lead to significant consumer savings and greenhouse gas reductions.

These impacts include:

- Almost **\$250 in annual utility savings** for the average homeowner.
- Projected **return on investment in 10-11 years**.
- **Average life cycle cost savings of \$8,829** for newly constructed homes.
- Statewide **CO2 emissions reductions of 14,150,000 metric tons** over a 30-year period.
- **\$3 Billion in statewide energy savings** over 30 years.

Supporting Stretch Codes Across the State

Illinois Green Alliance is committed to advocating for municipalities to adopt the stretch code and supporting those that do. We envision the Building Energy Resource Hub as a valuable resource for stretch code adoption and implementation. We are in the process of developing tools for accessing education, training, financial assistance, and other avenues of support to make stretch code adoption & implementation smooth across the state.

Illinois Green and E2 members pose with Mayor Johnson after discussing why Chicago needs building decarbonization policies.

Stretch Energy Code Targets

For Residential

- 50% more efficient by 2024
- 60% more efficient by 2026
- 67% more efficient by 2029
- 75% more efficient by 2032

For Commercial

- 40% more efficient by 2024
- 50% more efficient by 2026
- 56% more efficient by 2029
- 61% more efficient by 2032

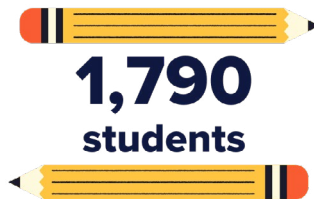
**Compared to the 2006 IECC Code Baseline*



Strategic Plan in Focus

Illinois Green Schools Project

In the 2022-23 school year, faculty, staff, and community members from 31 schools participated in the third cohort of the Illinois Green Schools Project. Participating schools receive educational tools, resources, and support from a Green Schools Mentor (a volunteer from Illinois Green's community) to guide each schools' sustainability projects.



“ My favorite thing about the Illinois Green Schools Project is that it's a **student-led process**. They decided what kind of project they wanted to work on and how they want to make a difference on campus. This has been a tremendous opportunity for students to see how projects play out in the real world and how to overcome challenges.

Jennifer Kahn
Teacher, Libertyville High School



Four of the schools completed energy efficiency focused projects to **help students learn about the path to net zero**.



Six cohorts focused on the importance of **water conservation and protection** with their projects.



Eight Schools pursued greenification projects which involved **outdoor learning, habitat restoration** and more.



One school undertook an **Environmental Justice** focused project which centered the history of environmental damage in their community.



Sixteen schools emphasized **schoolwide waste reduction** in their projects.



ILLINOIS
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Path to Zero Waste Award Winner: Zero Waste Lunch Room Challenge **Half Day School | Lincolnshire, IL**

The Project

Half Day School's composting program encourages students and faculty to divert food scraps and other organic materials from landfills. The school's Green Team, a group of students in grades 3-5 that meets weekly to tackle environmental issues, implemented a "Waste Free Lunch" raffle contest which challenged students to be more aware of their impact on the environment while learning about recycling, composting, and zero waste.

The Process

After multiple meetings with the school administration, program leaders secured the funding and approval from the district to begin a school-wide composting program.

Faculty leaders then trained students on how to sort their leftover lunch components into: compost, recyclable, and landfill. Student Green Team Ambassadors oversaw the day-to-day sorting stations located in the school's lunch room. Staff and parents were also informed about the program and educated on how they can help make an impact. To incentivize the students and focus on zero waste lunches, the Green Team created a raffle, in which students who brought in a zero-waste lunch were awarded a raffle ticket one day of the week. The Green Team plans to grow the program to include classroom composting stations.

The Waste Free Lunch Room Challenge resulted in a **75% decrease of the number of bags of landfill each week**. Student surveys also indicate a better understanding of sustainability and zero waste.



Path to Zero Energy Award Winner: Solar Powered **Grace Holistic Center for Education | Yorkville, IL**

The students learned that Chromebooks use anywhere from 6W to 11W of power consumption while idling and approximately 45W a day. If the Chromebooks are plugged in with approximately 38 students using Chromebooks in the school, 4 hours a day, they figured a total of **65.7kwh at \$299.44 per year is lost each year on "vampire energy."**



The Project

Students at Grace Holistic Center for Education built solar charging stations for their classrooms, which required them to learn how to read, monitor, and understand energy usage through Multimeters and Kilowatts Meters. The solar charging stations were used to power Chromebooks, which helped reduce costs, save energy, and improve air quality in the classrooms.

The Process

Students researched different ways of measuring energy usage, and they explored how much energy is consumed and used in the school. Grace Holistic Center for Education used the Illinois Green Alliance mini grant to purchase Multimeters and Kilowatt Meters, and experts in the community taught students and faculty how to use them. These monitors were used to build their Solar Charging Stations for students' Chromebooks. The meters show the energy being consumed by each charging Chromebook. The school plans to use electric bills to track long-term cost savings.

Strategic Plan in Focus

Net Zero Honor Roll

Illinois Green is tracking and mapping the status of projects throughout Illinois receiving zero energy, carbon, water and waste certification. Projects are featured on the Net Zero Honor Roll when they achieve one of the following: **ILFI's Net Zero Energy** certification, **USGBC's LEED Zero Energy** certification, or **Phius ZERO*** certification. The following buildings have met one of these criteria as of January 2024.



Countryside Municipal Complex | Countryside, IL
ILFI Zero Energy | Verified Performance Data
Owner: City of Countryside
Architect: Dewberry
Construction Manager: Frederick Quinn Corp.



Prairie Trails School | Mount Prospect, IL
Phius ZERO | Verified Performance Data
Owner: River Trails School District
Architect: FGM Architects
Construction Manager: Nicholas and Associates

Carroll Community Center | Oak Park, IL
Phius ZERO | Verified Performance Data
Owner: Park District of Oak Park
Design-Build Firm: TBD Architects

Adlai Stevenson EBA | Science Addition
Lincolnshire, IL
ILFI Zero Energy | Verified Performance Data
Owner: Stevenson High School District 125
Architect: Wight & Co.
Construction Manager: Gilbane Building Co.



Techny Prairie Activity Center | Northbrook, IL
Phius ZERO | Verified Performance Data
Owner: Northbrook Park District
Design-Build Firm: Wight & Co.



Granite City Passive House Duplex | Granite City, IL
Phius ZERO | Verified Performance Data
Owner: Granite City Housing Authority
Architect: Farr Associates
Contractor: Boeker Company, Inc.

**Phius ZERO Certification does not require performance period energy verification.*



University of Illinois Electrical and Computer Engineering Building | Urbana, IL

ILFI Zero Energy | Verified Performance Data

Owner: University of Illinois Urbana Champaign

Architect: SmithGroup

Construction Manager: Williams Brothers Construction



St. Joseph's School Addition | Downers Grove, IL

Phius ZERO | Verified Performance Data

Owner: St. Joseph Catholic Community/ Roman Catholic Diocese of Joliet Trust

Architect: Selena Sturm Architects

Contractor: The George Solitt Construction Co.

Plainfield Activity & Recreation Center

Plainfield, IL

Phius ZERO

Owner: Plainfield Park District

Design-Build Firm: Wight & Co.

Earth Friendly Products (ECOS)

Manufacturing Facility | Addison, IL

LEED Zero Energy, Carbon, Water, Waste |

Verified Performance Data

Owner: Earth Friendly Products (ECOS)

Net Zero Watch List

Projects are featured on the Net Zero Watch List if they are pursuing a net zero certification as of January 2024 and have been approved by their municipality/board to move forward. Eligible certifications are **Phius ZERO**, **ILFI Zero Energy**, or **LEED Zero**. When projects receive net zero certification, they move to the Net Zero Honor Roll.

Oak Park Community Recreation Center | Park District of Oak Park | **ILFI Zero Energy**

Homewood Flossmoor High School Science Addition | School District 233 | **ILFI Zero Energy**

Adlai E. Stevenson High School Fieldhouse Addition | School District 125 | **LEED Zero**

Academy for Global Citizenship | AGC Charter | **ILFI Zero Energy/Living Building Challenge**

Agricultural Complex | Heartland Community College | **ILFI Zero Energy**

Environmental Education Center | Lake County Forest Preserves | **Phius ZERO**

7 Van Buren | Oak Park Residence Corp. | **Phius ZERO**

Campus Instructional Facility | University of Illinois | **LEED Zero**

Willowbrook Wildlife Center | DuPage County Forest Preserves | **ILFI Zero Energy**

Celebrating our Outstanding Volunteers!



Mohammad Abassi

Senior Consultant | WSP

For the past two years, Mohammad has worked with staff and Board Members to develop Illinois Green's ED&I Mentorship program, where Illinois Green members are matched with college students of color interested in a sustainability career. With over 30 students between the two cohorts, this has been an important program to build up the bench of future green building leaders and diversify the workforce. Mohammad also designed, moderated, and hosted our first hybrid event – Decarbonization Through People: Intersections of Sustainability and Wellness. Thank you Mohammad for your unwavering commitment to our community.



Emerson Dority

Superintendent | Gilbane Building Company

Emerson is a returning Green Schools Mentor who has gone above and beyond providing support to the Illinois Green Schools Project, inspiring multiple Gilbane team members to join him and participate in the program. Emerson holds the record for most in-person visits to his Green Schools Mentees; taking the time to meet with the students and lead assemblies at 4 different schools in Glenn Elyn's District 41, to share information about water conservation and the local lead pipe replacement project. We are so grateful for Emerson's enthusiasm and dedication to our program. Thank you, Emerson



Brianna Galvan

Commissioning & Energy Engineer | Baumann Consulting

In Brianna's first year on the Auxiliary Board, she provided crucial support for the success of the 3rd Annual Race to Net Zero 5K. Her organizational and leadership skills have led her to be the Fundraising Chair for 2024. She is also a returning Green Schools Mentor, helping schools in Illinois accomplish amazing things like a shoreline restoration in Libertyville and streamlined waste management at a Chicago elementary school. We are so thankful for all the ways Brianna shares her time and expertise with our community.

In 2023, over 100 green building professionals donated over 2,000 volunteer hours through one of Illinois Green's engagement opportunities. Get involved! Find a way to share your expertise and grow your network at IllinoisGreenAlliance.org/get-involved



Ivy Klee

Auxiliary Board Member

In addition to being one of our most dedicated members, Ivy led the Auxiliary Board's brand new policy committee. Ivy spearheaded this latest initiative to help engage our volunteers in advocacy work. She led her fellow members of the committee in the planning and execution of a tour of Oak Park's new, net zero Community Recreation Center. Ivy and the committee coordinated with the project team, developed the event's agenda, and sent numerous invites and follow ups. This hard work resulted in a highly successful event that helped educate policymakers from around the area about the benefits of net zero construction. Thank you, Ivy!



Dan Moring

Project Manager | Slipstream

Dan has played a significant role in identifying and developing educational programs for Illinois Green through his years of commitment to our Programs Committee. His positive attitude, can-do spirit, and unflappable nature make him an invaluable asset to the committee and have resulted in his recent promotion to committee co-chair. In 2023 alone, he personally directed the creation and development of 2 programs: Leading The Charge: Policy and Design for EV Adoption and Constructing Connections: Developing Chicago's Clean Energy Workforce. Combined, those programs reached an audience of 338 people, sharing important concepts for the future of sustainability in Illinois. Thank you, Dan!



Luke Rossi

Director | Modern Energy

In Luke's second year on the Auxiliary Board, he led the Fundraising Committee in raising nearly \$10,000 for the Illinois Green Schools Project. Luke is a true asset to the Auxiliary Board, effectively delegating work to make the 3rd Annual Race to Net Zero 5K the most successful and highest attended ever, with over 70 runners turning out to Humboldt Park last July. We look forward to watching Luke support our mission as the Professional Development Chair of the Auxiliary Board in 2024. Thank you Luke, for your commitment to supporting Illinois Green's mission!

Growing our Green Building Community

Our Reach

4,000+

LinkedIn followers

13,600+

email subscribers

625+

individual members

Where our Members Work



20% **Engineering,
Energy, & Utilities**



18% **Architecture &
Design**



13% **Nonprofit &
Government**



11% **Construction &
Manufacturing**



10% **Sustainability
Consulting**



8% **Real Estate &
Property Management**

What Our Members are Saying



“ I love working with other IGA members on green building policy – it’s a great group not only for doing advocacy work, but for helping building professionals understand how to work with new laws and codes. We all need to share knowledge to advance better buildings and Illinois Green is excellent at connecting people to get that work done.

Emily Purcell

Sustainable Design Lead, CannonDesign
Member since 2019

“ I’ve met incredible professionals, had the pleasure of being a mentee, seen some of the coolest buildings in the city, found new employment, and most importantly I gained a lot of lifelong friendships. This organization is always doing incredible work, and I’m lucky to be able to support its mission driving Chicago towards net zero.

Justin Johnson

*Energy Field Specialist,
Evergreen Consulting Group*
Member since 2021

More highlights from 2023!



Runners take off at the Race to Net Zero 5K!



Sarah Elizabeth Ippel and Deb Stone show off their Emerald Awards!



Panelists at our Women's Luncheon!



Sustainable building leaders celebrate the launch of the Building Energy Resource Hub!

2023 marked one of the biggest years yet for net zero buildings in Illinois — together we made significant steps towards making our state a leader in building decarbonization. From sold-out events like the Getting to Zero Illinois Summit and Limelight Gala, to the dozens of education events, volunteer events, and more. Thank you for being a part of our community.

Sincerely,

The staff of Illinois Green Alliance — Brian, Katie, Kindy, Miranda, Twyla, and Ryan



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