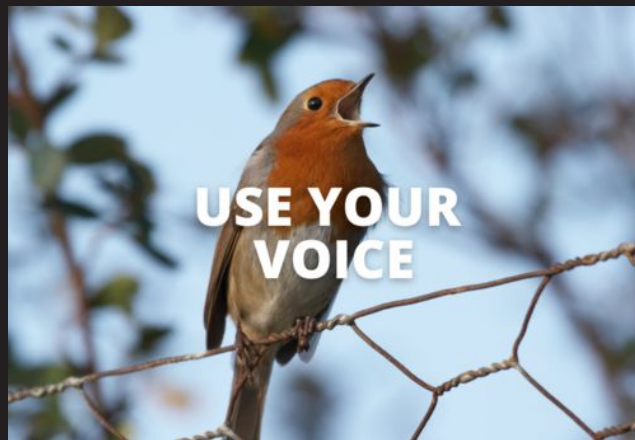
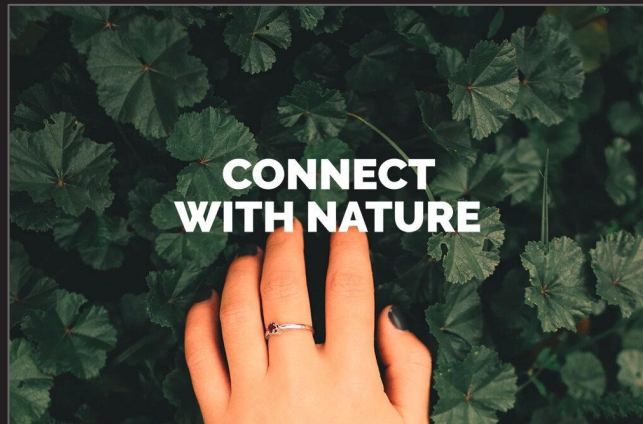


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<https://www.oneearthfilmfest.org/take-action-for-the-planet>



## Connect with Nature

**BE HEALTHY** for the environment - bike more, walk more, drive less. Environmental Law & Policy Center [elpc.org](http://elpc.org)

**CONNECT CLIMATE SOLUTIONS TO PEOPLE** Share information about climate change and real climate solutions with your family, friends, and community.

**JOIN LOCAL EVENTS** Contact your Alderman for details of events happening in your community [chicago.gov/find\\_my\\_alderman](http://chicago.gov/find_my_alderman)

## Live Lightly on the Earth

**ENERGY EFFICIENT** Make your home energy efficient. For retrofit home projects; go electric and take advantage of rebates. [ComEd Marketplace - Get Instant Online Rebates](http://ComEdMarketplace.com)

**CHANGE YOUR ENERGY SUPPLIER** from fossil fuels to renewables. Greenpeace Energy [greenpeace.org/international](http://greenpeace.org/international)

**LIVE SUSTAINABLY IN CHICAGO** [chicagoenvironmentalists.org](http://chicagoenvironmentalists.org)

**DRAWDOWN** carbon through [indigenous-peoples-forest-tenure, forest-protection, grassland-protection, and health-and-education](http://indigenous-peoples-forest-tenure-forest-protection-grassland-protection-and-health-and-education)

## Communicate and Learn

**CLEAN TRANSPORTATION ACTION TOOLKIT** support clean transit for a more just environmental future. [RC-CleanTranspoActionToolkit](http://RC-CleanTranspoActionToolkit)

**LEE AQUÍ** - Queremos Sol [Propuesta Energética](http://PropuestaEnergética) (español)  
**READ HERE** - Queremos Sol [Energy Proposal](http://EnergyProposal) (English)

**EDUCATE** yourself about corporate money and involvement in our daily lives. [asyouow.org/about-us](http://asyouow.org/about-us) and [opensecrets.org](http://opensecrets.org)

**FOLLOW** Chicago's bus electrification progress [transitchicago.com/electricbus](http://transitchicago.com/electricbus)  
**Support** invest and divest, donate, sponsor

## Use Your Voice

**GET ACTIVE** in local environmental justice campaigns: demonstrate, lobby, share info. [ienearth.org](http://ienearth.org) | [weact.org](http://weact.org) | [sunrisemovement.org](http://sunrisemovement.org)

**PARTICIPATE** in Chicago's 2022 Climate Action Plan [chicago.gov/ClimateActionPlan](http://chicago.gov/ClimateActionPlan)

**CONTACT** elected officials, urging accountability for climate polluters and those that spread disinformation

**TAKE ACTION** to Strengthen Illinois Coal Ash Rules  
[act.sierraclub.org/actions/Illinois?actionId=AR0358177&id=70131000001p1FAAS](http://act.sierraclub.org/actions/Illinois?actionId=AR0358177&id=70131000001p1FAAS)



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**ROLL UP YOUR SLEEVES AND PARTICIPATE** in stewardship workdays.

Montrose Beach Dunes Volunteers [stewardship@chicagoparkdistrict](mailto:stewardship@chicagoparkdistrict)

Audubon Society [chicagoaudubon.org/montrose-piping-plovers](http://chicagoaudubon.org/montrose-piping-plovers)

**BE A PIPING PLOVER MONITOR** monitor during the breeding season.

[piperwatch@chicagobirder](mailto:piperwatch@chicagobirder)

**BE A CITIZEN SCIENTIST** record bird observations—whether in backyards, city streets, or remote forests to see how birds are affected by environmental changes.

[birds.cornell.edu](http://birds.cornell.edu)

**ENGAGE THROUGH** [openlands.org/get-involved](http://openlands.org/get-involved)

## Live Lightly on the Earth

**TURN OFF BUILDING LIGHTS** at night to protect migratory birds

Make windows safer, day and night

Reduce lawn, plant natives

Avoid pesticides

Protect our planet from plastic

**LIVE SUSTAINABLY IN CHICAGO** [chicagoenvironmentalists.org](http://chicagoenvironmentalists.org)

**DRAWDOWN** carbon by protecting and restoring ecosystems  
[drawdown.org/sectors/land-sinks](http://drawdown.org/sectors/land-sinks) and through [Indigenous Peoples' Forest Tenure](#)

## Communicate and Learn

**EDUCATE** yourself and others about birds and the places they live.

[National Audubon Society](#) [gl.audubon](http://gl.audubon)

**LEARN** more about the history and biology of this species at the

[Chicago Piping Plovers](#) and [Great Lakes Piping Plovers](#) websites.

**IDENTIFY** how climate change affects your community flooding in your backyard, changing food prices in the local market, extreme weather events, and so on. [Sunrise Movement](#)

[Ready For 100](#), Sierra Club, Chicago

## Use Your Voice

**VOTE!** \* **ORGANIZE** \* **WRITE** or **CALL**

Consider climate issues on local, national and global levels.

**Vote** at the local level and encourage your communities to vote for environmental policies that are equitable

**SUPPORT** invest and divest, donate, sponsor

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[chicago.gov/ClimateActionPlan](http://chicago.gov/ClimateActionPlan)



Become a member of the American Bird Conservancy, which is focused on habitat restoration throughout the Americas [abcbirds](http://abcbirds)

## Connect with Nature

**FIND AND JOIN** community efforts to build climate resilience to prepare for new climate conditions, reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, and address issues of social equity.

[toolkit.climate.gov/steps-to-resilience/steps-resilience-overview](https://toolkit.climate.gov/steps-to-resilience/steps-resilience-overview)

**GET TO KNOW** the Forest Preserves: Visit website for more info [fpdcc.com](https://fpdcc.com) and see a list of upcoming events at [fpdcc.com/events](https://fpdcc.com/events) and follow us on [facebook.com/FPDCC](https://facebook.com/FPDCC) and [instagram.com/fpdcc](https://instagram.com/fpdcc)

**GET OUTSIDE** and learn about the ways your local ecosystem is being impacted by climate change.

## Live Lightly on the Earth

Increase landscape and biological diversity

Maintain and improve the resilience of watersheds and aquatic ecosystems

Reduce the use of fossil fuels and transition to renewable energy  
[wilderness.org](https://wilderness.org)

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**LEARN ABOUT** local Native American culture and support local organizations. [chicagoaicc.com/member-organizations](https://chicagoaicc.com/member-organizations)

**CONNECT** to the Environmental Law & Policy Center to learn about climate change impacts on the Great Lakes through the the Great Lakes Climate Change Report  
[elpc.org/resources/the-impacts-of-climate-change-on-the-great-lakes](https://elpc.org/resources/the-impacts-of-climate-change-on-the-great-lakes)

**SHARE OUR STORY** - The Wilderness League, Alaska Wilderness League Share video and protect public lands [ourarcticrefuge](https://ourarcticrefuge)

## Use Your Voice

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Contact your Senator and Representative and encourage them to protect the Arctic Refuge [thegroundbetweenus.com/take-action](https://thegroundbetweenus.com/take-action)

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Support candidates who are behind climate resilience policies.

[wilderness.org/get-involved/join-our-movement/contact-your-congress-members](https://wilderness.org/get-involved/join-our-movement/contact-your-congress-members)



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**BE WITH NATURE!** Go outside

**BECOME A CHAMPION** of people and places too precious to pollute [earthworks.org/issues/oil\\_and\\_gas\\_health\\_effects](https://earthworks.org/issues/oil_and_gas_health_effects)

**CLEAN UP THE PLANET** one "habit of waste" at a time Habits of Waste (H.O.W.) [habitsofwaste.org](https://habitsofwaste.org)

**VISIT OR LEARN** about beautiful places and communities impacted by industry- [Voices for Biodiversity](https://VoicesforBiodiversity.org) shares the stories of eco-reporters around the world

## Live Lightly on the Earth

**LET'S SHIFT OUR WORLD VIEW** and start engaging our consciousness beyond our national (and other types of) borders.

**PROTECT OUR ECOSYSTEM** - reduce your waste, reuse when you can, and recycle when possible. Table to Table [tabletotable.org](https://tabletotable.org)

**IMPROVE SOCIETY** — fostering equality for all

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**SIGN UP** for Justice is Global's email list to be alerted about upcoming campaigns, launching soon. [justiceisglobal.org/sign-up](https://justiceisglobal.org/sign-up)

**CONVENE** Justice Outside convenes the field around critical issues like cultural relevance, the link between health and outdoor access, as well as building the next generation of environmental advocates. [justiceoutside.org](https://justiceoutside.org)

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Help pass climate justice policies

Pass policies to protect your local environment

Learn where your elected officials stand on key environmental justice issues: [scorecard.lcv.org](https://scorecard.lcv.org)

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**SUPPORT** invest and divest, donate, sponsor **TOKI RAPA NUI** seeks to protect the social, cultural and environmental heritage of Rapa Nui, Easter Island. [tokirapanui.org/en/donate](https://tokirapanui.org/en/donate)



## Connect with Nature

**BE WITH NATURE!** grow food / visit farms that grow your food

**USE YOUR FOOD** NRDC <https://www.nrdc.org/food-waste>  
Food Waste Feast <https://foodwastefeast.com>

**COMPOST FOOD SCRAPS** [collectiveresource](http://collectiveresource.org) [theurbancanopy](http://theurbancanopy.org)  
[illinoiscomposts.org/start-composting](http://illinoiscomposts.org/start-composting)

**USE COMPOST** to rebuild your soil health  
[illinoiscomposts.org/resources/where-to-buy-finished-compost](http://illinoiscomposts.org/resources/where-to-buy-finished-compost)  
[illinoiscomposts.org/using-compost](http://illinoiscomposts.org/using-compost)

## Live Lightly on the Earth

**SHOP SMART** when buying groceries buy what you need. Give away food that won't be eaten or prioritize preparing that food for a meal. Freeze uneaten food and if possible, compost any food scraps! EPA's Sustainable Management of Food Waste [epa.gov/sustainable-management-food](http://epa.gov/sustainable-management-food)

**DONATE OR CONSUME SURPLUS** Love Fridge [thelovefridge](http://thelovefridge.com)  
Too Good To Go (Too Good To Go is an app)

**DRAWDOWN** carbon by rebuilding healthy soil, [composting](#), [reduced-food-waste](#), and eating [plant-rich diets](#)

## Communicate and Learn

The Urban Canopy: Get involved with your community to understand what problems need to be addressed locally.

**LEARN AND LIVE SUSTAINABLY IN CHICAGO**  
[chicagoenvironmentalists.org](http://chicagoenvironmentalists.org)

**GET INVOLVED** [Wasted Food Action Alliance](#)  
[Illinois Stewardship Alliance](#) [Illinois Food Scrap Coalition](#)

## Use Your Voice

**TALK** to your close friends, neighbors and family about food waste in your community and advocate for stronger food waste policies. [nrdc.org/food-matters](http://nrdc.org/food-matters)

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