



Who We Are

The Illinois Environmental Council Education Fund engages in education and outreach and provides a forum for environmentalists. The Illinois Environmental Council serves as the environmental community's eyes, ears and voice in Springfield. The two organizations – collectively known as IEC – work together to ensure a more healthful environment for Illinois residents.

Since its founding in 1975 by a group of dedicated grassroots environmentalists, IEC has sponsored issue advocacy campaigns and projects by allowing environmental organizations to pool their resources and create a higher profile for environmental issues. Today, IEC represents 80 environmental and community organizations and nearly 300 individuals from throughout Illinois.

What We Do

IEC promotes sound environmental laws and policies. We encourage decision-makers in the private sector to go beyond minimum standards to establish new environmental best practices. We credit those who lead, innovate, and inspire others to follow their example.

IEC supports environmental activists across the state and is building programs to cultivate the next generation of environmental leadership. IEC is working to establish stronger relationships among leaders in communities of color who are committed to environmental stewardship and sustainability. This approach reflects our values and will help the environmental community realize its goals.

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