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Earth News for Educators

Will County Land Use Department

Resource Recovery & Energy Division (RRE)



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Congratulations to the Earth Flag Schools of 2025-2026

Aux Sable Middle School-District 202
Bednarcik Jr. High School-District 308
Beverly Skoff Elementary School-District 365U
Brooks Middle School-District 365U
Central Elementary School-District 202
Chaney Monge School—District 88
Channahon Park District Preschool-Channahon
Cunningham Elementary School-District 86
Dr. Julian Rogus Elementary School— District 161
Eagle Point Elementary School— District 202
Elwood School—District 203
Freedom Elementary School— District 202
Hadley Middle School— District 33C
Haines Elementary School—District 122
Heritage Grove Middle School-District 202
Hopewell and Bridgepoint Academies— Joliet
Irene King Elementary School— District 365U
Ivy League Montessori Preschool-Mokena
Jamie McGee Elementary School-District 365U
Joliet Central High School— District 204
Joliet Montessori School— Crest Hill
Jonas E. Salk Elementary School— District 365U
Kelvin Grove Middle School—District 91
Lakewood Falls Elementary School-District 202
Liberty Elementary School—District 202
Lincoln-Way Central High school— District 210
Lincoln-Way East High school— District 210
L.J. Stevens Intermediate School-District 209U
Lockport High School—District 205
Manhattan Intermediate School— District 114



Marycrest Early Education Center—District 86
Meadow View Elementary School —District 202
Milne Grove Elementary School—District 91
Mokena Park District Preschool-Mokena
Nelson Ridge Elementary School—District 122
Neuqua Valley High School—District 204
Our Savior Lutheran Preschool-Joliet
Peotone Jr. High-District 207U
Plainfield Central— District
Reed-Custer Middle School— District 255U
Richland Elementary School-District 88A
Richard Ira Jones Middle School— District 202
Spencer Crossing Intermediate School-District 122
St. Mary Immaculate School-Plainfield
The Wheatlands Elementary School-District 308
Thomas Jefferson Elementary School-District 202
Troy Cronin Preschool— District 30C
Troy Hofer Elementary School-District 30C
Troy Shorewood Elementary—District 30C
Wesmere Elementary School— District 202
White Eagle Elementary School— District 204
Wilson Creek Elementary School-District 114

Did you know Governor Pritzker signed a bill in 2024 requiring Illinois schools to educate students on climate change for the 2026 –2027 School year?

Will County's FREE Environmental Education program offers aligned resources and support, which is a great way for schools to meet these new state requirements!



Learn how renewable energy sources produce electricity without creating carbon dioxide and can play a critical role in cutting green house gas emissions.

Girl Scout Troop 75223 learned about hydro power and renewable energy.



Lakewood Falls Kindergarten learning how to recycle.



Learn how composting food and keeping food waste out of landfills can cut down on methane gas a potent green house gas that speeds up global warming. Keeping a vermicomposting bin (worms) will help reduce methane gas in your classroom while learning about worms and composting.



Dr. Julian Rogus 2nd grade making classroom vermicomposting bins.



Learn how Zero waste helps combat climate change by significantly reducing greenhouse gas emissions across a product's lifecycle. Living a more waste free lifestyle cuts emissions associated with manufacturing, energy usage, and material transportation.

Students at Bridgepoint Academy learned how to live a more waste free lifestyle while reusing plastic bags into bracelets.



WANT TO BECOME A WILL COUNTY EARTH FLAG SCHOOL!

Earn an Earth Flag by completing the first 2 tasks and 2 optional activities. Receive a 3' x 5' Earth Flag for year one and an award ribbon each year in the program.

Recycle two materials (paper, cans, bottles, plastics, etc.)

Schedule Presentations (Vermicomposting, Renewable Energy, Water Conservation, Towards Zero Waste, Monarch Butterflies, Recycling)



Contact Erin Noon or fill out the Will County Earth Flag

Application at

WillCountyGreen.com to schedule!

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Upcoming Events at www.WillCountyGreen.com

Apr 11: White Oak Library STEM Fest in Romeoville 10am-4pm

Apr 18: Recyclepalooza and Household Hazardous Waste in Joliet Junior College 8am-2pm

May 2nd: Electronics and Small Scrap Metal Recycling in Shorewood 8am-Noon

May 4th-8th : Textile Collection Week at Will County Office Building in Joliet

May 9: Electronics and Household Hazardous Waste in Plainfield 8am-2pm

May 29-June 1: Book Reuse and Recycling Event in Joliet 9am-4pm

July 7th: Water Conservation Day with the Slammers in Joliet 6:35pm game time

Sept 12th: Recyclepalooza and Household Hazardous Waste in New Lenox 8am-2pm

Sept 19th: Residential Tire Event in Peotone 8am-3pm