

## LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS/RESOURCES FOR LIVING GREEN

[Environmental Pledge](#): Take the pledge to show the City we are serious about a greener South Loop.

[Chicago Conservation Corps](#): The mission of the Chicago Conservation Corps is to recruit, train and support a network of volunteers who work together to improve the quality of life in our neighborhoods through environmental service projects that protect our water, clean our air, restore our land and save energy.

[City Recycling](#) Bulk recycling bins are currently at 18<sup>th</sup> & Clark (next to Metra tracks on west side of Clark; parking available). More locations are planned. More information, including where and when you can recycle electronics and hazardous waste, is located at this site.

[Center for Neighborhood Technology](#): Home of IGO car sharing, The Center for Neighborhood Technology (CNT) promotes the development of more livable and sustainable urban communities. They strive to recognize, preserve, and enhance the value of hidden assets and underutilized resources inherent in our urban environment to make households, neighborhoods, and regions more efficient, more economically viable, and more equitable. They have offered to help the South Loop develop and implement a stormwater management action/remediation plan. Sign up to receive their enewsletter

[Openlands' TreeKeepers](#): TreeKeepers are volunteers who have become certified by Openlands to give trees the care and maintenance they need to thrive in the urban forest.

[Chicago Wilderness](#): The Chicago Wilderness consortium is an alliance of more than 200 public and private organizations working together to protect, restore, study and manage the natural ecosystems of the Chicago region, contribute to the conservation of global biodiversity, and enrich local residents' quality of life.

[Chicago's Dept of Environment](#): Mayor Daley announced a new Cool Roof Grant Program on Wed, Oct 10, 2007. 55 grants are available, at \$6000 each. Visit this page for links to almost every City environmental program.

[Center for Green Technology](#) (Dpt of Environment) A great resource for professionals and homeowners to learn how green technology is cost-effective and good for the environment. CCGT also offers free seminars for the public 2-3 times per week. CCGT's Green Building Resource Center also has a small library that includes green product samples. The library is open to visitors whenever CCGT is open. 445 N. Sacramento Blvd. Chicago, IL 60612 Telephone: 312-746-9642; [greentech@cityofchicago.org](mailto:greentech@cityofchicago.org)

[Onyx Distribution Services](#) 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward resident Freeda Muldoon owns this business that wholesales and retails earth-friendly cleaning and food service products

[GreenMaker Building Supply](#) Green building supplies for homeowners and professionals. They will help you find the most cost effective way to reach your green building goals. 2500 N. Pulaski Rd. Chicago IL 60639 Phone: 773.384.7500

[Friends of the Chicago River](#) Help preserve, protect, and foster the vitality of the Chicago River for the human, plant, and animal communities within its watershed. Many volunteer opportunities to get up close and personal with this resource that flows through our community. 28 East Jackson, Suite 1800 Chicago, IL 60604-2272; T. (312) 939-0490; [Friends@chicagoriver.org](mailto:Friends@chicagoriver.org)

[Illinois Chapter of the Sierra Club](#): 200 N. Michigan Avenue, Suite 505; Chicago, IL 60601-5908  
Phone: 312-251-1680/

## NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS: LIST OF WEBSITES THAT SUPPORT ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION

### LEARN MORE, DO MORE AT A POLICY/POLITICAL LEVEL

[Natural Resources Defense Council](#): Mission is to safeguard the Earth: its people, its plants and animals, and the natural systems on which all life depends. You can sign up to get notices by email for action opportunities.

[Environmental Defense](#): They partner with businesses, governments and communities to find practical environmental solutions. You can sign up to get notices by email for action opportunities.

[Earth Justice](#): “because the Earth needs a good lawyer” You can sign up to get notices by email for action opportunities. Earthjustice is a non-profit public interest law firm dedicated to protecting the magnificent places, natural resources, and wildlife of this earth and to defending the right of all people to a healthy environment. We bring about far-reaching change by enforcing and strengthening environmental laws on behalf of hundreds of organizations and communities.

[Sierra Club](#) sign up for their newsletter and daily Green Tips. Political action opportunities.