PROTECTING ILLINOIS' ENVIRONMENT THROUGH POLICY AND ADVOCACY

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The Illinois Environmental Council has served as the eyes, ears, and voice of the environmental community in Springfield since 1975.
WHAT DOES IEC DO? WWW.ILENVIRO.ORG

- Track up to 250 bills a year that impact the environment.
- Environmental News.
- Coordinate sixty different environmental organizations, including lobbying activity and membership coordination. (Lobby Day on April 3!)
- Build relationships with legislators.
- Release environmental scorecard for state legislators.
A SHORT CIVICS LESSON

- There are deadlines.
- The media often gets it wrong.
- It’s easier to kill a bill than pass a bill.
- Many legislators love the “agreed to bill.”
- Show me the roll call.
How often do you work with scientists in Springfield?

- Idea
- Policy Development
- Negotiation
- Persuasion
- Expert testimony
- Bill Passage
- Implementation
Policy Options

- Remove Barriers
- Voluntary Program
- Incentives
- Mandates
A Short Story about 5 years of Work on Fracking

- Mixing of the chemicals
- Leaking well casings
- Flowback
- Storage of waste water onsite
- Storage of waste water (deep well injection)
ITEMS IN THE 100+ PAGE FRACKING BILL

- Storage
- Water monitoring
- Presumption of liability
- Setbacks
- Well Construction
- Chemical Disclosure
- Water use
- Public notice
- Transparency and hearings
- Citizen Suits
- Earthquakes
2014 Legislation

- Fix to the Illinois Renewable Energy Portfolio Standards. (SB103)
- Studies on water loss and urban flooding. (SB2966, SB3047)
- Coal tar ban. (HB4599)
- Clean water initiative (SB 2780/HB 4382)
- Pet coke dust regulation
- Farmers market rule standardization
- Wildlife conservation
- CAFO regulation and nutrient pollution
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