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# *Illinois Solid Waste News*

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## *Celebrating 30 Years!*

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### *President's Letter*

**By Kerri Gale**

Happy New Year to all!

I want to thank all of our members (new and longtime), sponsors and speakers for coming to the ILCSWMA conference. We had a great conference, packed with new information and networking opportunities.

ILCSWMA has been around since 1993, making great strides in the Solid Waste and Recycling field. As we celebrate 30 years, we continue to look for new and innovative ways to serve our members. The buzz words for 2023 are grants, education, batteries, solid waste plans, and new staff. There is a lot of experience for new members to tap into and new ideas for longtime members to access in the ILCSWMA organization.

We look forward to meeting all of our new members at upcoming regional meetings and at the annual conference in October! Keep up-to-date with ILCSWMA activities by following our Facebook page and checking our website, [www.ilcswma.org](http://www.ilcswma.org). And always feel free to reach out to me or any of the Board Members with your questions!

- Kerri

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### *2022 Conference Recap*

After COVID kept us apart for two years, it was a pleasure to come together again for our 2022 Annual Conference in November. More than 70 members and guests attended the two-day event at the

beautiful Starved Rock Lodge and Convention Center in Utica, Illinois.

We are grateful to our amazing panel of speakers and presenters, who shared their insights and provided education and training on a variety of topics. You can view the slides of some of these presentations on our [website](#).



- **Jen Walling**, Executive Director of the Illinois Environmental Council, presented our keynote address. She provided an overview of waste issues and legislative action in 2022 and what to look for in 2023.
- **Chris Newman** from the U.S. EPA and **James Jennings** from the Illinois EPA shared exciting news about current grant opportunities.
- **Marta Keane** gave us an update on the work of the Illinois Product Stewardship Council.
- **Susan Monte**, **Michael Brown** and **Robin Grooms** shared insights about Sustainability Planning at the county level.
- Illinois EPA's **Tom Rivera** provided training for inspectors on gaining lawful entry to properties.
- **Jen Nelson** from Seven Generations Ahead and **Stephanie Katsaros** from Bright Beat talked about composting initiatives in Illinois and the work of the Illinois Food Scrap & Composting Coalition.
- **Greg Maxwell** shared the latest info about recycling markets, while **Javier Erazo** and **Adam Jaquet** told the inside story of what's happening at MRFs.
- **Steve Schilling** from SWANA discussed trends in waste industry organizations.
- **Mary Allen** from SWANCC talked about the impacts of recycling contamination and her group's experience with cart tagging education.
- Morris Fire Chief **Tracey Steffes**, along with the EPA's **Chris Newman** and ERI's **Dave Hirschler**, looked at different aspects of dealing with lithium battery disposal.
- **Paul Cooney** and **Dave Hartke** discussed landfill gas issues and solutions.
- **Pete Adrian** provided an overview of the US Plastics Pact and recent accomplishments.
- **James Jennings** and **Allison Fry** from the Illinois EPA discussed the Illinois Drug Take-Back Law, which goes into effect in December 2023.
- **Walter Willis** and **Alec Laird** discussed Extended Producer Responsibility for Packaging and Paper Products Legislation.
- And finally, LRS Board Director **Josh Connell** talked about the future of solid waste management.

We thank all of these leaders for their time and invaluable contributions to the conference.

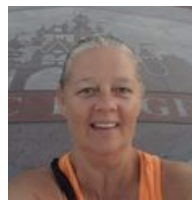
We also wish to thank to our sponsors, whose generous support made the conference possible: **LRS**, **Groot, Waste Management**, **Ogle County Department of Solid Waste**, **SWANCC**, **SWALCO**, **Heritage** and **CJD E-cycling**. Read more about Heritage below.



## *Congratulations to our Award Winners*

A highlight of our annual conference is the Awards Ceremony, in which we honor those who have gone above and beyond to serve ILCSWMA and improve solid waste efforts throughout the state.

Here are 2022's award winners:



### **DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD Becky Tracy**

The ILCSWMA Board bestows this award to a nominee that has made outstanding contributions to the Association and the management of solid waste in Illinois.

Since 2004, Becky has managed Perry County's solid waste program. She serves as the zoning officer, recycling coordinator, and inspector for solid waste enforcement in Perry County. Becky joined the ILCSWMA board in 2012 as the Southern Region Rep and is currently the organization's treasurer. She pays special attention to detail when it comes to our finances and keeps the board updated. As a solid waste inspector & board member Becky is always looking for ways to improve our enforcement sessions for the delegated counties.



### **ILCSWMA LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

#### **Mary Allen**

This award is bestowed upon an individual who is retiring or is leaving the solid waste industry in Illinois, and who has made a significant impact upon the industry and the Association. Not necessarily awarded each year.

Mary Allen, from the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County, served on the ILCSWMA Board of Directors 2011 -2015. Mary brought energy and passion to the Board and we have been better for it. While serving on the Board, Mary has served as an At-Large Member, Northern Region Representative, and Secretary. She has helped put together our annual conferences, as well as training workshops, and has spoken at many of them. Mary always has unique and fun ideas to help liven up ILCSWMA events.

Before serving on the Board, Mary was always an active ILCSWMA member, actively sharing information with other members and developing programs that many others have replicated. Since joining SWANCC in 1995, Mary has become recognized throughout Illinois and beyond as a leader in providing cutting-edge recycling and education services. We present her with the Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition of her years of service to the industry and this Association.



### **AWARD OF EXCELLENCE**

#### **Bart Hagston**

Bart started his solid waste career in St. Louis, then Grundy County, and finally worked his way to Jackson County in 1999. He worked as the Recycling Coordinator, Solid Waste Inspector, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, Director of Environmental Health, and now the Administrator.

Bart has been a part of ILCSWMA from the start. He started as the Southern Region Rep and made his way to President 2005-2007. After his continued success on the Board, Bart became the administrative coordinator for ILCSWMA. Bart is a continued constant for ILCSWMA with a plethora of knowledge and success in the Solid Waste Field. He has been the photographer, coordinator, behind-the-scenes planner, awards presentation presenter, and emcee. Bart's passion for solid waste and recycling has put ILCSWMA on the map.

## 2023 Annual Conference

Wednesday, October 25 & Thursday, October 26

Starved Rock Lodge & Conference Center



Are you interested in presenting at or being a sponsor of the 2023 conference?  
Please email us at [ilcswma@gmail.com](mailto:ilcswma@gmail.com) or reach out to one of our [Board Members](#)!

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### *It's Membership Renewal Time!*

ILCSWMA is dedicated to providing a forum for networking and information exchange among solid waste professionals in Illinois. Enjoy all the benefits of membership by joining today.

- Full Membership: \$130
- Affiliate Membership: \$100
- New Member Rate for 2023: \$30 - In honor of ILCSWMA's 30th Anniversary! (Must not have been a member for the past two years or more)
- Retiree Rate for 2023: \$25 (for those retired from a position in the solid waste field)



Membership is valid from January 1 to December 31 each year. All employees of your organization are covered under one membership.

Check your inbox for our membership email, or visit our [website](#) for more details about membership and to join!

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### *Member Spotlight*

**HERITAGE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**







## Solutions Fit for Any Challenge

### Our Core Services

#### Who We Are

Heritage Environmental Services is a privately-held, family-owned business headquartered in Indianapolis with more than 1,400 employees across North America. We provide a full suite of tailored solutions – from emergency response, waste disposal, and sustainability services to on-site support and technical solutions – to thousands of customers in hundreds of industries. For over 50 years, Heritage has prioritized the safety of our employees while pursuing our purpose of protecting human health and the environment.

#### How We Do It

It starts with our people. We have the brightest minds in our industry to address customer challenges. We employ people that understand the responsibilities that come with protecting human health and the environment. Through our relationships and reporting technology, we're proud to provide complete transparency into the solutions we deliver.

#### Our Impact

Heritage began in 1970, when a customer needed a solution for a unique wastestream. Fifty years later, we've built multiple business lines to become a proven leader in innovating responsible, sustainable solutions. We operate an exclusive Research & Development Group to discover solutions to our customer's most complex problems at no charge or risk. By helping our customers achieve their sustainability goals, we positively impact both their business and the environment.

#### How can we help you manage your wastestreams?



Scan to connect with us or to learn more about Heritage.

#### Our Commitment

We are problem solvers. Companies generate waste, which needs to be managed safely and compliantly. As professionals who understand the complex and changing regulatory realities, we help ensure our customers are fully prepared for the challenges of today and those to come.

# Core Services



## Inorganic Waste Treatment

We handle wastewater treatment of acids, caustics, and leachates. Additionally, we manage the stabilization of heavy metals in solids including sludges, filtercakes, and soils. We also provide cyanide destruction and the encapsulation of metal contaminated debris.



## Fuel Blending

We are North America's largest single-site fuel blending provider. As a sustainable solution, we convert liquid and solid waste-derived fuels into an environmentally friendly secondary fuel source to replace coal and natural gas in cement kilns. Specialty services at this facility include aerosol processing and organic wastewater processing.



## Incineration

We have the capacity to treat more than 60,000 tons of bulk liquids, bulksolids, containers and lab packs each year. Accepted materials include pharmaceuticals, chemical wastes, consumer commodities, DEA-controlled substances, mixed infectious-hazardous wastes, and a variety of byproduct wastestreams. Specialty services include direct feeds for reactive materials and witness burns.



## Transportation Services

When time is of the essence we're there with an extensive fleet of vehicles, including tanker, van, trailer, dump and roll-off equipment to service the continental U.S. In addition, we are a recognized leader when it comes to both hazardous and nonhazardous transportation via rail. As a value-added service, we provide pre-printed shipping documents and labels at no charge.



## Landfill

We provide a secure, beginning-to-end solution, complete with logistics and planning options for secure disposal in a RCRA Subtitle C landfill for heavy metal contaminated wastes, remediation soils, CAMU eligible wastes, PCB remediation wastes, demolition debris, and LDR compliant waste.



## Emergency Response Planning

We have the experience to rapidly and professionally respond to nearly any emergency and help return operations to normal. We help our customers clean up after incidents that vary from overturned trucks to the aftermath of natural disasters. As a certified Oil Spill Response Organization, we partner with industry and government agencies to cleanup the worst of the worst.



## Onsite Services

Our staff can become full or part-time personnel for handling your day-to-day paperwork, daily inspections, labeling material for transport, creation of waste management reports and more. Additional services include lab packing, HHW's, emergency response, advanced technical/ engineering support, industrial cleaning, and training services.

Scan to learn more about our services:



## ***Legislative Updates*** *(as of February 3, 2023)*

*ILCSWMA provides periodic updates to our members throughout the Illinois legislative session on bills of potential interest. Below is a list of such bills as filed to date. Click on the links to see details listed on the Illinois General Assembly website. This list will be updated and sent via email as needed.*

### **[SB0052 Compost Awareness Week](#) (Sen. Laura Fine)**

Amends the State Commemorative Dates Act. Provides that the first full week of May is designated as Compost Awareness Week to be observed throughout the State as a week to recognize the importance of composting and the use of compost in growing healthier food, supporting healthier soils, creating a more sustainable world, and to promote all relevant activities connected to the annual theme of International Compost Awareness Week.

### **[SB0058 Degradable Plastic-Single Use](#) (Sen. Laura Fine)**

Amends the Degradable Plastic Act. Provides that, on or before July 1, 2025, each State agency shall establish and implement a plan to reduce the quantity of single-use plastics used or purchased by that State agency by 50% on or before 2031 and by 75% on or before 2036. Exempts specified single-use plastics from the provisions. Provides that on or before May 1, 2026, and on or before May 1 of each year thereafter, each State agency shall deliver to the Department of Central Management Services a status report on its single-use plastics reduction efforts. Requires the Department to compile a report with specified information and submit it to the General Assembly and the public. Provides that each State agency must post specified information on its website. Exempts State agencies that ban their own use or purchase of single-use plastics from the requirements. Defines "single-use plastic" and "State agency." Contains other provisions.

### **[SB0066 Truth in Recycling Act](#) (Sen. Laura Fine)**

Creates the Truth in Recycling Act. Provides that a person who represents in advertising or on the label or container of a consumer good manufactured or distributed by the person that the consumer good is not harmful to or is beneficial to the natural environment through the use of specified environmental terms, through the use of a chasing arrows symbol, or by otherwise directing a consumer to recycle the consumer good shall maintain in written form in the person's records specified information and documentation supporting the validity of the representation. Requires the information and documentation to be furnished to any member of the public upon request. Provides that a rigid plastic bottle or rigid plastic container sold in the State shall be labeled with a code meeting specified requirements and that indicates the resin used to produce the rigid plastic bottle or rigid plastic container. Contains provisions regarding deceptive or misleading claims about the recyclability of a product or packaging. Contains other provisions. Amends the Environmental Protection Act. Authorizes moneys in the Solid Waste Management Fund to be used by the Environmental Protection Agency to administer the Truth in Recycling Act. Amends the Solid Waste Planning and Recycling Act. Repeals a provision regarding coding for single use plastic bottles and other single use rigid plastic containers with specified capacities.

### **[SB0085 Beverage Container Refund](#) (Sen. Laura M. Murphy)**



Creates the State Beverage Container Recycling Refunds Act. Establishes the Distributor and Importer Responsibility Organization to implement a beverage container recycling redemption refund program to issue redemption refunds to consumers for beverage containers. Provides avenues for redeeming refunds under the Act. Contains labeling requirements. Sets forth performance targets for the Organization. Contains reporting requirements. Requires the Organization to establish an Operations Advisory Committee and an Equity and Access Advisory Committee. Contains provisions concerning reimbursement, enforcement, and administration and other provisions

#### [SB0088 EPA-PFAS Consumer Protection](#) (Sen. Laura Fine)

Provides that the amendatory Act may be referred to as the Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Chemicals Consumer Protection Law. Amends the Illinois Procurement Code. In provisions regarding environmentally preferable procurement, includes products that do not contain intentionally added PFAS chemicals in the definitions of "environmentally preferable supplies" and "environmentally preferable services." Amends the Environmental Protection Act. Provides that on and after specified dates, no person shall sell, offer for sale, distribute for sale, or distribute for use in the State specified products that contain intentionally added PFAS chemicals. Provides that on and after January 1, 2025, a PFAS manufacturer of cookware sold in the State that contains intentionally added PFAS chemicals in the handle of the product or in any product surface that comes into contact with food, foodstuffs, or beverages shall list the presence of PFAS chemicals on the product label and comply with other specified requirements. Contains exemptions from the requirements for specified cookware. On and after January 1, 2025, prohibits manufacturers from making a claim on cookware packaging that the cookware is free of any PFAS chemical, unless no individual PFAS chemical is intentionally added to the cookware. Contains notification requirements. Contains other provisions.

#### [SB0147 Paint Stewardship Act](#) (Sen Linda Holmes)

Creates the Paint Stewardship Act. Contains the findings of the General Assembly. Provides that manufacturers of architectural paint sold at retail in the State or representative organizations shall submit to the Director of the Environmental Protection Agency a plan for the establishment of a post-consumer paint stewardship program. Requires the program to meet specified requirements. Provides that manufacturers or retailers shall not sell or offer for sale architectural paint to any person in the State unless the manufacturer of a paint brand or representative organization is implementing an approved paint stewardship plan. Prohibits the incineration of leftover architectural paint collected pursuant to an approved paint stewardship plan. Provides that manufacturers or representative organizations shall submit reports with specified requirements. Provides that manufacturers or representative organizations participating in a post-consumer paint stewardship program shall not be liable for any claim of a violation of antitrust, restraint of trade, unfair trade practice, or other anticompetitive conduct arising from conduct undertaken in accordance with the program. Provides for administrative and oversight fees to be paid to the Agency. Provides that manufacturers or representative organizations shall implement the post-consumer paint collection plan within 6 months of the date that the program plan is approved. Contains provisions regarding post-consumer paint from households and small businesses. Contains other provisions.

#### [HB1370 Solid Waste Event Facilities](#) (Rep. Curtis J. Tarver II)

Provides that the amendatory Act may be referred to as the Large Event Waste Law. Amends the Solid Waste Planning and Recycling Act. Provides that, on and after January 1, 2025, an owner or operator of an event facility that has a maximum legal capacity or occupancy of at least 3,000 persons and that receives funding from the State of Illinois shall participate in the recycling program established by the county in which the event facility is located and shall send recyclable materials to a recycling center. Defines "event facility."

*Other bills that we are watching for possible introduction in the Spring session include:*

- Extended producer responsibility for packaging and paper products
- Styrofoam ban
- Plastic bag ban
- Repeal of PA 101-0141 chemical recycling pilot
- Balloon Release Ban
- Compost incentives for farms
- Methane emissions from landfills

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## *In the NEWS....*

### **Grant deadlines quickly approaching**

#### **Illinois EPA County Solid Waste Planning grants - applications due March 3**

The Illinois EPA recently announced \$500,000 in funding available for County Solid Waste Planning grants. Each county or local unit of government may apply for up to \$10,000 to cover projects, such as conducting a local solid waste and materials management needs assessment. Other projects qualify, as well. Read the [full announcement](#) for more details. Applications for the County Solid Waste Planning Grants will be accepted through 5:00 PM (CST) on March 3, 2023.

#### **EPA's Consumer Recycling Education & Outreach grant - applications due February 15**

Counties, municipalities and organizations now have until Feb. 15 to apply for the EPA's Consumer Recycling Education & Outreach grant. The deadline was extended. Eligible projects are those that encourage the collection of recyclable materials by informing the public about recycling programs, providing information about materials accepted, or increase participation rate and decrease contamination in recycling programs. For details, visit the Illinois EPA [website](#).



### **Name Change for Illinois Food Scrap Coalition**

To better align with its role as Illinois Chapter of the U.S. Composting Coalition, the Illinois Food Scrap Coalition has updated its name and logo to include "composting." With many composting initiatives underway nationwide, we are proud to have the Illinois Food Scrap & Composting Coalition leading the way in our state. Keep up the good work, IFSC!

### **In Memoriam: Lenny Worth**



[Leonard Worth, 1929-2022](#)

(links to obituary)

We are saddened to have learned of the passing of a dear friend to ILCSWMA. Lenny Worth was President of Fluorecycle, Inc., and a long-standing affiliate member of ILCSWMA. Lenny spoke at and sponsored many of our ILCSWMA conferences.

Before Fluorecycle, Lenny had a long and successful career in the electrical supply industry. He was instrumental in building the Leviton company to its greatness and served many years on the Electric Association Board of Directors.

But ILCSWMA will always remember Lenny for his passion for educating us on the importance of recycling fluorescent lamps and even more for his ability to make us smile and laugh. He always had a story to tell and positive thoughts to share. May his memory be a blessing.

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### ***Coming Soon...***

We will be announcing in-person Regional Meetings and a Workshop soon. Watch your email inbox for details.

#### **REGIONAL MEETINGS**

DATE: To be announced

PLACE: meeting locations for the Northern, Central, and Southern regions will be announced

TOPIC: We will be covering legislative updates for 2023, including the Illinois Drug Take-Back Law and solid waste plan requirements.

## SPRING WORKSHOP

DATE: To be announced (tentatively May)

PLACE: To be announced (tentatively Danville)

TOPIC: Battery disposal and safety issues

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*We want to hear from you!*

What's going on in your organization or in your part of the state? Send us your news to include in the next issue of *Illinois Solid Waste News*. We're interested in hearing about your waste management, reduction, diversion and recycling programs, recent accomplishments, new employees, and awards or recognition your team has received.

Send your news items to [info@ilcswma.org](mailto:info@ilcswma.org) by March 31st for inclusion in the next ILCSWMA newsletter!

## Behind the Scenes



Our new Administrative Coordinator is Nancy Broten-Munson. Nancy joined us at the 2022 Annual Conference at Starved Rock and is familiarizing herself with ILCSWMA operations and solid waste & recycling issues in the state. Nancy has a passion for upcycling and promoting Earth-friendly lifestyle habits. She lives in Elk Grove Village and is a public outreach librarian in her 9-5 life.

If you have any administrative questions, please email Nancy at [ilcswma@gmail.com](mailto:ilcswma@gmail.com).



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