



# ILCSWMA

Illinois Counties Solid Waste Management Association

The Illinois Counties Solid Waste Management Association (ILCSWMA) was established in 1993 as a not-for-profit organization for local level solid waste management officials and other interested parties. The Association is dedicated to providing a forum for networking, training and information exchange.

## President's Message



September is here, and we are less than eight weeks away from the ILCSWMA Conference. Over the past few months, the ILCSWMA Board has been working hard to assemble yet another quality conference I'm sure you won't want to miss. This newsletter contains conference registration and hotel reservation links. Please pass them on to your colleagues who may not be receiving this newsletter, and of course, don't forget to register yourself, too. Many of the conference highlights are contained in the at-a-glance agenda provided below but stay tuned because we have a few more special events planned that we think you will enjoy. Last, I want to give a big thank you to all our sponsors, for without their generous support, this conference would not have been nearly as affordable, educational, and fun for all our attendees.

Thank you, and I look forward to seeing you all at the ILCSWMA Conference.

Pete

## Join Us at the 2024 Conference

October 29 and 30, in Normal, IL



This year's conference will be held at the beautiful Marriott Hotel and Conference Center in Normal, Illinois on Tuesday, October 28 and Wednesday, October 29. Sessions have been planned to bring you the most up-to-date information on timely topics and legislation. There will be optional tours on Monday and Wednesday afternoons TBA soon. Additionally, being central to the Illinois State University campus there are great walking opportunities to enjoy restaurants, bars, shops, and more, day and night. The BOD thanks its early sponsors for supporting the association's educational efforts and the ability to keep rates reasonable. Additionally, this year, four students from ISU will be attending the conference on a scholarship provided by sponsorship funding. We look forward to seeing you at this year's conference!

#### Member Pricing

Full Conference, \$200  
Tuesday Only, \$150  
Wednesday Only, \$100

#### Non Member Pricing

Full Conference, \$300  
Tuesday Only, \$250  
Wednesday Only, \$200

[Register for Conference](#)

## Conference Keynote Speaker

### Elisabeth Reed

The ILCSWMA conference planning committee is excited to have Elisabeth Reed, the Director of the Illinois State University Office of Sustainability, kick off the conference on Tuesday morning at 9 AM. Since 2019, she has led the University to develop its first Sustainability Strategic Plan, integrated Zero Waste practice into campus operations, and created innovative programming with students, faculty, staff and community members. In addition to highlighting these successes, Elisabeth will address:

- How to engage younger generations
- Communication and outreach strategies
- Viable fields of study/training for future careers

These topics are central to other session speakers throughout the two-day conference. A not to miss learning experience!





# ILCSWMA 2024 Conference At-a-Glance Agenda

Tuesday, October 29

President's Welcome - 9 am  
Keynote Speaker, Elisabeth Reed, ISU

Plenary Session - 10 - 11 am  
Illinois Sustainable Materials Management Program Updates

## Sustainability Sessions

11:15 am - 12:15 pm

Reuse Marketplaces  
NexCycle, Model of Circularity

1:30 - 2:30 pm

National Strategy for Reducing  
Food Loss and Waste,  
and Recycling Organics

2:45 - 3:45 pm

Environmental Education  
Curriculum and Activity

3:45 - 5 pm

Walking Tour of ISU's Zero  
Waste Residence's Hall

**LUNCH &  
AWARDS  
12:15 pm**

Speaker information coming soon

## Enforcement Sessions

11:15 am - 12:15 pm

Landfill Cover Systems

1:30 - 2:30 pm

Landfill Gas Extraction Design  
Innovations

2:45 - 3:45 pm

Permitting for Composting and  
Manure Application

3:45 - 5 pm

Case Studies of Open Dumping  
and Burning

Technical Writing for Reports

Happy Hour 5:30 pm  
Dinner - 6:30 pm  
After Dinner Social, TBA



# Conference Agenda

## Wednesday, October 30

### Sustainability Session Redbird A

9 - 10 am

### Enforcement Session Redbird B

#### Recycle Coach App and Implementation

- Jeff Galad, Recycle Coach
- Michael Brown and Katie Vogler, Ecology Action Center

#### Landfill Post-Closure Care Release

- Charles Hostetler, SCS Engineers
- Jacki Cooperider, IEPA
- Joshua Rhoades, IEPA

### Plenary Session - The Future of Waste Coordinated by SWANA's IL Land of Lincoln Chapter

10:15 - 11:45 am

#### 1. Landfill Capacity

Matthew Loula, Geo-Logic Associates

#### 2. Hard to Recycle Plastics

Catherine Chertudi & Paul Benvenuti, Reynolds Consumer Products

#### 3. Modern MRF's

Jeff Snyder, Rumpke Waste and Recycling

#### 4. Secondary Processing

Mike Centers, Titus

#### 5. EPR Laws - Present and Future

Christina Seibert, SWANCC

#### 6. Organics Ban Legislation

Walter Willis, SWALCO

### SWANA Illinois Annual Meeting and Election of Officers 11:45 am - Noon

[ILCSWMA.org](http://ILCSWMA.org)

## Reserve Your Room Before October 10

- Marriott Hotel & Conference Center, 201 Broadway Avenue Normal, IL
- \$110 USD per night, government per diem rate as of 10-01-2024
- Room availability: Monday & Tuesday, October 28 & 29
- Deadline for block reservation is October 10, 2024

[Book a Room](#)

[Be a Conference Sponsor](#)

# Be A Conference Sponsor!

Thank you for your consideration and support!



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The Illinois Counties Solid Waste Management Association's (ILCSWMA) Board of Directors would like to invite your company or organization to consider being a **Red, White, or Blue** sponsor at its Annual Conference that will be held on **October 29 & 30**, at the **Marriott Hotel**, in **Normal, Illinois**. Your financial support reduces the food and beverage costs to keep conference rates affordable for all attendees.

## 2024 ILCSWMA Conference Sponsorship Benefits

### Red Level Sponsor - \$1,500:



- Opportunity to have a small display or table in a common area
- Name and logo recognition - ILCSWMA program, social media, newsletter, website
- Signage at conference
- Verbal recognition at conference
- Recognition in the conference program
- Article in ILCSWMA newsletter post conference (content and artwork provided by the sponsor)
- Two complimentary conference registrations
- A 2025 ILCSWMA membership

### White Level Sponsor - \$1,000:

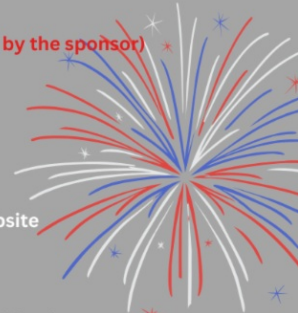


- Opportunity to have a small display or table in a common area
- Name and logo recognition - ILCSWMA program, social media, newsletter, website
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- Article in ILCSWMA newsletter post conference (content and artwork provided by the sponsor)
- One complimentary conference registration
- A 2025 ILCSWMA membership

### Blue Levels Sponsor - \$500:



- Opportunity to have a small display or table in a common area
- Name and logo recognition - ILCSWMA program, social media, newsletter, website
- Signage at conference
- Verbal recognition at conference
- Recognition in the conference program



If you are interested in becoming a sponsor of the ILCSWMA conference please contact Mary S. Allen, ILCSWMA's Administrative Coordinator, at [ilcswma@gmail.com](mailto:ilcswma@gmail.com).

## Recognition - Please Nominate a Colleague

Do you have a colleague or co-worker who has made outstanding contributions to the Association and to the management of solid waste in the State of Illinois? Nominate them for an award by filling out a simple form by September 15, 2024.

**Distinguished Service Award** - ILCSWMA Board bestows this award to a nominee that has made outstanding contributions to the Association and the management of solid waste in the State of Illinois.

**Lifetime Achievement Award** - 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.

The Board will review each submission and select a recipient for each category to present an award on Tuesday during lunch. Don't delay - get your nomination in today!

## New Membership Category



The BOD recently voted to have a new category of membership to recognize long-time Board members' dedication and contributions called, "Lifetime Honorary Member". At this time the Board of Directors is pleased to recognize Chad Braatz and Bart Hagston.

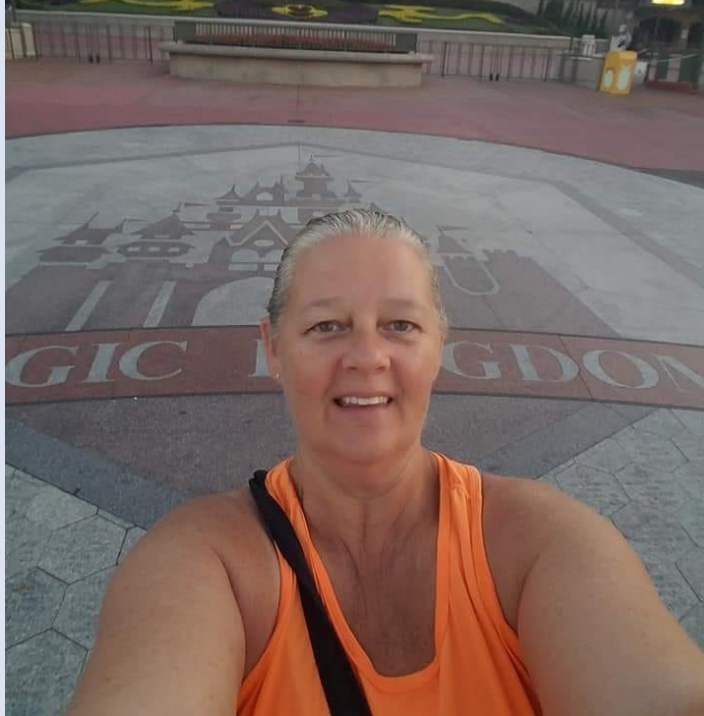
Persons are selected by the BOD based on one or more of the following criteria:

1. Founding Board Member
2. Served on Board 25 plus years
3. At Board's discretion

Thank you Chad and Bart for your on-going support of ILCSWMA!

Please reach out to Mary S. Allen with any other deserving members that meet the criteria at [ilcswma@gmail.com](mailto:ilcswma@gmail.com).

## Board Director Spotlight



## Becky Tracy

Becky began her career as a legal assistant at a large law firm in 1995, where she worked her way up to the promotion of paralegal. She started out as an employee of Perry County, Illinois with a position in the Assessor's office in 2006, before taking the position of Administrator of the solid waste and recycling departments in 2008. She is also the zoning administrator. Becky has been a member of ILCSWMA since 2008 and is currently the Treasurer.

Becky has three children: Brandie, Misty, and Dustin. Becky's free time is spent enjoying and running with her grandchildren, Faith (18), Marley (13), Zaiden (10), Oaklyn (8), Haddie (6), and Sebastian (6). Becky loves to travel with her husband Dave, especially to Disney World. She is an expert in the best way to knock out the parks! Becky has been to Israel twice and just recently traveled to Greece. She enjoys traveling to Texas to visit her son who is serving in the United States Air Force.

## Illinois Food Scrap & Composting Coalition News to Share



The Illinois Food Scrap & Composting Coalition (IFSCC) is already beginning to spread the news about International Compost Awareness Week (ICAW) 2025, happening May 4-10. The United States Composting Council (USCC)'s [Compost Research Education Foundation](#) (CREF) determined the theme: ***Sustainable Communities Begin with Compost.***

Please [read this letter](#) with ideas suited for any county or municipality to consider. Help increase the impact of compost and composting throughout Illinois!

## Your ILCSWMA Board Members

Here are the Board Members for 2024:

- Pete Adrian, President
- Kerri Gale, Vice President
- Lisa Woody, Secretary
- Becky Tracy, Treasurer
- Paul Cooney, Northern Region Rep
- Melissa Goetze, Central Region Rep
- Aaron Kelley, Southern Region Rep
- Jana Messmore, At Large Rep
- Katie Vogler, At Large Rep

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### STAY CONNECTED

Please send in information to share with the membership about a new program, data from a collection event, or anything pertaining to successful waste prevention initiatives or enforcement. If you are a full member and have others in your department that would like to receive this newsletter, please send an email request to ILCSWMA's administrative coordinator, Mary S. Allen, at [ilcswma@gmail.com](mailto:ilcswma@gmail.com).



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