



Coalition for Plastic Reduction Guidelines

Vision

An Illinois free of plastic waste

Mission

Initiate and champion legislation and policy supportive of a circular economy that prohibits the sale, production, and use of single use plastic, and reduces the production of new plastic.

Action Plan

- Build a powerful statewide coalition made up of diverse organizations, institutions and individuals committed to the practices and principles of a circular economy.
- Organize to introduce and advance effective, meaningful legislation and policy to eradicate plastic waste and pollution.
- Educate policymakers, media, citizens, stakeholders, and constituencies on the problem of plastic waste, and the urgent need to develop alternatives. Motivate individual, corporate, and municipal actions toward Zero Waste values.
- Advocate at city, county, state and national levels for maximum impact.

Coalition Membership

Membership in CPR is open to organizations, institutions, businesses committed to advancing the mission of the coalition, actively participating in full CPR coalition meetings and at least one committee and participating in CPR campaigns and actions.

Individuals are welcome to participate in coalition and committee meetings and all activities. Individuals are encouraged to join a group or create their own group for voting privileges.

Coalition Structure

General Membership

CPR is made up of member organizations. CPR members will meet as a whole on a regular (monthly) basis. The General Membership is responsible for key decisions such as campaign priorities, policy positions, and amendments to Coalition guidelines, etc. The General Membership is responsible for electing a Steering Committee on an annual basis. Each member organization is encouraged to participate actively with CPR and its committees and has one vote on coalition decisions.

Steering Committee

The **Steering Committee** is composed of the chairs of two Standing Committees and five elected at large members. The Steering Committee is committed to ensuring the success of the

coalition by facilitating coalition goal-setting and decision-making, coordinating collaboration among committees, and developing and facilitating agendas for General Membership meetings. The Steering Committee is responsible for day to day operations of the coalition and executing the priorities of the General Membership. The Steering Committee is empowered to make decisions when consistent with CPR priorities and decisions at times when it is not feasible to bring the General Membership together. The Steering Committee should reflect the diversity of our coalition.

Standing Committees

The **Coalition Building Committee** works to support, strengthen, and sustain coalition membership, recruit new members, develop coalition governing documents, branding and marketing materials, and maintain internal communication resources (launchpad, membership directory, etc.).

The **Campaign Committee** identifies targeted policy and action campaigns, tracks, initiates and advances legislation, develops educational materials and events, and guides advocacy efforts to achieve victories on policy and legislation.

Each Standing Committee shall elect its own Chair who, upon ratification by the General Membership, becomes a member of the Steering Committee. Participation in standing committees is open to all members of the coalition.

Ad hoc committees will be created and discontinued based on need.

Conducting Business

Coalition Voting

- Decisions about legislative priorities, campaigns, and actions are made by consensus or majority vote where necessary.
- While multiple members of a member organization are welcome to attend and participate in all meetings and committees, each Coalition member organization is afforded a single vote.
- While we work to build consensus, decisions will be made by majority vote.

Coalition Support

- Environment Illinois will provide and manage:
 - Webpage hosting
 - Member logo storage
 - Coalition document storage and management
 - Policy expertise and guidance
- Illinois Environmental Council (IEC) will provide:
 - Plastics listserv
 - Policy expertise and guidance
 - Legislative drafting expertise

Current Members:

Alliance for the Great Lakes
Champaign Country Environmental Stewards
Chicago Environmentalists
Chicago Recycling Coalition
Citizens Against Ruining the Environment (CARE)
Climate Reality Project
Drink Open Water
Environmental Law and Policy Center (ELPC)
Environment Illinois
Equitable Resilience & Sustainability LLC
Faith In Place
Ferd Foundation
Friends of the Chicago River
Go Green Barrington
Go Green Glen Ellyn
Go Green Vernon Hills/Lincolnshire
Green Dolphin Project Global
IEC
Illinois PIRG
Indivisible?NWSOFA
LWV - Chicago
LWW - IL
Northbrook Sustainability Commission
Northwest Suburbs Organizing for Action (NWSOFA)/Indivisible
OPA
Open Water
Palatine Cool Cities
SCARCE
Seven Generations Ahead
Shedd Aquarium
Sierra Club
Woods & Wetlands Group of the Sierra Club
Triveni Institute/Bring Your Bag Chicago
NW Women's VOICE (Vowing to Overcome Inequities and Commitment to the Environment)

Note:

Coalition Norms (code of conduct) still in process!