



LAND USE COMMITTEE AGENDA
McLean County Government Center
115 E. Washington Street, Room 400 and 404
Bloomington, IL 61701
Thursday, May 6, 2021
3:30 p.m.
And Via Remote Attendance

CONTEMPORANEOUS ACCESS FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC IS AVAILABLE IN ROOM 400 OF THE McLEAN COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER. STREAMING ACCESS WITH A DELAY AVAILABLE AT THE FOLLOWING LINK: <https://www.mcleancountyil.gov/1393/COVID-19>

1. Call to Order – Chair
2. Consideration of April 1, 2021 minutes
3. Recommendation Concerning Bills and Transfers
4. Appearance by Members of the Public

To promote health and safety, McLean County Government is now offering a call-in option to those wishing to provide public comment at McLean County Board committee/sub-committee meetings and the meeting of the McLean County Board.

Those persons wishing to provide public comment (by phone or in person) must register https://mcleanil.seamlessdocs.com/f/public_comment 24 hours in advance of the meeting (for comments relating to an item on the agenda) and 48 hours in advance (for comments not related to an item on the agenda)*.

When you register, you will receive an email confirmation of your request. You will then be contacted by a member of the Administrative staff to discuss your options for public speaking (in person or via phone).

If you have questions, please email us at admin@mcleancountyil.gov

*Pursuant to McLean County Board Rules, Chapter §20-13, G(c-d)

5. ITEM FOR ACTION:

- A. Request approval of a Resolution in Opposition of Senate Bill 1602 and Supporting Continued Local Control of Zoning and Land Use Affairs.

6. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION:

- A. 2020 third and fourth quarter reports for the McLean County Solid Waste Program by the Ecology Action Center (EAC);
- B. 2020 Illinois EPA e-waste recycling report under the Consumer Electronics Recycling Act which includes statistics for McLean County by the EAC;
- C. The next Committee meeting date - 3:30 P.M., Thursday, June 3, 2021; and
- D. Other items of information.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

For questions concerning the agenda, please contact the McLean County Department of Building and Zoning at 309-888-5160.



INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING AND ZONING

TO: Members of the Land Use and Development Committee

FROM: Philip Dick, AICP, Director



DATE : April 27, 2021

RE: Resolution in Opposition to Senate Bill 1602

Senate Bill 1602 states that “A county may not place any restriction, either directly or in effect, on the installation or use of a commercial wind energy facility, except by adopting an ordinance, that complies with this Section and may not establish siting standards for supporting facilities that prelude development of commercial wind energy facilities.”

This Section of SB 1602 states that the setback distance for nonparticipating residences is “2.1 times the maximum blade tip height to the nearest point on the outside wall of the structure”.

The McLean County Code requires the setback distance for nonparticipating residences to be 3 times the tower height or 1,500 feet whichever is greater.

This Section of SB 1602 states that “A county may not set a blade tip height limitation that is more restrictive than the height allowed under a Determination of No Hazard to Air Navigation by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) under 14 CFR Part 77.” In other words, there is no height limit except with respect to aircraft and aircraft landing strips.

The McLean County Code requires a signoff from the FAA but limits tower height to 595 feet.

These are two examples where McLean County has found that Senate Bill 1602 may negatively impact McLean County and its residents by limiting our ability to mitigate negative impacts of wind farms. It is my opinion that a setback of 2.1 times the height of a wind turbine from nonparticipating residences is not far enough to limit the sound emanating from a wind turbine on residents who receive no benefit from the wind farm. And I think it is reasonable to restrict turbine tower height if the county chooses to do so.

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION OF THE MCLEAN COUNTY BOARD IN OPPOSITION TO SENATE BILL 1602 AND SUPPORTING CONTINUED LOCAL CONTROL OF ZONING AND LAND USE AFFAIRS

WHEREAS, the individual counties that make up the State of Illinois are comprised of many diverse communities and varying landscapes with specific and differing interests and opportunities related to zoning and land use within each county; and

WHEREAS, the counties throughout the State of Illinois have implemented, amended, and developed ordinances, rules and procedures for land use designed to enhance, promote and sustain economic growth and employment opportunities while protecting the interests of its residents in the use of land within the county; and

WHEREAS, the county board of each county, as duly elected representatives of the citizens of that county, based on direct feedback from county residents and a unique familiarity and understanding of the specific interests of its constituents, is in the best position to address the needs, interests, and safety concerns of its residents related to the use of land within that county, while State officials or industry leaders who reside or work in other counties and who are not familiar with the distinctive characteristics of each county, are not likely aware of the most relevant and current information; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois General Assembly is currently considering Senate Bill 1602, a bill that if signed into law would limit, restrict, and/or eliminate a county's right to enact or amend certain ordinances specific to wind and solar projects that may be constructed within that county; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1602 would relinquish a county's authority to make these determinations to others who do not reside within the community affected, and who are not best situated to make these decisions; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the McLean County Board:

1. That the McLean County Board publicly acknowledges its support for the authority of the County to make decisions related to land use planning for the welfare, safety and benefit of its citizens, businesses and future generations as that authority currently exists under the laws and regulations of this State; and
2. That the McLean County Board stands in opposition to any further erosion, limitation, or constraint on its authority to make such determinations now and in the future; and
3. That the McLean County Board further stands in opposition to the proposed changes contained within Senate Bill 1602 that would eliminate, limit, or restrict its authority to make land use and zoning decisions regarding property located within McLean County.

**RESOLVED BY THE MCLEAN COUNTY BOARD ON THIS
13TH DAY OF MAY 2021.**

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

John D. McIntyre, Chairman
McLean County Board

Kathy Michael, Clerk of the County Board
McLean County

Ecology Action Center
PO Box 97
Normal, IL 61761
309-454-3169



April 28, 2021

Philip Dick
McLean County Department of Building and Zoning
115 East Washington Street, Room M102
Bloomington, IL 61702-2400

Dear Phillip Dick:

Please find attached the 2020 third and fourth quarter program reports for the McLean County Solid Waste program. I also include the 2020 Illinois EPA e-waste recycling report under the Consumer Electronics Recycling Act (CERA) which includes statistics for McLean County. Locally this program is managed by the Town of Normal for the benefit of all McLean County residents through an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Bloomington and McLean County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael Brown".

Michael Brown
McLean County Solid Waste Coordinator
and Executive Director

Enclosures

MCLEAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE PROGRAM 2020 THIRD QUARTER REPORT

THE ECOLOGY ACTION CENTER HAS COMPLETED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN FULFILLMENT OF THE SOLID WASTE AND WASTE REDUCTION EDUCATION PROGRAM AGREEMENT OF JANUARY 1, 2020.



LEADING INDICATORS: SUMMARY OF PROGRESS¹

Goal: Visit **70%** of eligible classrooms in McLean County, Bloomington, and Normal for elementary school recycling and waste reduction education programs. Reaching this target means directly engaging with approximately 1,500 students.

- Year to date: EAC staff made 4 classroom visits, delivered 22 online programs, and reached 276 students, representing 18% of our annual goal.²

Goal: Visit **60%** of public libraries within McLean County, Bloomington and Normal and provide a summer reading program on recycling and waste reduction topics. Reaching this target means directly engaging with approximately 300 library patrons.

- Year to date: one.

Goal: Provide recycling and waste reduction presentations for **25** local groups or approximately 750 individuals including civic groups, scouts, preschools, non-target school groups, university classes.³

- Year to date: 20 programs/activities, 3444 people, representing 80% of goal by programs or 459% of our goal by individuals

Goal: Promote recycling and sustainable practices to direct audiences utilizing social media channels including Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and YouTube with a target of **30,000** interactions annually.

- Year to date: In the first three quarters of 2020, our social media posts resulted in 51,293 interactions, which represents 171% of our annual goal.

Goal: Provide and promote comprehensive online resources on recycling and waste disposal for Bloomington, Normal, and McLean County with a target of **12,000** visits to these pages annually.

- Year to date: In the first three quarters of 2020, our online recycling and solid waste resources were visited 31,508 times, which represents 263% of our annual goal.

SOLID WASTE COORDINATOR ACTIVITIES

¹ The totals below represent Year-To-Date numbers. Specific details of this Quarter's activities are described on the pages that follow.

² There are 7 schools, representing 16 classrooms, that have historically declined program invitations. Three schools, representing 10 classrooms, opted to schedule their program in Spring 2020. Two schools, representing 5 classes, have not opted for programs since personnel changes in the Education Coordinator position in 2018.

³ In practice, the EAC provides these programs for nearly 100% of those requesting the services.

- Ongoing planning, communications, and logistics for future Household Hazardous Waste Collections, including our annual Household Hazardous Waste special newsletter
- Ongoing updates to Recycle Coach recycling directory application.
 - Continued to update key areas related to temporary changes in waste collection, as part of supporting local COVID-19 efforts
- Supporting local COVID-19 efforts: Communicated to address COVID-related changes, including shifts in waste collection capacities and schedules, and disposal patterns related to "shelter at home" (e.g. carryout containers, extensive cleanup of home basement/garage/etc.).
- Maintained communication with Illinois EPA regarding future Household Hazardous Waste collection needs and opportunities.

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

As social distancing recommendations continued due to the COVID-19 pandemic, schoolteachers have elected to defer fall programs, rather than schedule online versions, in the hope that in-person programs could resume later in the school year. Community program requests were few, and we offered virtual engagement in place of in-person programs while continuing to support local COVID-19 efforts.

There are 82 Fourth grade classrooms in McLean County, which includes all public and private schools. This is a predominately fall program; most presentations are scheduled for August through December.

- EAC continued its "Elementary Online" programs through the summer, and reinvented our E4 program in two novel versions to stand in for the traditional in-person classroom program.
 - "Elementary Online" programs
 - Watershed Down StoryMakers is geared toward children ages 7-12. Each small group session starts with a basic story, and participants are asked to make decisions, invent new elements to add to the story, and roll a few dice to create unique adventures in the wonderful world of our watersheds.
 - The Wonder Ears Book Club is a read-aloud experience for children ages 5-12. Just like a grown-up book club, participants are invited to share their ideas, ask questions, and discuss the reading. Story topics include clean water, recycling, and energy conservation.
- E4 alternative programs include an "Escape Room" style experience, designed for small groups and intended to fulfill the scheduling and engagement needs of students on asynchronous learning schedules. Another version of the E4 program is similar to the traditional presentation, with puzzle-based challenges provided as a substitute for in-person large group discussion and activities. This latter version was a response to teacher requests for such a program design.
- Presentation (virtual) to Bloomington Normal Boys & Girls Club, on composting and compost worms; 16 students
- Presentation (virtual) to home-school group, on composting and compost worms; 4 students

- Created "Sorting Boss Toss-Across" - a game that helps kids learn which items can be recycled, and which ones should be disposed of in the trash. Provided to students in the School Summer Feeding Program; 155 students
- Designed and provided "Choose to Reuse" worksheet with instructions for several small projects to effectively reuse items instead of disposing of them. Provided to students grades K-8 via the Back 2 School Alliance; 3000 students
- Provided a "scavenger hunt" activity flyer for this year's socially distanced Day of Play event. Activity promoted proper management of waste as well as stewardship of clean water. Participation was estimated at 4000 individuals.

OUTREACH AND TECHNICAL SERVICES

- Promotion of "RecycleCoach" through traditional and social media marketing including WJBC, WBNQ, WGLT, Bloomington Pantagraph, Facebook, Twitter, and more.
- Promoted waste reduction, recycling, composting and proper disposal of household hazardous wastes through social media. EAC posted messages through Facebook and Twitter social media platforms on solid waste topics, with a resulting 15,506 views of these posts.
- Distributed monthly issues of the EAC Action News email newsletters to 851 email addresses to promote general recycling and waste reduction.
- Received 8,304 visits to solid waste, recycling, and hazardous waste related pages within EAC's website.
- Recycle Coach recycling information web/smartphone app: there were 4,238 users and 72,596 interactions during the third quarter period.
- Answered 205 phone calls and other inquiries about the disposal of household hazardous waste and recycling.
- Managed and promoted McFreecycle, a free listserv on the internet for the free exchange of materials in McLean County to avoid disposal of useable items. 1,740 current members with an average of 56 messages exchanged monthly. Usage of the service appears to be declining, likely due to redundant "free items" services now available as a part of social media platforms like Facebook and Nextdoor.com.

Created a "Community Reuse Guide" to assist residents in utilizing Facebook Marketplace, Nextdoor.com, and Freecycle online platforms for the free exchange of materials, to avoid disposal of useable items.

MCLEAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE PROGRAM

2020 FOURTH QUARTER REPORT



THE ECOLOGY ACTION CENTER HAS COMPLETED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN FULFILLMENT OF THE SOLID WASTE AND WASTE REDUCTION EDUCATION PROGRAM AGREEMENT OF JANUARY 1, 2017.

LEADING INDICATORS: SUMMARY OF PROGRESS¹

Goal: Visit **70%** of eligible classrooms in McLean County, Bloomington, and Normal for elementary school recycling and waste reduction education programs. Reaching this target means directly engaging with approximately 1,500 students.

- There are 82 Fourth grade classrooms in McLean County, which includes all public and private schools. In 2020, EAC made 6 virtual classroom visits and met 305 students. This represents 20% of our goal.²

Goal: Visit **60%** of public libraries within McLean County, Bloomington and Normal and provide a summer reading program on recycling and waste reduction topics. Reaching this target means directly engaging with approximately 300 library patrons.

- Year to date: one

Goal: Provide recycling and waste reduction presentations for **25** local groups or approximately 750 individuals including civic groups, scouts, preschools, non-target school groups, university classes.³

- Year to date: 26 programs, 397 people, representing 104% of goal by programs (exceeding our annual goal) or 53% of our goal by individuals.

Goal: Promote recycling and sustainable practices to direct audiences utilizing social media channels including Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and YouTube with a target of **30,000** interactions annually.

- Year to date: In 2020, our social media posts resulted in 122,020 interactions, which exceeds our annual goal.

Goal: Provide and promote comprehensive online resources on recycling and waste disposal for Bloomington, Normal, and McLean County with a target of **12,000** visits to these pages annually.

- Year to date: In 2020, our online resources were visited 41,904 times, which exceeds our annual goal.

¹ The totals below represent Year-To-Date numbers. Specific details of this Quarter's activities are described on the pages that follow.

² Due to restrictions that resulted from the Covid-19 pandemic, most teachers elected to defer programs in the hope that in-person programs could resume soon. Seven schools, representing 16 classrooms, have historically declined program invitations. Two schools, representing 5 classes, have not opted for programs since personnel changes in the Education Coordinator position in 2018.

³ In practice, the EAC provides these programs for nearly 100% of those requesting the services.

- Promotion of "RecycleCoach" through social media marketing including Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and more.
- Promoted waste reduction, recycling, backyard and community composting and proper disposal of household hazardous wastes through social media. EAC posted messages through Facebook and Twitter social media platforms on solid waste topics, with a resulting 70,727 views of these posts.
- Distributed monthly issues of the EAC Action News email newsletters to 848 email addresses to promote general recycling and waste reduction.
- Received 10,396 visits to solid waste, recycling, and hazardous waste related pages within EAC's website.
- Recycle Coach recycling information web/smartphone app: there were 4,325 users and 81,451 interactions during the fourth quarter period.
- Answered 153 phone calls and other inquiries about the disposal of household hazardous waste and recycling.
- Managed and promoted McFreecycle, a free listserv on the internet for the free exchange of materials in McLean County to avoid disposal of useable items. 1,741 current members with an estimated average of 30 messages exchanged monthly. Usage of the service appears to be declining, likely due to redundant "free items" services now available as a part of social media platforms like Facebook and Nextdoor.com. In response to this trend, the EAC has developed guidance for the free exchange of materials using these additional platforms, and continues to provide support for community reuse to avoid disposal of useable items.
- Education Coordinator attended America Recycles Day Innovation conference (virtual), Illinois Sustainability Technology Center "Creative Reuse" webinar.



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Collector's Electronic Products Collection & Transportation Report

Total Weight Collected & Transported from
January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020

Report Due: March 1, 2021

Collector Name Town of Normal McLean County

CED Weight by Site/Event

List the total weight of all residential CEDs collected and transported from program collection sites and one-day events. Each site or event needs to report separately. (Should additional sites or events be needed, click on the button provided to add more fields.)

Site Event If event, date of event: _____

Street address of location 1301 Warriner st

City Normal

County McLean

Zip 61761

Computers and Small-Scale Servers**	<u>7,410</u>	lbs.
Monitors*	<u>2,939</u>	lbs.
Televisions*	<u>412,189</u>	lbs.
Printers/Fax Machines/Scanners	<u>4,215</u>	lbs.
DVD Players/DVD Recorders/VCRs	_____	lbs.
Video Game Consoles	_____	lbs.
Digital Converter Boxes/Cable Receivers/Satellite Receivers	<u>218,391</u>	lbs.
Keyboards/Mice/Portable Digital Music Players	<u>1,203</u>	lbs.
Total Pounds Collected	<u>646,347</u>	lbs.
Total Pounds Collected and Transported	<u>646,347</u>	lbs.
Total Pounds <u>Not</u> Transported (remaining on-site)	<u>0</u>	lbs.

*Pounds of Monitors and Televisions must be separated.

**Includes laptop, notebook, netbook, tablet, desktop.

Add Site Event

Remove Site Event

Collector Contact

Name Danny Edwards

Address 1301 Warriner St

City Normal

State IL

Zip Code 61761

Email dedwards@normal.org

Person filling out this form (if different than above)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip Code _____

Email _____

Certification

Any person who knowingly makes a false, fictitious, or fraudulent material statement, orally or in writing, to the Illinois EPA commits a Class 4 felony. A second or subsequent offense after conviction is a Class 3 felony. (415 ILCS 5/44(h))

By typing in your name you are verifying the information on this form is accurate.

Name Danny Edwards

Title Waste supervisor

Email dedwards@normal.org

Phone 309)454-9715

Date Apr 27, 2021

WHEN COMPLETE, PLEASE E-MAIL THIS FORM TO:

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