

ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENDERS OF MCHENRY COUNTY 2023 ANNUAL REPORT



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UPDATE FROM OUR PRESIDENT KIM HANKINS

2023 was a year of growth for the Defenders as we welcomed a new Executive Director, **Erin Kennedy**, in June. Erin's experience and passion is a perfect fit for the Defenders! Her background is in recycling education, and she was a volunteer with the Waste Reduction Action Team before she was hired as director. If you have not had a chance to meet her yet, stop by the office and say hello! While I am on the topic of staff, allow me to share about our other amazing staff members.

Destiny Seaton is our Communication and Membership Specialist. Destiny creates and manages the weekly E-News, the quarterly newsletter, social media, membership renewals, press releases and so much more. Destiny does her absolute best to keep us all informed of events, new initiatives and helps maintain our very positive image in the county. I am sure many of you do not realize that most of our beautiful photos on our website and in our publications are from Destiny's talented eye for photography.

Pam Johnson is the manager of the Green Read and Green Spot bookstores. A long time Defenders' member and volunteer, Pam helped the Defenders launch the Green Read in 2018 and took over managing both stores in 2022. In addition to the day-to-day management of the stores, the windows, merch and creative - and often entertaining - book displays are all part of Pam's contribution to the continued success of the bookstores.

Diane Greenman is the assistant manager of the bookstores. Diane was previously a bookstore volunteer and her excitement for all things books was a perfect fit to help Pam manage the stores. In addition to her friendly welcome when you come to one of the stores, Diane balances the bank bags and manages the bookstore volunteer schedule.

Finally, I'd like to thank and recognize the **Action Team Chairs**: Cindy, Anne, Barb, Gary, Kim, Michelle and Cecilia. While they are not paid staff, they are a key part of the successes of the organization. In the following pages you will read more about the Action Team accomplishments over the last year, but I also asked them recently to do some big dreaming to help feed into the development of the 2024-7 strategic plan. The plan is still in development, but it is exciting to incorporate thoughts and ideas from all these talented people. Action Team chairs now meet quarterly to share ideas and find ways to collaborate, and I look forward to the continued creativity and growth of our teams.

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US IN 2023

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Full Circle Foundation
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Grand Victoria Foundation
Respiratory Health Association
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Lake in the Hills Rotary Club
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Woodstock Rotary Club
McHenry County Department of Planning and Development,
Community Development Division



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2023 SUMMER INTERNS

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WATER & NATURAL RESOURCES PROTECTION TEAM

Chair: Cindy Skrukrud

- Received a Community Development Block Grant from the Community Development Division of the McHenry County Planning and Development Department to inform low-to-medium income people in the county of all the tax incentives and rebates available through the Federal Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) and the Illinois Climate and Equitable Jobs Act (CEJA) for them to become more energy efficient. Held multiple informational meetings in communities during fall of 2023 with the project continuing into 2024.
- Received a grant from Woodstock Rotary to purchase salt-tolerant plants for the parking lot islands behind the County Administration Building. Worked with interns and volunteers to prepare the soil, plant the 512 native plants and weed the islands.
- Organized and hosted, in collaboration with the McHenry County Planning Department, six Best Management Practices (BMP) Talks and Tours to showcase some of the best management practices being implemented in McHenry County to protect our natural resources and promote conservation of land, water and energy.
- Successfully reached out to fourteen municipalities, townships and park districts to join the Mayors' Monarch Pledge, resulting in 25% of the signers of the pledges statewide coming from McHenry County. Presented certificates of appreciation to all signers at a November celebration event that also featured a Monarch Conservation 101 presentation by Xerces Society Ambassador Carol Elkins. Also, advocated for individuals and organizations to take the Illinois Monarch Project Pledge. Both pledges result in projects or policies benefiting pollinators.
- Continued to serve as host organization for Boone-Dutch Creeks Watershed Alliance to implement their watershed plan and hosted Kishwaukee River Ecosystem Partnership's meetings.
- Continued to co-host monthly Sterne's Fen habitat restoration workdays in the Sleepy Hollow Creek watershed.
- Conducted two Boone Creek cleanups with the Boone-Dutch Creeks Watershed Alliance.
- Removed trash and invasive species at our Dean Street property, Triangle Prairie, O'Brien Prairie and our pollinator garden and Silver Creek streambank at McHenry County Fairgrounds to improve habitat for pollinators.
- Continued to remove trash from MCCD's Ridgefield Trace Trail section that we adopted next to Triangle Prairie in Woodstock.
- Provided prairie seeds to McHenry Township Road District for their roadsides.



WATER & NATURAL RESOURCES CONT.

- Worked with Friends of Hackmatack National Wildlife Refuge to tend the pollinator garden and stream buffer along Silver Creek at the county fairgrounds in Woodstock.
- Hosted two summer interns who continued monitoring chloride levels in the seeps in the Boone Creek Watershed, removed invasive species from our prairies and worked on many other projects and educational outreach events including the Pollinator Trek during June's Pollinator Week, at our booth at the county fair and at the Monarch Family Fun Fair in August.
- Conducted educational activities and distributed information about water and natural resources protection at our Earth Day celebration, the county fair, Hackmatack Monarch Family Fun Fair, Green Living Expo, Planet Palooza, Pollinator Safari and Gardenfest.
- Advocated for watershed and natural resources protection and inclusion of pollinator plantings in solar farms at the state, county and local levels.

OUTREACH ACTION TEAM

Chair: Kim Compton

- Participated in and tabled at several county events including McHenry County College's Gardenfest, Defenders' Annual Dinner, Woodstock Pridefest, the county fair, Defenders' Annual Corn Roast, Soul Jam, Planet Palooza, Green Living Expo, McHenry County Water Forum and Rep. Bill Foster's Climate Town Hall.
- Participated in the development of the organization-wide strategic plan and the kick off of a new communication initiative between all action teams.
- Hosted several new Young Advocate events including a Sustainable Christmas Clothing Swap in partnership with Fulfilled Thrift, Applesauce Canning and Night at the Mall Open House
- Awarded scholarships to local high school students who plan to go on to study and work in environmental fields. Winners for 2023 were Emma Rios from McHenry High School and Isabelle Gregory from Prairie Ridge High School.

Total Member Households- 723

Number of members within each membership level

Seniors- 295

Basic- 240

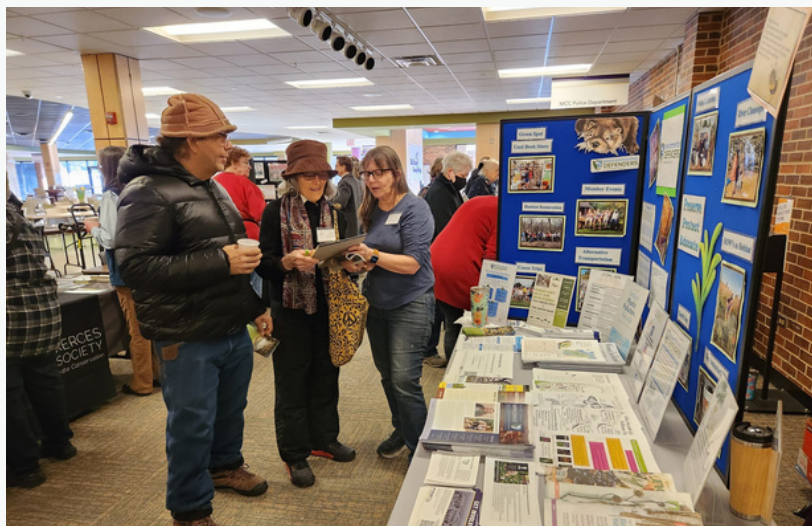
Patron- 89

Business- 40

Supporting- 25

Students- 18

Young Advocates- 16



WASTE REDUCTION ACTION TEAM

Co-chairs: Cecilia Carman & Michelle Muryn

In 2023, our team worked relentlessly to spread awareness, challenge others, develop key relationships and advocate for change through county and state government. Some key moments and successes:

- Launched our *Race to Reduce Waste* and challenged restaurants to divert food waste from landfills. We partnered with WasteNot Compost to collect their food waste and turn it into compost. The Race was a huge success as fourteen restaurants participated and began composting. In one month, we diverted over 4,000 pounds of food waste from landfills. As of today, ten of the restaurants have continued services. We are so proud to have spread awareness on this global issue and to help make a dent in the waste that goes to landfills.
- Partnered with 7 Generations Ahead to conduct two food waste audits in schools within the county. The middle schoolers said it best themselves, "We are mortified to see how much we waste." Many small changes have begun at our schools and we are excited to see more schools make a conscious effort to limit food waste and single-use plastics.
- Awarded grants from Lake in the Hills Rotary Club and CVS Health Foundation.
- Took action to support state legislation to ban polystyrene and single-use plastics by going to Springfield to advocate for support from our state representatives and to speak about the impact it has on the prevalence of microplastics in our communities.
- Hosted two summer interns who partnered with the McHenry County Fair to assist them in reducing waste. They also developed signs that were posted during the fair with waste reduction tips and helped the fair create a reusable commemorative cup. The interns also helped initiate our Community Fridge Program that we hope to have up and running soon.
- Gained 2 new members to help continue our work!

2024 will be a busy year for our team; community fridges, farmers market collaboration and school food audits are just the start. We hope each year we can cause a ripple effect and more residents in the county will become aware of how to reduce waste in our community.



FUNDRAISING ACTION TEAM

Chair: Anne Basten

During 2023 our fundraising activities brought in over \$24,000. We thank all of you who donated to or volunteered at all of our events in 2023, making it our most productive year ever. We had some special events and donations that we don't think will be replicated for a while, but we can't even begin to guess where we will be at the end of 2024.

- Our Silent Auction tied to the annual meeting, along with a 50/50 raffle, was held online with some very valuable donations.
- Our "bag raffle" and in person 50/50 event at the annual meeting was well-received and had lots of yummy donations!
- Our Use-It-Again Garage Sale was successful and will be held again in July 2024.
- The dedicated volunteers selling items and books online on behalf of the Defenders were extremely successful this year.
- The annual Big Fall Book Sale at Algonquin Township Garage was another successful one for us, with a change in pricing which brought in an additional \$1,500.
- Christmas Tree sales and individually packaged baked goods completed the year. Thanks to all the volunteers' hours baking and working in the cold at Pioneer Tree Farm.
- We had a tasty beer fundraiser with our partners at Kishwaukee Brewing Company for Earth month.
- Our newest endeavor was a "Shop & Share" held at the end of the year with Countryside Nursery.

We of course, could not have accomplished all that we did in 2023 without our dedicated volunteers, donors and team members! We plan to add additional "Shop & Share" dates in 2024 as well as other new fundraising activities. We would love to have you join us on our team!



TRANSPORTATION ACTION TEAM

Chair: Gary Kanner

The team, including representatives from the McHenry County Bicycle Advocates, Fox Valley Electric Auto Association (FVEAA), the Board of the Village of Algonquin, Moms Clean Air Force and MCDOT, continued to focus on the growth of bike and pedestrian trails and electric vehicles in the county. Activities of the team included:

- Welcomed Becky Stark of Moms Clean Air Force (MCAF) to the team. MCAF is a community of 1.5 million moms and dads united against air pollution, with a mission to protect children from air pollution and climate change. Becky has been instrumental in educating us about opportunities for grants for schools to obtain e-buses. She recently drafted a template letter to provide to schools to inform them of these opportunities. Letters were sent to district superintendents in the county.
- Drafted a letter to address one of the most important issues related to government spending on electric vehicles (EVs), namely making charging stations accessible to all types of EVs - i.e., not just Teslas. Provided recommendations for standardization in the U.S. for fast (Level 3) charging stations. A letter template was made available to Defenders' members for subsequent distribution to their legislators.
- Received a grant for a new EV station in Harvard and are working with the city on installation plans.
- Advocated for closing the sidewalk gap on Sandbloom Road from Souwanas Trail to Ryan Parkway in the Village of Algonquin. The Village's Planning and Zoning is currently reviewing a comprehensive plan that could potentially include a new sidewalk integrated with the adjacent private land under consideration for development.
- The team's website page now has a "EV101" link, courtesy of FVAAA, to educate people on basic concepts associated with electric vehicles.
- Coordinated with Becky's Bikes and Avant Cycles to demonstrate e-bikes at Crystal Lake's Pedalpalooza.
- Connected with the Village of Algonquin Police Department to support its bike safety education program for school kids.
- Held the 7th annual Defenders' Member Bike Ride from Towne Park in Algonquin, looping through through Lake in the Hills and Crystal Lake, and returning to the park with a stop at Algonquin's Scorched Earth Brewery.



- Reviewed the Plan of Action for Regional Transit (PART) draft report released by CMAP to help lift RTA out of an impending fiscal cliff due to expiration of federal funds to make up for pandemic related loss.
- Identified grant opportunities for bike safety education, safe routes to schools, school e-buses and RTA's access to transit. Will work with partners in local school districts to apply for grants.
- Team members experienced taking a bike on a Metra train for commuting, including traveling on Metra's new bike car and advocated to have that car assigned to a fixed and predictable schedule.
- Advocated for McHenry County Conservation District (MCCD) to implement a new protocol for traffic flow on Prairie Trail to mirror that on regular roads in which the directions of bike/pedestrian traffic would be the same as that of cars/ pedestrian traffic.

RECYCLING ACTION TEAM

Chair: Barb Day

In 2023 the Recycling Action Team logged a total of 1,646 volunteer hours to complete our mission!

- Participated in four recycling drives at Harvard's Milky Way Park, Chesak Elementary School in Lake in the Hills, McHenry County College and the McHenry County Government Center. The county collected electronics and we collected 38 bags of Styrofoam; 897 CFL tubes; 402 bulbs; 1,773 pounds of batteries; and 5,553 pounds of textiles. New this year was the assistance we received from Helping Hands, who purchased the textiles we collected from each of our drives. Helping Hands is a for-profit company focused on reusing and recycling that collects unwanted textiles and resells them in the U.S and other nations.
- Held nine drives at the McHenry Township offices. We collected 40,918 pounds of electronics, which included 332 televisions and monitors; 668 four-foot and eight-foot-long fluorescent tubes and bulbs; 1,175 pounds of textiles; 1,010 pounds of batteries and 55 bags of Styrofoam.
- Our Styrofoam Collection Program continued to run pretty smoothly, thanks to the 21 volunteers who sorted and bagged 1,696 bags of recyclable Styrofoam at our drop-off sites at the Woodstock Public Works Department in Woodstock, the Algonquin Township Highway Department in Crystal Lake and the Algonquin Public Works Department in Algonquin. Our ten volunteer drivers, plus any help who rode with them, rented a 26-foot U-Haul truck and transported the bags to our drop-off point at Chicago Logistic Service in West Dundee.

None of this would be possible without the help of all of our fantastic volunteers. We would be nowhere without them.

Please consider becoming a Styrofoam volunteer. The program is very popular and we can use all the helping hands we can get!





THE GREEN BOOKSTORES' UPDATE

Manager: Pam Johnson | Assistant Manager: Diane Greenman

Some interesting tidbits about the “Green” bookstores in 2023:

- The bookstores combined sold more than 18,900 books, over 1,700 more than in 2022.
- Our dedicated volunteers worked nearly 4,000 hours, averaging 331 hours per month.
- 165 bags of books were sold during our \$10 Bag Sale days in the Clearance Corner in Woodstock.

While the winter months were fairly quiet at the “Green” bookstores, there were wonderful new additions to both stores at the beginning of 2023: procedure manuals. A gigantic thank you to volunteer Melanie Korzuchowski for all her help in putting these together!

Spring saw an increase in activity at both stores. In March a price increase went into effect at The Green Spot. That month we also tried something different for the first time: grab-and-go activity bags for spring break. In April we created “Bargain Book Bundles” of themed books at discounted prices. On May 17th, volunteers from both stores and board members gathered at Woodcreek Park in Crystal Lake for a potluck picnic.



THE GREEN BOOKSTORES' UPDATE CONT.

Summer was even busier than spring. Both stores participated in the county-wide Pedalpalooza event in June to help support the Family Health Partnership Clinic. The Green Spot underwent some upgrades, with a new cube bookcase and expanded fiction section. July saw both bookstores participating in the “Where’s Waldo at the Bookstores” event, the Downtown Crystal Lake Sidewalk Sales and Night at the Mall in Woodstock.

The pace just kept picking up going into fall. September brought the annual Johnny Appleseed Festival to downtown Crystal Lake with thousands of people attending. After setting down the Big Fall Book Sale on October 8th, a hallway sale was set up for the rest of October outside of The Green Spot. Despite the snow, hundreds of trick-or-treaters visited The Green Read for the annual Halloween Handout. In November, the bookstores had a booth at MCC’s Green Living Expo, The Green Read celebrated its fifth birthday with a party for volunteers and Defenders’ members and The Green Spot participated in the Woodstock Legend of the Pickle Scavenger Hunt. Thanksgiving weekend kicked off the holiday shopping season with Black Friday and Small Business Saturday. A combined Green Read/Environmental Defenders Christmas tree was decorated in Depot Park by volunteers Melanie Korzuchowski and Kay Preshlock. Signing Santa made a special visit to The Green Read in December when he read ‘Twas the Night Before Christmas with the help of an American Sign Language interpreter.

Follow our bookstores’ Facebook pages for entertaining and educational posts as well as to keep up-to-date on what is happening at the stores. Links can be found to both stores on the Defenders’ website at <https://mcdef.org/bookstores/>. Our monthly email newsletter is another great way to learn about our sales and events. Email thegreenreadbookstore@gmail.com and request to be added to the newsletter subscriber list.

Last but not least: a shout out to our team of dedicated volunteers. Their efforts at everything from greeting customers, sorting donations, erasing prices, peeling off stickers, shelving new arrivals, tidying up shelves, sweeping out leaves and hauling unsellable books to be responsibly recycled (just to name a few of the many things they do!) are what make the stores look so wonderful and inviting. Thank you all so much for all your hard work!



MCSEEP: MCHENRY COUNTY SCHOOLS ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

Director: Pamela Duncan King

Our mission statement is inspiring awareness to empower action. Our goal is to deliver high quality environmental education throughout all schools in McHenry County. We do this by bringing our standard-based curriculum directly to the classroom. Whether we are exploring the worms in our PreK program, looking at the role of groundwater for our water needs during third grade or examining how biodiversity impacts our world in fifth grade, we are emphasizing that the Earth provides us so much: our air, our water, our food, our shelter and space. These threads spiral through our curriculum from Pre-K to eighth grade regardless of the individual topic at each grade level. We aim to empower our students that their actions matter and that we can all help keep our home, Earth, a wonderful clean place to live for generations. MCSEEP started as the McHenry County Schools Recycling Education program in 1987 and has expanded. Soon we will be celebrating our 40th anniversary. Our work is performed by three Environmental Educators who inspire students with passion and knowledge. Those three educators are Hannah Pfaff, Gigi Carlson and Jodi Stone.

This past year has been an exciting return to classrooms for MCSEEP. We expanded our PreK curriculum to meet demand for these early education programs. This past year we have delivered our curriculum to about 10,000 students, Pre-K to eighth grade, throughout McHenry County. We have expanded the number of schools served from 26 to 31. In addition, the Youth Groundwater Festival returned after a three-year hiatus. We had 129 sixth-grade students attend the Groundwater Festival this past year, which is a joint effort between MCSEEP, the Defenders, the county government and the McHenry County Soil and Water District. We have also brought sampling of our programs to various events including the McHenry County Fair, Earth Day, the Green Living Expo and the Monarch Family Fun Fair to name a few. During these events, we have made contacts with teachers and administrators in McHenry County which helps us expand our program.

Teachers are asked to fill out an evaluation of our program with 88% responding. Teachers rank our program highly in terms of content (4.7/5) and student engagement (4.2/5). We use this feedback to examine how we can do better, as well as what we do well.





MCSEEP CONT.

In the planning stages for the future, we are developing a database of career videos for our Green Careers - eighth grade curriculum. In addition, we are developing collaborations with Openlands and McHenry County Conservation District in the Birds in My Neighborhood program and with Creative Arts Inc to host a youth art fair with upcycled art.

Since we are an educational organization, our focus is on the future. Central questions as we move forward are: How do we reach more students in more classrooms? How can we better support teachers and expand their repertoire of environmental education activities?

Lastly, we want to thank the Environmental Defenders of McHenry County for supporting us in our goals as well as in our day to day operations.

PADDLE THE KISH

Director: Pat Lawlor

Paddle the Kish in Marengo had a great year in 2023! Dozens of volunteers helped to clear the Kish, and our Facebook page has 1,600 followers. We did our annual spring clearing from Siems Memorial Park in Union west to County Line Road. Our initial clearing between Ritz and Thorne Road made great headway. We called it Konquer the Kish, and that area was certainly a challenge. Sadly, we almost completed the initial clearing, but lack of rainfall deterred us. There was not enough water in the river to paddle our kayaks loaded with tools and chainsaws between fallen logs. Volunteers decided we were not willing to tug our boats between sites, so the last six weeks of the paddle season were lost. We hope to complete that initial one mile of logs early in 2024.



The City of Marengo has been a valuable partner in 2023. There was some trail damage at the Woodbine Launch by non-boaters, so the city installed two ballards on the trail to prevent vehicles from accessing the walking trail. Volunteers then re-chipped the Woodbine trail, and installed more signs to replace the missing ones.

We look forward to paddlers enjoying the Union-Marengo water trail in spring. The latest information is posted on our Facebook page Paddle the Kish in Marengo. River currents can be accessed by looking up USGS Kishwaukee River at Marengo. The default setting on the USGS page is depth, but go down the page and click "discharge, cubic feet per second (cfs)." 70-700 cfs is considered a safe current for paddling the Kish. Happy Paddling!



LATINO OUTREACH

Conversación de Conservación (C de C) planned and executed several events in 2023.

- In June, the organization once again teamed up with the Youth and Family Center of McHenry County and Small Waters Education to maintain the pollinator gardens planted at Garden Quarter Apartments and Petersen Park in McHenry.
- The group held their 3rd annual picnic at Pleasant Valley Conservation Area in August with food from El Taco Feliz and music from Grupo Enigmez.
- C de C also tabled at Mexican Independence Day in Woodstock again and collected surveys from the community on what activities they would be most interested in participating.
- There are several more activities to be added to the schedule in 2024.

C de C is a project of the Environmental Defenders of McHenry County, The Land Conservancy of McHenry County, McHenry County Conservation District, Friends of Hackmatack National Wildlife Refuge and Hispanic Connections Woodstock.





EDUCATION & ADVOCACY

In addition to all the work shared here and completed by our hard-working volunteer Action Teams, in 2023 we also provided education and advocacy regarding policies that protect the environment in McHenry County and facilitate meaningful dialogue between, and among, other groups and partners.

- Facilitated monthly Green Drinks events, in person as well as on Zoom.
- Hosted Listen, Lead, Share sessions in partnership with the Illinois Environmental Council (IEC) in order to learn more about environmental issues that affect McHenry County.
- Shared IEC Action Alerts with our membership to encourage the filing of witness slips to support environmental legislation in the state legislature.
- Advocated for watershed protection for both the Fox and Kishwaukee Rivers as well as the smaller watersheds in our county at County Planning, Environment, and Development Committee meetings as well as at Zoning Board of Appeals meetings.
- Encouraged recycling of batteries, Styrofoam, electronics, etc. through social media.
- Provided many educational tips on social media about creating backyard havens for pollinators.
- Co-hosted Listen, Lead, Share sessions with McHenry County College Sustainability Center and the Neighbors for the Equitable Transition to Net Zero Emissions on air pollution in McHenry County.
- By serving as the fiscal agent for the County Water Forum, we helped to educate people about the need to protect our water resources.
- Encouraged people to "Say No to Single-Use Plastic Bags" by handing out free reusable bags at our bookstores.
- Through operation of our two used bookstores we provided opportunity for people to reuse and recycle books.
- Wrote monthly "Green Scene" column for *Woodstock Independent* newspaper.
- Advocated for dam removal on the Fox River to restore the native ecosystem.
- Co-hosted Solar Power Hour with Citizens Climate Lobby and Green Drinks McHenry County to teach people how Solar Switch Chicagoland makes solar more accessible and affordable.

EDUCATION & ADVOCACY CONT.

- Hosted open house with Trajectory Energy Partners to discuss Community Driven Community Solar.
- Hosted two micro interns from Prairie Ridge High School: Isabelle Gregory and Madison Benezra.
- Assisted the County on educating residents about Salt Smart practices.
- Published updates from Citizens' Climate Lobby in our quarterly newsletter.
- Promoted and contributed to McHenry County Recycling Green Guide.
- Encouraged members to provide input on the County's 2050 Comprehensive Plan.



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FINANCIALS

Environmental Defenders of McHenry County

Statement of Financial Position

as of December 31 for each year

	2023 Unaudited	2022 Audited
ASSETS		
Cash & Cash Equivalents	297,019	546,771
Investments	642,268	260,381
ROU Asset	-	30,101
Other Receivables	-	-
Prepaid	50	50
Property & Equipment	101,294	101,294
Other Assets	2,850	2,850
TOTAL ASSETS	1,043,481	941,447
LIABILITIES		
Fiscal Agent Payable	32,417	16,832
Accrued Payroll	3,687	2,511
Accrued Payable/Accruals	2,257	2,917
Lease Liability - Current Portion	-	16,878
Lease Liability - Noncurrent Portion	-	13,223
TOTAL LIABILITIES	38,361	52,361
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted, Undesignated	1,005,120	889,086
TOTAL NET ASSETS	1,005,120	889,086
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	1,043,481	941,447

OUR MISSION

In order to protect all living things, the Environmental Defenders is dedicated to the preservation and improvement of the natural environment in McHenry County. As a grass roots organization, we are committed to building sound ecological relationships between people and the natural world that supports all life.

