



SOLID WASTE AGENCY OF LAKE COUNTY, IL

Antioch	Highland Park	Lindenhurst	Third Lake
Bannockburn	Highwood	Long Grove	Tower Lakes
Beach Park	Island Lake	Mundelein	Vernon Hills
Deer Park	Kildeer	North Barrington	Volo
Deerfield	Lake Barrington	North Chicago	Wadsworth
Fox Lake	Lake Bluff	Park City	Wauconda
Grayslake	Lake County	Port Barrington	Waukegan
Great Lakes NTC	Lake Forest	Riverwoods	Winthrop Harbor
Green Oaks	Lake Villa	Round Lake	Zion
Gurnee	Lake Zurich	Round Lake Beach	
Hainesville	Libertyville	Round Lake Heights	
Hawthorn Woods	Lincolnshire	Round Lake Park	

March 25, 2024

Angela Tovar
Commissioner, City of Chicago Department of Environment
Via Electronic Mail

Dear Commissioner Tovar,

The Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO) supports the Coalition application from the City of Chicago and County of Cook for \$199m for the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant. SWALCO is very focused on food waste programs and expanding access to collection programs for both residential and commercial generators, we also support energy efficiency and renewable energy projects. We support this application because it will expand food waste collection programs in Chicago and Cook County which will help expand the infrastructure for composting not only in Cook County but the surrounding counties as well.

The Chicago/Cook County CRPG Coalition Proposal advances highly effective Greenhouse Gas reduction strategies that also have strong Environmental Justice benefits. Measures include an Industrial Decarbonization component (for Chicago, Suburban Cook County, and DuPage County) to assist smaller and medium sized businesses, to install energy efficient and electrified equipment, renewable energy, and refrigerant replacement systems, while reducing toxics and air pollution in Environmental Justice areas. The program will also address food waste in Chicago and Cook County through creation of food scrap collection programs and the infrastructure to support them. And it will pursue aggressive energy efficiency, electrification and renewable energy strategies in public buildings such as schools, libraries and public housing in low income and distressed communities to reduce air pollution, provide jobs, and create educational working models for aggressively addressing climate change.

The proposal shared by the project team to drastically reduce our GHG emissions and catalyze economic opportunities within the clean energy economy is critical for the Chicago region and we look forward to working closely to support this effort. Please do not hesitate to contact me for further assistance or information.

Sincerely,

Walter S. Willis, Executive Director