

Go Green Illinois meeting
September 13, 2022
Plastics

00:40:18 Jacquelyn Casazza - Glen Ellyn: wow!!!! amazing perspective

00:49:13 Shital Pandit: Very eye opening

00:49:59 Seema Keshav: <https://www.beyondplastics.org/beyond-plastics-bill>

00:53:25 Seema Keshav: <https://www.beyondplastics.org/epr>

00:53:59 Shital Pandit: Can this presentation be shared with us?

00:55:19 Megan Wolff, Beyond Plastics: Yes, I'm happy to share my slides

00:55:25 Macy Zander: thanks Megan! Great presentation

00:55:47 Jordan Parker: Yes that was great Megan!

00:55:47 Kim Mulligan: Thank you, wonderful presentation! Would like slides, too.

00:56:03 Jacquelyn Casazza - Glen Ellyn: Fabulous presentation (scary too), thank you Megan. Would also love the slides

00:56:14 Laurie Casey: Thank you Megan!

00:58:40 Kristina Murphy, Aurora & Naperville vounteer: Climate Reality Chicago is doing a "Bring Your Own" campaign to reduce waste. Feel free to use our flyer.

01:00:20 Megan Wolff, Beyond Plastics: Hi all, Here is the link to my slides:
https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1pNmn9hokXnAQnUTi3DJaa_tc0HDP-xq74HEZS341jrs/edit?usp=sharing

01:02:41 Seema Keshav: The Reuse Policy Playbook -
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1hsogLyPIQOahr0X2gW-ao5B8kC_5Q7qH/view

01:06:38 Amy Bartucci: I love this visioning! Don't stop 😊

01:08:01 Jenny Futterman GG Highland Park: Is Loop associated with Terracycle?

01:08:12 Seema Keshav: <https://upstreamolutions.org/reuse-wins-report>

01:08:57 Jacquelyn Casazza - Glen Ellyn: Macy, can you speak to the tradeoff/impact of the energy and water required for washing and sanitizing all the dishes/cups etc. vs single use? Especially to the scale we are talking like for restaurants, concerts, etc

01:10:18 Jacquelyn Casazza - Glen Ellyn: @Jenny Futterman yes, I believe Terracycle and Loop have a partnership.

01:11:05 Seema Keshav: @Jenny, not sure but will check into it

01:11:30 Beth Drucker: Reminder - This great program is being recorded and will be available on the Go Green Illinois You Tube channel by tomorrow. We encourage you to share with all and to add the link in newsletters, on your website, etc.

01:12:02 Nicole Boomgaarden: Same founder (Loop/Terracycle)
Tom Szaky

01:12:18 Seema Keshav: <https://upstreamolutions.org/reuse-services-and-business-directory>

01:13:17 tracey edsey-park ridge: What is the best strategy when local school districts are resistant to changing over to non-reusables? In our community, the schools are having much difficulty hiring lunchroom help, bus drivers and crossing guards. There is no one to wash the dishes (if the schools have a dishwasher) or train workers. It costs money to retrofit schools for sustainability. Are there funds/grants available for these great ideas?

01:13:43 tracey edsey-park ridge: Sorry I mean reusables. Not non-reusables.

01:15:48 Susan Casey: @ Tracy: Plastic Free Restaurants provides subsidies for schools and restaurants that switch to reusables. <https://www.plasticfreerestaurants.org/>

01:24:58 Macy Zander: @Susan, yes, they are a great resource. @Tracy, we have some partners who are really focused on schools -- I can try and get you more information there. My email is macy@upstreamsolutions.org @Jacquelyn, the key is that reusables have to be reused to their "break even point" (which varies depending on the material) -- this report goes into detail on that by comparing life cycle assessments between single use & reusables : <https://upstreamsolutions.org/reuse-wins-report>

01:25:15 Amy Bartucci: "A weak bill could be worse than no bill"

01:27:09 Benjamin Krumstok: Why does labor oppose the agenda?

01:34:37 Macy Zander: preemption is the worst!! Surfrider & Grassroots Change have a good map showing where plastic preemption is: <https://grassrootschange.net/preemption-watch/#/category/plastics>

01:44:13 Marilyn Fish: Glad you are doing a balloon campaign. It seems to me that should be one of the easiest ways to reduce plastic pollution. Certainly there is a viable alternative to balloon releases.

01:46:21 Kim Mulligan: Seema, what a wonderful collection of informative and inspiring speakers. Thank you for your idea and for bringing it to fruition. Looking forward to sharing the video!

01:46:42 Kristina Murphy, Aurora & Naperville vounteer: Wonderful presentations by everyone!

01:47:23 Kristina Murphy, Aurora & Naperville vounteer: No updates from Aurora or Naperville this month.

01:47:39 Beth Drucker: Please put questions into chat with name of person you wish to answer it.

01:47:51 Sheri Latash: Greener Glenview reporting on the Glenbrook Solar Tour

01:48:08 Susan Casey: Great panel-- thank you for all the excellent presentations, and to Seema for pulling it together.

01:48:39 Laurie Casey: Question for Jen: Where does the medical field stand on plastic pollution? It seems like they should be able to support plastic bans, no?

01:48:42 Patricia Walter: Megan and Macy - Have your groups sent in comments on the GSA bill to regulate packaging? It seems anyone can, even as a general stakeholder. Due date now: 9/27/22. See: https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2022/09/08/2022-19376/general-services-administration-acquisition-regulation-gsar-single-use-plastics-and-packaging?utm_source=federalregister.gov&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=subscription+mailing+list

01:48:44 Jordan Parker: For joining CPR - please send me an email with your interest! I will add you to the invites to the Zooms, they are on the third Wednesday of every month at 4pm. My email is jordan@triveniinstitute.org.

01:49:28 Shital Pandit: Truly wonderful! How do you educate and incentivize businesses - restaurants to minimize single use plastic? Are there any ready educational materials?

01:49:35 Debbie Brown: I have a lot of mature milkweed in a bucket. Please come get some for free. I am in Deerfield.

01:50:15 Megan Wolff, Beyond Plastics: Beyond Plastics just published a guide for working with restaurants. <https://www.beyondplastics.org/restaurant-guide>

01:50:34 Jenny Futterman GG Highland Park: See more of Seema's great work to reduce single use plastics in the Farmer's Market Plastic Reduction Toolkit she helped create with other Go Green Illinois groups <https://gogreenhp.org/farmersmarket/>

01:50:51 Macy Zander: @patricia, yes we have commented on the GSA! Thanks.

01:50:55 Melanie Schikore: Local report for Go Green Arlington Heights on this Sunday's upcoming end of summer Sustainable Yard Tour - please join us ! I can share local report details for a minute - thanks, David <https://fb.me/e/2S72oVIH1>

01:51:03 Megan Wolff, Beyond Plastics: And we are having a webinar with volunteers and trainers on how to use it tonight at 7pm EST . Here is the registration link: <https://www.beyondplastics.org/events/community-advocates-guide-restaurants-dry-cleaners>

01:52:02 Seema Keshav: Highly recommend Megan's webinar tonight on the guide to shifting restaurants

01:52:12 Macy Zander: macy@upstreamolutions.org

01:53:13 Becky Brodsky: @Tracy: Center for Environmental Health also has a reusables toolkit for schools: <https://ceh.foleon.com/ceh/ditching-disposables-toolkit/>

01:53:36 Patricia Walter: Megan - Great presentation!! Have you discussed better reusable bottles, especially smaller (8 - 10 ounces) with major companies? Conversations show these as "barriers"!!

01:53:47 Nicole Boomgaarden: Will it be recorded?

01:53:59 Kim Mulligan: will the Beyond Plastics webinar be recorded?

01:54:20 Nicole Boomgaarden: Do you have the link to register?

01:54:30 Sharon Starr: Hello. I'm with the Woods & Wetlands (Lake County) Group of the Illinois Sierra Club. I have another meeting and can't stay until 3, but here's my report: We created a plastics team last year and are working at the local level. Our members are encouraging local restaurants that use plastic cutlery, etc. to make them available by request only. We are also hoping to raise awareness and educate the public through presentations and social media posts. Go to www.sierraclub.org/illinois/woods-wetlands.

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01:55:41 Jacquelyn Casazza - Glen Ellyn: Are any of the Go Green groups participating in the Illinois Green Schools project this year/have you in the past? Some of these plastic reduction strategies would be great to get into our schools!!

01:55:57 Patricia Walter: Megan - Different medical question: Impact on health from all this plastic INSIDE us??

01:57:04 Amy Bartucci: SO WELL DONE!

01:57:06 Dorr St.Clair: Thank you Seema!

01:57:11 Laurie Casey: Thank you everyone!

01:57:18 Macy Zander: Thanks all!

01:57:18 Megan Wolff, Beyond Plastics: Patricia, we don't know yet. But there is cause for concern.

01:57:18 Amy Bartucci: I have one lil announcement, from IL Stewardship Alliance
01:57:21 Jacquelyn Casazza - Glen Ellyn: Amazing presentation all!
01:57:26 Seema Keshav: Go Green Vernon Hills & Lincolnshire
01:57:27 Dorr St.Clair: Friends of the Green Bay Trail
01:57:51 Becky Brodsky: @Jacquelyn-check out Cafeteria Culture for great resources to reduce single-use plastics in schools: <https://www.cafeteriaculture.org/>
01:58:18 Jacquelyn Casazza - Glen Ellyn: Go Green Glen Ellyn - Solar Tour + Oaktober week long celebration
01:58:20 Becky Brodsky: Thank you, Seema. This was fantastic!
01:58:21 Laurie Casey: In Oak Park, we passed our Climate Ready Oak Park sustainability plan in August, and we are starting to rev up communication around the plan to residents.
01:59:31 Seema Keshav: Resources Guide from our presenters - please check out for the restaurant webinar today, example bills, reuse solutions and more <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1uWSApLLRdrWx7nCZHyI6Jbhe3EiHFGEye0frN-nxtQA/edit>
01:59:51 Shital Pandit: Go Green Northbrook
02:01:51 Amy Bartucci: HBD!
02:01:57 tracey edsey-park ridge: Go Green Park Ridge and the Park Ridge Sustainability Commission is putting on a Solar Tour on Sept. 24th. Go Green Park Ridge is hosting a Forest Preserve Clean Up Event in October with local communities.
02:02:19 Jordan Parker: Sharing a quote with you all that I love: "The best activism is equal parts anger and love." Jackie Summell
02:02:38 Seema Keshav: Go Green Vernon Hills & Lincolnshire
02:03:09 Bernadette Knight: Glenbrook Solar Tour approx 20 homes total, all welcome 24th Sept in Glenview and Northbrook. gogreennorthbrook.org
02:04:27 Bernadette Knight: There's never been a better time to invest in Solar! Come and speak with homeowners who have already taken the plunge!
02:04:57 Mary Allen: Thank you Beth, Kim, Seema, and speakers - this was very informative and inspiring!
02:05:25 Kristina Murphy, Aurora & Naperville vounteer: When I was at Abt on Sunday, the sales person was not aware of the incentives from the Inflation Reduction Act coming next year for appliances. If anyone has a contact person at Abt, I would like to provide them with some resources.
02:06:29 Amy Bartucci: cookware too
02:06:35 Jenny Futterman GG Highland Park: The Abt tour is amazing! We got to go on one with Cub scouts
02:07:05 Jenny Futterman GG Highland Park: <https://illinoissolar.org/>
02:10:18 Seema Keshav: Amazing Laurie
02:10:24 Amy Bartucci: YES! That food scrap drop off is amazing Laurie
02:10:57 Jenny Futterman GG Highland Park: Laurie, Who is the waste hauler?
02:11:16 Laurie Casey: @Jenny let me look that up for you.

02:12:46 Laurie Casey: @Jenny here is an article about the expanded compost program:
https://www.oneearthfilmfest.org/earth-words-blog/2022/9/10/composting-its-a-good-thing?mc_cid=aebf9d990a&mc_eid=UNIQID

02:12:47 Amy Bartucci: Thanks Linda!!!! ~Amy

02:14:35 Beth Drucker: look at drive electric week for a local EV show near you!

02:16:03 Amy Bartucci: There was this very good video from Go Green Wilmette last year that added a bit of humor last year about gas powered leaf blowers

02:16:54 Amy Bartucci: Thank you for being here/repping Vernon Hills!!!

02:18:12 Kim Stone: Next meeting Nov 15 at 1 pm. Details will be sent by email.

02:18:22 Amy Bartucci: I can expound on this but would like to highlight IL Stewardship Alliance's virtual fundraiser that just launched yesterday. The connection of plastics with food and human health struck a chord with me for sure <https://www.ilstewards.org/event/2022-harvest-celebration/>

02:18:36 Jenny Futterman GG Highland Park: Great job coordinating Seema! Perfect balance of reality and hope!

02:19:22 Laurie Casey: Some great things in that fundraiser for IL Stewardship Alliance, @Amy!

02:19:35 Amy Bartucci: Thx! We fix typos too 😊

02:20:28 Kristina Murphy, Aurora & Naperville vounteer: Talks with SD 204 and 308 about sustainability.

02:20:52 Susan Casey: Thank you, Seema, for sharing about the School District 103 launches of composting and recycling programs. Such exciting progress! Seven Generations Ahead's Zero waste schools Program: <http://sevengenerationsahead.org/zero-waste/zero-waste-schools/>

02:20:59 Sarah Murphy: Thank you Seema and to all for this very informative discussion!

02:21:05 Sheri Latash: Fantastic job, Seema! Thank you!

02:21:11 Laurie Casey: Great job Seema!

02:21:17 Seema Keshav: Thank you all for your time!!

02:21:19 Jacquelyn Casazza - Glen Ellyn: Fantastic Seema, such a great meeting today!!!

02:22:16 Lauren Grodnicki: Thank you to everyone!