

Sept. 1, 2023

Dear Environment Committee, Energy Subcommittee, and Greenest Region Compact (GRC) communities,

Please join us at our next Environment Committee meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 19. We will take a tour of the recently opened Climate Action Museum in Chicago, network with other sustainably minded local government professionals while enjoying hors d'oeuvres, and continue the conversation on a Chicago River architecture boat tour as a last hurrah of summer! Former Orland Park Mayor Dan McLaughlin, who is a Climate Action Museum board member, and Geneva Mayor Kevin Burns, Environment Committee and Energy Subcommittee Chairman, will lead an educational and entertaining tour of the museum and facilitate an inspiring discussion about the actions municipalities and individuals are taking to mitigate climate change and what still needs to be done.

About the Climate Action Museum

The Climate Action Museum opened in June 2023 and is one of only seven climate museums in the world. Doug Farr, Firm Principal of Farr Associates Architecture and Urban Design, worked with dozens of other local architects and individuals associated with the built environment and sustainability to create the museum exhibits and raise funds to open the museum. The Climate Action Museum is a follow-up to the successful "Energy Revolution" exhibit that was at the Chicago Architecture Center last year, of which Farr was a co-curator. The mission of the Climate Action Museum is to activate a tipping point on climate mitigation in the Chicago region through education, stimulating critical thought, and to inspire and facilitate direct action. The museum founders hope that visitors will have a memorable experience at the museum and leave inspired to make both short- and long-term decisions that mitigate the climate emergency.

Meeting Details

Topic: Climate Action Museum tour

Date: Tuesday, Sept. 19

Time: The museum tour will start at 2 p.m. Networking and hors d'oeuvres will follow. We will leave the museum and walk to the Wendella boat tour location (400 N. Michigan Ave. at the Wrigley building) at about 4:15 p.m. The 90-minute Chicago River architecture tour starts at 5:15 p.m. (Boarding begins 15-30 minutes prior to departure.)

Meeting Location: Climate Action Museum, 300 S. Riverside Plaza, Chicago, IL 60606

Register: Please [register in advance](#) for the meeting.

Chicago River Architecture Boat Tour tickets: If you are interested in attending the optional post-meeting architecture tour, then please purchase tickets at [Wendella's website](#) for the 5:15 p.m. tour on Sept. 19. Tickets cost \$42.

[GRC](#) objectives: Reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Engage the community in climate change mitigation.

[Climate Action Plan](#) objectives: All of the mitigation objectives.