

## Updating the Greenest Region Compact (GRC)

May 19, 2026, 9:30-11 a.m.

Please register in advance for the Zoom meeting with the link sent to Committee members.

### 1. Opening Comments

*Kevin Burns, Mayor, City of Geneva; Environment and Energy Committee Chairman, Metropolitan Mayors Caucus*

### 2. Greenest Region Compact : Origin and Evolution

*Edith Makra, Director of Environmental Initiatives, Metropolitan Mayors Caucus*

### 3. Using the GRC: Municipal Examples

*Gail Paul, City Administrator, City of Countryside*

*Scott Zak, Communications and Engagement Manager, City of DeKalb*

### 4. GRC Review and Recommendations – NIU Capstone Project

*Melissa Burlingame Greenhagen, Assistant Director of the Institute for the Study of the Environment, Sustainability, and Energy/Environmental Studies, Northern Illinois University*

*Gabrielle Foreman, Undergraduate Student, Environmental Studies, Northern Illinois University*

### 5. Discussion

### 6. Closing

*Mayor Kevin Burns*

[GRC](#): Advocate for policies that align with and advance the GRC. Work collaboratively towards a sustainable region.

[Climate Action Plan](#): Demonstrate leadership to reduce emissions.