

Environment and Energy Committee
Green Roofs and Living Walls - Meeting and Tour
September 15, 2026, 9:30-11 a.m., optional rooftop tour and lunch to follow
433 W. Van Buren St., Suite 450, Chicago, IL

Hybrid meeting – advance registration required

To participate via Zoom or in person to join the tour, please [register here](#). If you plan to attend in person, please register by Sept. 10, to ensure that your building security pass is processed in time.

Green roofs and living walls are beautiful amenities that function as green infrastructure to moderate temperatures, manage stormwater and host important plant and animal species. Integrating these amenities into community development at scale can have measurable impacts on urban heat islands, stormwater, and can reduce building cooling demands.

Good design, specialized physical components and soil, strategic plant selection and maintenance result in green roofs and living walls that enhance the urban environment. The Metropolitan Mayors Caucus is headquartered at the Old Post Office, home of [the Meadow](#), the nation's largest private rooftop garden. At this meeting, we will be joined by original project designers and leaders from [Hoerr Schaudt](#), who will describe this landmark project and lead a tour of the Meadow for those attending in person.

Chicago's global leadership in green roofs is rooted in the City's [Sustainable Development Policy](#) that incentivizes innovative sustainable construction design elements.

Living walls transform utilitarian structures like [retaining walls](#) into attractive growing spaces that function as green infrastructure. Vertical gardens add texture and beauty to exterior and interior walls, or they can supply food as small kitchen gardens or as more expansive urban farms. Learn how growing systems, such as [Verdtech's](#) Varden Living Wall system, are used to build vertical green infrastructure.

Join us in person at the historic Old Post Office for this meeting and enjoy a tour of the 3-acre Meadow led by Hoerr Schaudt on the rooftop. An optional lunch in the rooftop garden will follow. Bring your own lunch or stop by the [From Here On](#) food hall on the first floor to purchase food. At lunch, attendees can experience the beauty of the Meadow and visit with fellow Environment and Energy Committee members.

[GRC](#): SC+33: Incentivize green building in new construction and reconstruction. SC+20: Support innovative technologies for food production and distribution. W39: Review and adopt codes to eliminate barriers to green infrastructure BMPs, including cisterns, green roofs, bioswales, and permeable paving.

[Climate Action Plan](#): Encourage property owners to install and maintain sustainable and native landscapes. Grow and manage public landscapes to optimize ecosystem services and support biodiversity.