Dear Environment and Energy Committee,

Please join us at this month's Environment Committee meeting.

Energy Storage
Date: Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2026 - Please note that this is a week later from our usual meeting date.
Time: 9-11 a.m.
Meeting Recording: We will not be recording the first presentation on the agenda, due to the speaker's request. We will record other speakers' presentations and post them on our Environment Committee webpage.

Meeting Overview:
Energy storage is a rapidly emerging industry that can enhance resilience of the electric grid and may present development opportunities for municipalities. Enabled by the Clean and Reliable Grid Affordability Act (CRGA), new programs and utility incentives are under development.

The Caucus Environment and Energy Committee will host a special meeting on battery energy storage on **Tuesday, Oct. 27, at 9 a.m.** and is open to all mayors, managers, and staff from Caucus member communities.

This briefing will introduce energy storage technology, CRGA, and future development considerations for local governments. The director of the Argonne Collaborative Center for Energy Storage Science (ACCESS) will discuss pivotal discoveries and future targets for energy storage science. A speaker from ComEd will talk about energy storage in northern Illinois, we'll hear developers' perspectives on energy storage growth in Illinois, and one local government contact will discuss his organization's decision and experience with installing energy storage at its facility. A speaker from the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 134 will discuss existing battery storage codes, standards, safety, permitting, and more.

GRC: Use energy for buildings and facilities efficiently. Reduce energy consumption. Enact policies that support clean energy.

Climate Action Plan: Optimize building energy. Decarbonize energy sources. Implement clean energy policies. Build renewable energy and energy storage capacity to meet the clean energy needs of the region. Adapt zoning codes and streamline development processes to accelerate investment in solar, energy storage, and other energy systems.