

Jacquelyn Casazza



*Jacquelyn Casazza is the president and co-founder of Go Green Glen Ellyn, a community nonprofit with a mission to help Glen Ellyn residents and businesses be greener through education, advocacy, and volunteering. She serves on the Village of Glen Ellyn Environmental Commission and the Glen Ellyn Park District Resident Environmental Advisory Board. She is a volunteer with SCARCE and a frequent presenter to school and community groups in Glen Ellyn. Prior to her environmental work, Jacquelyn spent 16 years at Deloitte focused on U.S. taxation and compensation reporting issues affecting globally mobile employees. Her love of travel, running outdoors, and her children fuels her passion for the planet.*

Jen Walling



Jen Walling has served as the Executive Director for the Illinois Environmental Council since January of 2011, where she oversees the strategic direction and management of the organization and lobbies decision makers on environmental issues. Jen is dedicated to building the power of Illinois' environmental community to secure policy outcomes that protect the environment.

Over the last decade, Jen has worked to grow IEC staffing fivefold, increase the budget and member affiliates, all with a focus on serving and representing IEC's over 90 affiliated organizations. With the board of directors, Jen worked to secure IEC's partnership with the League of Conservation Voters, a national organization which has helped IEC network and build on a national level.

Jen has drafted, negotiated, lobbied and passed hundreds of bills in Springfield while working to build the power, expertise and relationships of the entire environmental community. On energy issues, she worked to fix the renewable energy

portfolio standards and increase energy efficiency through the Future Energy Jobs Act, and as a steering committee member of the Illinois Clean Jobs Coalition, she is working to pass the Clean Energy Jobs Act. Jen has been a statewide leader in composting policy since 2009, when she worked to pass the first commercial composting law in Illinois. She has fought to protect state parks and natural areas through increasing funding to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, increasing recreation liability protections and funding stewardship through the Natural Areas Stewardship Act. Through Jen's leadership, Illinois was the first state to ban microbeads in personal care products in 2013.

Jen holds a bachelor's and a master's degree in Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She also received a juris doctorate from the University of Illinois College of Law and is an attorney licensed to practice law in Illinois.

Kay McKeen,



Kay is the Founder and Executive Director of School and Community Assistance for Recycling and Composting Education (SCARCE). Kay's dedication to improve the sustainability of our communities has earned her numerous awards over the years, including one of Suburban Life Magazine's 2015 Women of Distinction and the 2016 Illinois Recycler of the Year. Most recently, Kay was awarded the 2017 Nonprofit Executive of the Year by the West Suburban Philanthropic Network.

Kay has been recognized for the effectiveness of the programs SCARCE has developed and the legislations she has co-written to foster sustainability state-wide. Kay frequently speaks to inspire people on how to care for the earth.

Walter Willis

Walter Willis has been the Executive Director of the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County since 2007 and is responsible for overseeing the Agency's solid waste and resource management programs and implementing the Lake County Solid Waste Management Plan. Mr. Willis is a board member of the Illinois Chapter of SWANA, the current chairman of



the Illinois Food Scrap & Composting Coalition and an honorary board member of the Product Stewardship Institute.

Prior to joining SWALCO, Mr. Willis worked in the waste industry as a consultant for approximately 20 years developing solid waste management plans and assisting with solid waste facility development projects throughout the United States. He began his solid waste career with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency in 1987 after receiving his Master's in Public Administration from Southern Illinois University.