



DuPage County Green Party

Democracy Growing in Your Community

The **Illinois Green Party (ILGP)** is Illinois' third largest political party and is made up of independent Green local groups from all over the state. Local groups are made up of diverse individuals, all dedicated to advancing the Greens' *Ten Key Values* in our political and social lives.

Green members and their respective locals are the very heart of the Green movement and are also the controlling force behind the ILGP. As a party, the Illinois Greens practice a democratic structure and internal process that ensures individual voices are heard.

Greens are not hierarchical or centrally controlled, but use a membership structure, designed to value local and individual autonomy, while matters affecting the state party as a whole are made by the state members. The process used is one of local grass-roots democratic participation through consensus-based gatherings, with the statewide membership meeting being the highest decision-making body of the ILGP.

The ILGP is built upon community-based, decentralized power, focused on supporting sustainable social and economic endeavors, beliefs and practices that are primary differences between the Greens and other political parties.

The party was formed in 1999 from several local Green parties from around the state. The 1999 founding of the ILGP reflected the steady growth of the Green movement in the United States, a movement first begun by the European Green Parties that formed in the late 1970s and early 1980s.

This is why Greens worldwide share an understanding that we must be good stewards of the natural resources we've been given and must focus our attention on the preservation of these gifts for future generations. To be a Green is to realize that we must think not only of ourselves, but consider the ramifications of our actions to the 7th generation.

Greens promote social justice and respect for all the biological diversity of this planet, as well as human cultural, sexual and spiritual differences. Because it is only through a healthy respect for biological diversity and the understanding of all people that we will find true justice for our selves and others.

With such a common understanding, Greens throughout the world can readily work together, regionally, nationally, or even internationally on issues of common concerns. A unity based on a set of recognized understandings is summarized in our *Ten Key Values*.

TEN KEY VALUES of the GREEN PARTY

Ecological Wisdom

The Greens recognize that the Earth sustains all life processes. We must live within the ecological and resource limits of the planet, applying our technological knowledge to the challenge of an energy efficient economy. We must build a better relationship between cities and countryside. We must promote sustainable agriculture and respect for self regulating natural systems, and we must further biocentric wisdom in all spheres of life.

Social Justice

Greens want to replace the worldwide system of poverty and injustice with a world free of all oppression based on class, gender, race, citizenship, age, or sexual orientation.

Grassroots Democracy

The powerless suffer the most from resource depletion and toxic pollution. Greens believe

in direct participation by all people in the environmental, political, and economic decisions that affect their lives.



Nonviolence

Greens reject violence as a way of settling disputes -- it is shortsighted, morally wrong, and ultimately self-defeating. We are working to create a world where war is obsolete.

Decentralization

Power and responsibility must be restored to local communities within an overall framework of ecologically sound and socially just values and lifestyles.

Community Based Economics

Greens seek a new economics based upon the natural limits of the Earth, which meets the basic needs of everyone on the planet, under democratic, localized community control.

Gender Equality

The Green movement is profoundly inspired by feminist values. The ethics of cooperation and understanding must replace the values of domination and control over others.

Respect for Diversity

Greens honor the biological diversity of the Earth and the cultural, sexual, and spiritual diversity of Earth's people. We aim to reclaim this country's finest ideals: popular democracy, the dignity of the individual, and liberty and justice for all.

Personal and Global Responsibility

Greens demonstrate a commitment to global sustainability and international justice through political solidarity and in personal lifestyles based on self-sufficiency and living lightly. Greens seek a society where the interests of the seventh generation are considered equal to the interests of the present. We must reclaim the future for our children and ourselves.

**JOIN THE ILLINOIS AND
DUPAGE COUNTY GREEN PARTY**

The purpose of the ILGP is to advance the Ten Key Values of the Greens through political and nonpolitical means and support the formation of local Green Parties. The Ten Key Values: *Ecological Wisdom, Social Justice, Grassroots Democracy, Nonviolence, Decentralization, Community-based Economics, Gender Equality, Respect for Diversity, Personal and Global Responsibility, and Future Focus.*

If you live in DuPage County, we invite you to join the **Illinois Green Party** and **DuPage County Green Party** local. In order to be a member, you must be committed to the Ten Key Values and contribute an annual due, or request a need-based waiver. We encourage all of our members to actively participate in a local chapter of the Illinois Green Party.

To become a member, simply join on-line at:

www.ilgp.org/join

and specify your affiliated local as the **DuPage County Green Party**.

You can also donate on-line at:

www.ilgp.org/donate

Alternatively, just fill out the following request for a membership form.

Please send me a membership form at the following address:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Then mail your request to the following address:

**DuPage County Green Party
P.O. Box 34
Wheaton, IL 60189-0034**

Upon receipt, we will mail you a membership form.

CONTACT INFORMATION

DuPage County Web Site:

www.dupagegreens.org

Email us at:

secretary@dupagegreens.org

Monthly Membership Meetings:

Please visit our website for latest schedule of membership meetings and events.

Executive Committee Meetings:

Periodically throughout the month. Contact the DCGP for more information.

Meetings are free and open to the public – everyone is invited to attend and participate!

Paid for by the DuPage County Green Party

Dues and donations to the DuPage County Green Party are not tax deductible. A copy of our report filed with the County Clerk is (or will be) available for purchase from the County Clerk, Wheaton, Illinois.

WELCOME TO THE GREEN PARTY!



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