

Triton College Environmental Workforce Opportunity Guide

▶▶ Explore this guide to find job and internship opportunities with local environmentally-focused organizations! From jobs in outdoor land restoration and environmental advocacy to joining Illinois' renewable energy workforce, this opportunity guide offers a variety of pathways to joining Chicago's environmental/sustainability workforce. Simply click each organization's link to view current opportunities!

[Chicagoland Environmental Network](#)



The Chicagoland Environmental Network (CEN) is an initiative created by the Brookfield Zoo to post jobs, internships, and volunteer opportunities with an environmental scope. This job board also includes a tool to search for specific fields, such as: environmental policy, animal welfare, research, and more. You can also filter by full time, part time, or internship opportunities. The CEN website is updated frequently with new opportunities based in and around the Chicagoland area, providing a great starting point for any job search in the environmental field.

[Energy Sense – Clean Energy Career Resources](#)



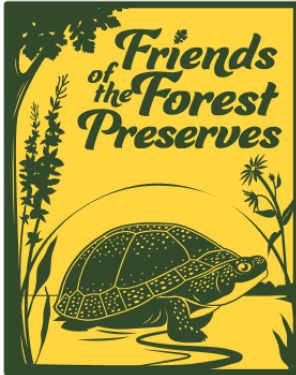
Energy Sense is an applied research center for the University of Illinois system. They specialize in providing energy consulting to decrease energy use while expanding renewable energy generation in the state of Illinois. Their clean energy career page offers a plethora of resources for those considering a career within renewable energy. From working in solar array installment, HVAC, energy auditing, or electrical engineering, this website provides information on how to get started.

[Seven Generations Ahead \(Oak Park\)](#)



Founded in 2001, Seven Generations Ahead (SGA) is a community-focused nonprofit organization. Their mission is locally focused climate advocacy and sustainability education, to ensure our planet is sustained and protected for many generations ahead. SGA regularly offers internships with focus areas in community engagement, data collection, and research.

Friends of the Forest Preserves



Friends of the Forest Preserves or FOTFP is a nonprofit organization dedicated to maintaining and protecting the Forest Preserves of Cook County. FOTFP has long served as an essential component of restoring and preserving publicly accessible nature in Cook County. Their work opportunities include hands-on seasonal and permanent ecological restoration positions along with community engagement and volunteer coordinator positions.

Forest Preserve District of Cook County



The Forest Preserve District of Cook County manages 70,000 acres of nature containing over 350 miles of trails. Within this land are also aquatic centers, golf courses, nature centers, and campgrounds publicly available throughout the year. In addition to this, the FPDCC is also responsible for many community engagement programs. There is truly something for everybody within the FPDCC, including a work opportunity! Seasonal and permanent positions are available throughout the year all throughout Cook County.

[Friends of the Chicago River](#)



Friends of the Chicago River, is an award-winning nonprofit, dedicated to protecting the Chicago River system. Once thought of as a hopelessly polluted river system, the Chicago River serves as proof that restoration efforts do work! Friends of the Chicago River have been an essential part of the continuously improving health of the river, showcased by the increase in biodiversity throughout the past 20 years.

[Illinois Solar Energy and Storage Association](#)



The Illinois Solar Association provides a job board for solar workforce opportunities. These jobs are located throughout the state of Illinois across a wide variety of experience levels. If you're interested in beginning a career in the solar energy industry, there are many positions to explore here!

[Greencorps Chicago](#)



Greencorps Chicago is best known for their green industry job training program. This program is designed to be accessible and catered towards those with barriers to employment. Upon completion of the job program, participants gain industry-relevant skills and hands-on experience in outdoor restoration and sustainability work. Greencorps also runs a youth program for teens in Chicago Public Schools. This experiential learning program runs during the summer months, with seasonal positions available to work as an instructor or assistant instructor. Throughout the course of the program, students are taught a variety of environmental topics, build their own bikes, and get hands-on work experience in horticulture and ecological restoration.

[Student Conservation Association](#)



The Student Conservation Association or SCA, is a nonprofit organization that provides outdoor work opportunities caring for and restoring nature. With a specific focus on opportunities for current students or recent graduates, there are opportunities to fit many different schedules. Whether you're looking to get some work experience during a gap year or gain industry relevant skills during summer break, there are plenty of opportunities for all!

[One Earth Collective](#)



One Earth Collective is a nonprofit organization based in Oak Park IL. One Earth is a community hub of environmental and conservation learning, culminating in their premier event: the One Earth Film Festival. In addition to being active throughout the year supporting conservation and climate friendly causes, in April each year they collaborate with Chicagoland organizations (like Triton College) to hold the One Earth Film Festival. This week-long event culminates in watch parties of films across the Chicagoland area focused on a variety of environmental topics, along with action-inspired discussions . If you're passionate about galvanizing your community to stay connected and informed on environmental issues, One Earth offers internships and permanent positions rooted in those causes!

[Chicago Botanic Garden](#)



The Chicago Botanic Garden is a cornucopia of naturoscapes for the Chicagoland area. Maintaining acres of natural lands in addition to its extensive botanic garden, there are numerous educational and research roles offered here, geared towards students or recent graduates.