



McHenry County Defenders Committees

Check out the great ways you can make a difference!

Education Committee ~

Conducts workshops on various environmental topics and develops educational materials for public outreach. Sponsors Full Moon Theatre series, Earth Day and the Lou Marchi Trash Transformed Art Contest. Meets the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 P.M at the Defenders office. *Chairperson: Bill Donato*

Fundraising Committee ~

Holds special fundraising events including annual Service Auction, Used Book Sales, Tree & Shrub Auction, and Pioneer Farm Christmas Tree Sales. Operates Waste-not Warehouse. Meets the fourth Monday of the month at 5:30 P.M. at the Defenders office. *Chairpersons: Christy Matsuoka & Anne Basten*

Land Use Planning Committee ~

Researches and conducts programs to involve citizens in local planning, zoning and transportation issues, and controlling urban sprawl. Meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 P.M. at the Defenders office. *Chairperson: Kim Willis*

Membership Committee ~

Develops and implements strategies for increasing membership, visibility and membership retention. Plans and organizes membership and volunteer events and services, such as the Annual Meeting, Corn Roast and Defenders Month. Meets the first Wednesday of the month at the Defenders office. Call for times *Chairperson: Dwight Dalton*

Natural Resources Preservation Committee ~

Researches and implements programs on topics such as conservation of soil and wildlife habitat, protection of greenways and public open space. Sponsors Natural Roadside Program. Call for meeting time and location. *Chairperson: Dan Wilson*

New Home Committee ~

Works towards our goal of constructing a sustainable environmental center illustrating green building. Oversees building fundraising. Call for meeting times and location. *Chairperson: Dwight Dalton*

Waste Reduction Committee ~

Works to stop waste of energy and natural resources by promoting recycling, waste reduction education, and demonstrating alternatives to wasteful lifestyles. Meets the first Thursday of the month call for time and location. *Chairperson: Alice Howenstine*

Water Resources Protection Committee~

Develops policies and programs to protect the counties groundwater, wetlands, rivers, lakes and streams from pollution by urban and agriculture runoff, toxic chemicals and gravel mining operations. Sponsors the Friends of Kishwaukee and Friends of the Nippersink projects. Meets the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:00 P.M. at the Defenders office. *Chairperson: Cindy Skrukrud*

**Please Note that committee-meeting times are subject to change, so please call the Defenders office at (815) 338-0393 or log onto www.mcdef.org for more information.*