



# Supporting Clean Energy Development through Municipal Aggregation

Municipal aggregation is a powerful tool for Illinois communities to advance their sustainability goals. Over 90 communities have taken the first step and purchased Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) to offset up to 100% their community's energy use.

**Here are 4 ways to further clean, local energy through your aggregation contract:**

## POWER CONTENT LABELING

All Illinois communities can request "power content" information from their electricity supplier, including the geographic location of the power generators, and how different fuel mixes affect price. With this information, leaders can choose an energy mix, such as coal-free, that meets the sustainability and economic needs of their community.

## INVEST IN NEW, LOCAL RENEWABLES

Use your contract to create a clean energy fund to finance local projects. This fund can be set up in many different ways, including a lump-sum contribution from your power supplier. This option is ideal for solar or energy efficiency improvements at city government buildings, as the whole community benefits from reduced energy costs at government facilities.

## LOCAL CLEAN ENERGY CARVE-OUT

Ask that a certain percentage of your energy supply come from local clean energy sources. For example, the Chicago carved-out 5% of its electricity supply to come from Illinois wind. Another option would be for a city to purchase/own a local clean energy project and ask its supplier to purchase energy, capacity, or RECs from the project.

## OFFSET BROWN POWER WITH LOCAL RENEWABLE ENERGY CREDITS (RECs)

Communities should consider prioritizing in-state RECs, to help ensure Illinois receives the maximum amount of environmental, economic, and health benefits from clean energy. Municipalities can also include a preference for RECs located within their town's borders, to help local residents, schools, and other solar owners pay off their investments more quickly.

Communities across Illinois have already demonstrated strong sustainability leadership. Now, it's time to further advance clean energy development here in Illinois. Help us realize the potential for local clean energy and jobs through municipal aggregation.

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