

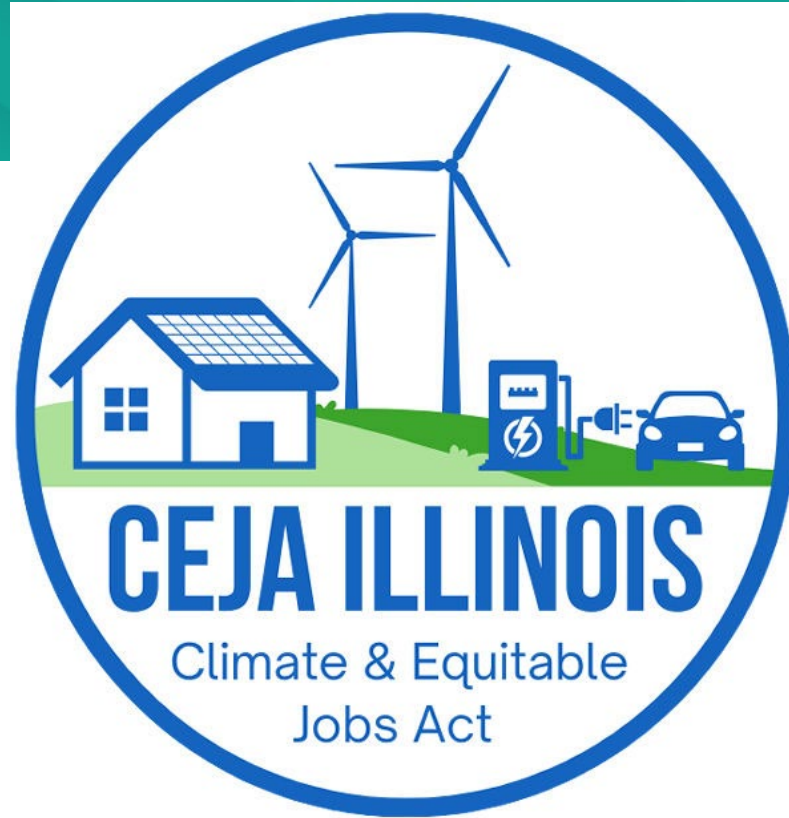
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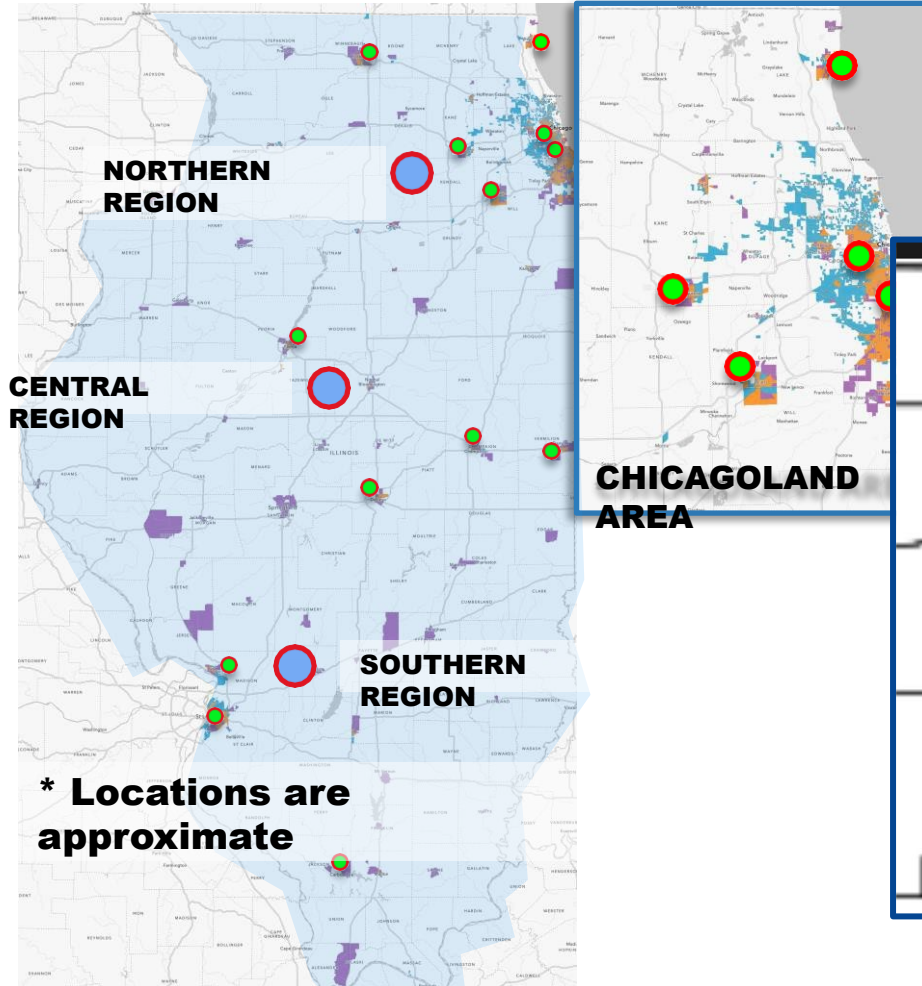




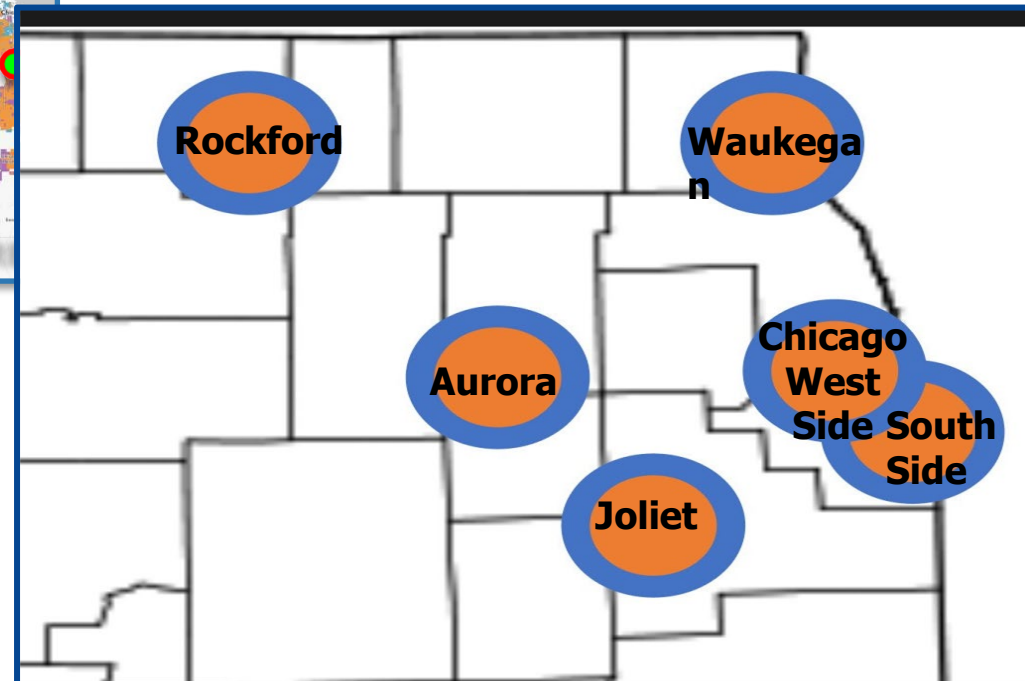
Climate Equitable Jobs Act Workforce Network Program Grant

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Waukegan Workforce Network CEJA Hub



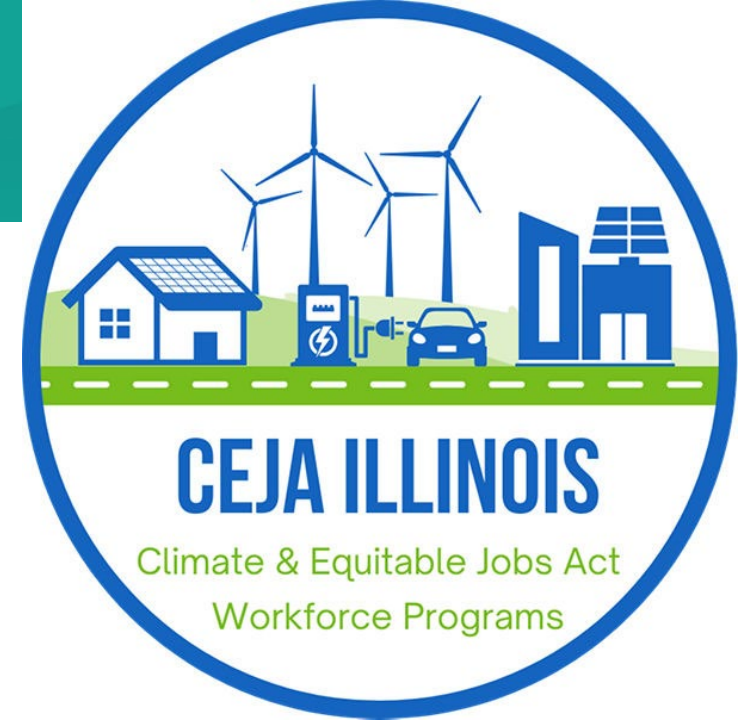
NORTHERN IL HUB LOCATIONS



Waukegan Workforce Network CEJA Hub

The College of Lake County has been awarded the Climate Equitable Jobs Act Workforce Network Program grant with a total funding of \$3,519,548.00. This grant supports the development of clean energy workforce training programs. The College is partnering with Lake County Workforce Development to implement this grant.

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The Climate & Equitable Jobs Act

Target Populations

- People living in Equity Eligible Communities
 - R3 Areas (RESTORE. REINVEST. RENEW)
 - Environmental Justice Communities
 - Equity Investment Eligible Communities
- People who have been or are incarcerated, Justice Impacted
- Graduates of the foster care system or current members
- LGBTQ+ ; Transgender Community
- Displaced energy workers or individuals facing barriers to employment
- And any of these groups who are also Youth



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Goals/Outcomes

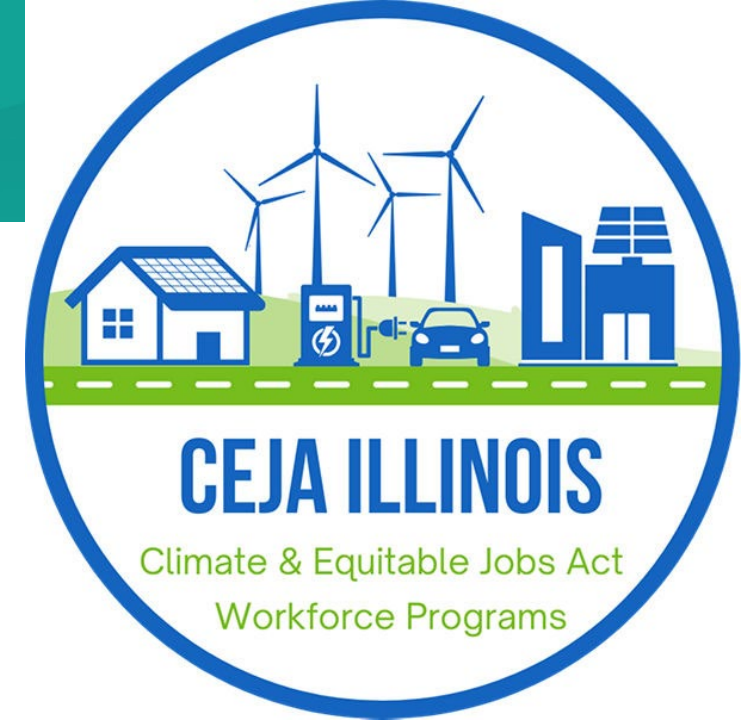
- 500 Clean Energy Navigator Contacts
- 333 recruited participants (Network Program)
- 200 participants enter bridge program
- 160 participants complete bridge program
- Participants Enrolled in Advance Technical Training
 - 32 HVAC
 - 32 Automotive/EV
 - 16 Energy Auditor
- 16 Construction and Building Inspector
- 50 participants hired by Clean Energy Employers



CEJA – Key Achievements

The CEJA Waukegan Hub

- Successful Launch January 2025
- 1st Cohort completion on 01/31/2025 with 100% retention
- \$21,635 in wrap-around services and supportive services to participants
- Trainees Certified in: OSHA10; First Aid CPR; Clean Energy Basics and Employability Skills
- Exposed to Lake County Clean Employers / Jobs
- 150 applicants as of January 2025
- 20 Participants in Cohort 2 (Feb 2025)





Climate and Equitable Jobs Act (illinois.gov)

CEJA (illinoisworknet.com)

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