

Topic: Cell Tower Siting

Issue: Illinois State Law allows cellular towers by right in all unincorporated areas, and provides counties with no authority over the siting, height, and setbacks of cellular towers. This law has led to the proliferation of cellular towers in unincorporated areas, despite county efforts to encourage appropriate siting and co-location on existing towers.

Recommendation: Support legislation previously offered through the re-writing of the telecommunications bill that would :

- Provide counties with more authority in the siting, height, and setback for cellular towers.
- Require new cellular towers to provide capacity for multiple telecommunication carriers.
- Require telecommunication companies to post a bond to ensure the removal of any tower that is obsolete or no longer in use.