



Invest in a safe, clean future.

Capital Campaign to Build a Household
Hazardous Waste Collection Facility



What is household hazardous waste and why is it dangerous?



Almost everyone has leftover household products in their homes that contain corrosive, toxic, ignitable or reactive ingredients.

These household products have special warnings about careful storage and safe disposal and are commonly referred to as household hazardous waste (HHW). These HHW materials have the same characteristics as highly regulated hazardous waste from commercial and industrial processes and contain ingredients that make disposal in landfills undesirable.

Residents across East Central Illinois lack a convenient collection option for household hazardous waste. As a result, these hazardous materials are often unsafely stored in homes and garages. Or they are dumped into the sewer system, down drains, or on the ground where they present a contamination threat to our water supply.



Who is CCES (Champaign County Environmental Stewards)?

Our Mission

In 2017, a Champaign County Regional Planning Commission task force met to address the need for convenient and environmentally responsible household hazardous waste (HHW) management. A key recommendation was to form a non-profit organization to advance and support this effort in East Central Illinois.

Founded in 2019 as a 501(c)(3), tax-exempt, non-profit organization, Champaign County Environmental Stewards (CCES) advances improved options for the safe and convenient collection of household hazardous waste, composting of food scraps, and material recycling. CCES seeks local solutions for waste reduction, including reducing the use of single-use plastics, and shares information and resources to assist residents and businesses in these efforts.

Protecting the Mahomet Aquifer is not just about preserving water; it's about safeguarding the future. For clean, safe water, there is no backup plan. That's why I support CCES's proposed household hazardous waste collection facility in Urbana. The State of Illinois made a significant investment in the Capital Campaign, and we encourage Central Illinois municipalities, business, and individuals to do the same.

Paul Faraci

Senator Paul Faraci,
52nd District

OCTOBER 2021	Feasibility Study for HHW collection facility completed
SEPTEMBER 2022	Champaign County commits \$650,000 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant.
JANUARY 2023	Capital campaign feasibility and planning study completed.
AUGUST 2023	CCES purchases land at Saline Court, Urbana. CCES initiates capital campaign.
NOVEMBER 2023	City of Urbana commits \$175,000 ARPA grant.
JANUARY 2024	City of Champaign provides \$250,000 toward facility. Urbana & Champaign Sanitary District commits \$25,000 per year toward facility.
JULY 2025	The State of Illinois grants \$400,000 for the facility.
JANUARY 2026	CCES surpasses 50% of fundraising goal.

Building for the future

In 2023, after months of research and deliberation, CCES secured the necessary grants to purchase a 4.7-acre parcel of land at 901 Saline Court in Urbana. In 2026, with over \$1.7 million raised, CCES continues its capital campaign to secure the remaining funds needed to build the household hazardous waste collection facility. To reach our fundraising goal and build the planned HHW collection facility, we need help from many corporations, businesses, foundations, governments, and individuals.

EXPECTED COSTS FOR NEW FACILITY

Land Purchase and Site Preparation.....	\$503,507
Permits, Architect, Engineering, Legal and Fundraising.....	\$478,946
Construction of Facility.....	\$2,094,569
Contingencies.....	\$223,578
Equipment and Furnishings.....	\$175,000
TOTAL PROJECT COST.....	\$3,475,600

REVENUE SOURCES

Local Government ARPA Grants Received.....	\$825,000
Local Government/Public Agency Contributions.....	\$467,700
State of Illinois Budget Allocation.....	\$400,000
Private Donations.....	\$64,820
TOTAL FUNDS SECURED TO DATE.....	\$1,757,520

Why your investment matters

An HHW Collection Facility benefits our community in many ways.		
Reduces ground and surface water contamination caused by dumping	Reduces solid waste workers’ exposure to hazardous materials	
Helps protect and maintain the quality of the Mahomet Aquifer	Minimizes damage to solid waste infrastructure (e.g., trucks, recycling facilities, landfill liners)	
Prevents accidental poisonings or other medical problems from hazardous chemical exposure in the home	Limits damage to wastewater treatment plants	
Minimizes the number of HHW-related house fires	Limits damage to residential septic systems thus saving homeowners repair and maintenance costs	
Limits firefighters’ exposure to hazardous chemicals and highly toxic smoke during house fires	Increases access to education and information about proper management of HHW	

Clean, safe water for East Central Illinois residents



Improving the collection of household hazardous waste is an investment in maintaining the quality of the Mahomet Aquifer, identified as a “Sole Source Aquifer” in 2015 by the United States EPA.

Currently, Central Illinois residents don’t have a convenient way to safely dispose of household hazardous waste. Unfortunately, it’s often dumped into drains, sewers, and waterways; on the ground; or in landfills where it poses a contamination risk to the Mahomet Aquifer, our region’s primary water resource.

The Mahomet Aquifer is the primary source of drinking water for approximately 850,000 people in 12 Illinois counties, providing an estimated 220 million gallons of water daily to communities, agriculture, industry, and rural wells.

You deserve clean water, uncontaminated by hazardous waste.

The Mahomet Aquifer Protection Task Force 2018 Report identified inadequate or improper household hazardous waste management as one of six contamination threats to the Mahomet Aquifer’s water quality. This underscores the value of our planned collection facility to the health and welfare of Central Illinois’s people, wildlife, and ecosystems.



All aerosol products
(spray paint, bug
spray, hair spray)

Motor oil, antifreeze,
gas, brake fluid

Asbestos-containing
products

Batteries: Lithium,
NI-CAD, metal hydride
batteries (no alkaline)

Acids: Hydrochloric
and Sulfuric (aka:
battery acid)

Drain cleaners,
household cleaners,
metal polishes

Driveway sealers, deck
sealers and cleaners,
paint removers

Fertilizers, herbicides,
pesticides, insecticides

Compact fluorescent
lamps and tubes

Solvents: Mineral
spirits, kerosene,
thinners, sealers

Mercury
(thermometers,
thermostats)

Oil-based paints,
stains, varnishes,
sealers

Pool chemicals

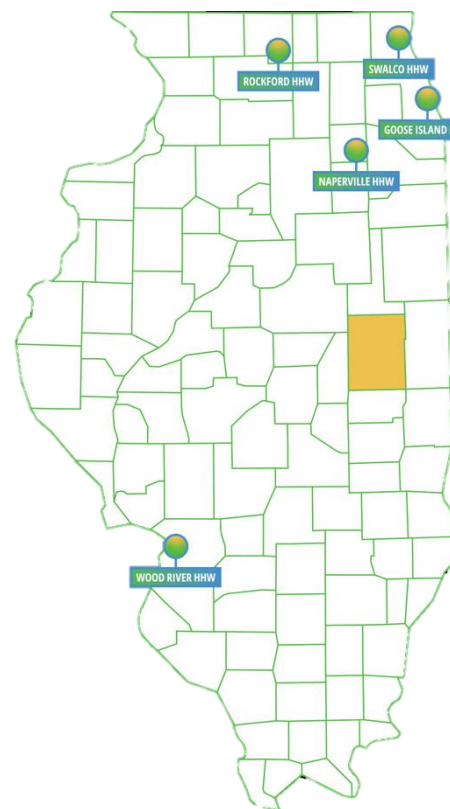
Nail polish and nail
polish remover

Electronics, paint,
batteries

You deserve convenient access to HHW disposal.

The nearest permanent HHW collection facility is two and one-half hours away from Champaign County.

The proposed facility at 901 Saline Court, Urbana will be a drop-off point for household hazardous waste, which will then be transported off-site for final processing or environmentally responsible disposal.



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