

Green Party Forum: Ecosocialism and the Green New Deal



Saturday, February 15th
11am – 1pm
Warrenville Public Library
West Room
28W751 Stafford Place, Warrenville, IL



The vast majority of us are concerned about the looming specter of mass extinction of our children and grandchildren as a result of global warming. The worldwide scientific community concurs. We must take action immediately!

All we see from the vast majority of Republican Party candidates and officeholders is denial. Even more dangerously, all we see from Democratic Party candidates and elected officials are weak quarter measures that do not sufficiently address the urgency and thus greenwash the problem. These two parties offer Thelma and Louise solutions that will drive us off the cliff at either 60 mph or 50 mph.

The Green Party offers real solutions that will solve this existential threat – ecosocialism and the Green New Deal.

Join us for a Green Party Forum to discuss these solutions. Our guest speakers will be Rich Whitney and Peter Schwartzman.

Rich Whitney is an attorney from Carbondale, Illinois, now working as an appellate public defender. Rich is one of the founding members of the Illinois Green Party and served as the Party's first candidate for Governor in 2006, winning over 360,000 votes (10.4%). Mr. Whitney's current activist roles include serving as co-chair of the Illinois Green Party, and as a steering committee member of Southern Illinoisans Against Fracturing our Environment (SAFE), a group devoted to the fight against fracking and other fossil fuel extraction. He is an active participant in the Green Party Peace Action Committee, the Peace Coalition of Southern Illinois, the Chicago Committee Against War and Racism, the United National Antiwar Coalition, and the Illinois Coalition Against Fracking. Rich is also a Green public official, serving as Vice-Chair for the Jackson County Mass Transit District.

Peter Schwartzman is an elected Illinois Green. Peter has served as an Alderperson on the Galesburg City Council since 2011. Mr. Schwartzman is also a Professor of Environmental Studies at Knox College in Galesburg. He has a Ph.D. in Environmental Sciences from the University of Virginia. Peter recently co-authored the book "The Earth Is Not for Sale: A Path Out of Fossil Capitalism to the Other World That is Still Possible".

The forum will be moderated by Steve Alesch, Political Director of the DuPage County Green Party.

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