

Sangamon Valley Group of the Sierra Club Springfield Municipal Candidate Questionnaire

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1. Part of the plan calls for increases in annual spending on energy efficiency and conservation programs. Will you support keeping Springfield's commitment to those efforts by maintaining the spending levels called for in the energy plan?

In a word, yes. I recently issued a press release not only supporting the conservation efforts, but also including proposals for additional measures that will encourage CWLP customers to become active participants in conservation efforts. I propose targeting rebates toward conservation efforts that are both good for the environment and help lower power and water bills for residents. By meeting both of these goals, it will be better received by the public and in turn increase participation in conservation efforts. I have attached my press release; it provides more details on my support of the conservation programs.

2. Will you support maintaining the City's commitment to purchase at least 120MW of wind power for Springfield, of which 60MW will be paid for by the State of Illinois?

I will support the agreement reached between CWLP and the Sierra Club on the purchase of wind power, unless a new more cost effective source of renewable energy becomes available. Then I will propose we revisit the agreement. In making this statement, I am thinking of the possibility that solar panels or some similar source of non-polluting electric generation would become more efficient or become much less expensive. Producing non-polluting electricity right here in Springfield, right at the source of use and thus eliminating the loss of power that has been generated through the transmission of electricity from a source that is roughly 60 miles away would seem to make sense. Any revision to the agreement would need to make good sense for both the city and Sierra Club and would have to be agreed upon by both parties. The city made a commitment to the Sierra Club and I believe that any deal that is made and promised should be honored.

3. As part of the agreement, CWLP will offer a green power program, where residents and businesses can choose to purchase some or all of their electricity from wind power and other renewable resources at a higher cost. Currently, this program does not require CWLP to acquire additional green power when customers participate in the program. Do you support allowing customers to pay for additional clean energy development (beyond the 120MW requirement) through this green power program?

Yes, this seems to not have an impact on the city budget and since this is a voluntary program that allows citizens to contribute to the generation of clean power, I see no harm to the city in any way. The additional monies collected by CWLP through citizen participation will simply be "passed on" to the developers of clean power generation.

4. Would you support using wells in the Sangamon River Valley as a secondary source to meet the city's future water needs, which would be a less expensive and more environmentally friendly alternative to building a second lake?

I am considering this issue and have several concerns. I attended the Sierra Club's meeting regarding Hunter Lake/Lake 2 at the Lincoln Library and found it to be very enlightening. I have learned that CWLP will be issuing a new Purpose and Need statement as part of their Environmental Impact Statement, which will address the need for a secondary water source. Water usage in Springfield has remained relatively flat over the past twenty years as can be seen in the table below. With a combination of wells, additional diversion from the South Fork of Sangamon River and/or the use of water conservation measures in years of drought, it appears that Springfield can survive with the current Lake and would not need the second lake. However, I have also read the Springfield Chamber of Commerce's Quantum Growth plan. The Medical District alone will put a large demand on water usage in Springfield. I feel it is imperative the developers do an environmental impact study and a cost on community services analysis. It is imperative that CWLP be thorough in its Purpose and Need statement and that conservation experts be involved in the process. I encourage growth in Springfield, but insist it be 'smart growth'.

**Please look at the table of water demand from 1984 to 2006 for the city of Springfield below:
Treated water demand**

Year	MGD (million gallons per day)	Year	MGD	Year	MGD	Year	MGD
1984	19.17	1991	20.84	1998	20.87	2005	22.92
1985	19.28	1992	21.00	1999	22.26	2006	21.92
1986	20.03	1993	20.39	2000	20.79		
1987	21.66	1994	22.00	2001	21.56		
1988	21.71	1995	21.45	2002	21.73		
1989	19.99	1996	21.82	2003	21.30		
1990	19.29	1997	21.74	2004	21.16		

Water usage has fluctuated over the past twenty years but the fluctuations are within a well-defined range. Water usage does not appear to be increasing which causes me to question the need for the additional lake.

When Hunter Lake is being considered, the need for water cannot be the sole reason in determining whether or not it is built. We must also consider the environmental impact, the burying of history, the cost on city services, and how we can quickly recover the costs associated with building a lake. We must also consider the number of jobs such an endeavor will bring to the area.

My goal is to make the greatest improvement for the quality of life and attraction of businesses to Springfield. In the deliberations over Lake 2, I will insist that research be thorough and expedient and that both economic and environmental issues be addressed. I feel this is only prudent and in the best interests of the community.

5. What actions would you take to enhance the network of bicycle paths in Springfield?

I love to go biking and I realize how difficult it can be to safely get around town on a bike and also how difficult it is to find a place to lock your bike. I often have to lock my bike to a sign or bench, which is neither attractive nor convenient. When traveling in other cities, I have seen artistic yet practical bike racks. One option is for the city to connect with its art associations and councils and have a call for artists to create eye-catching sculptures made from second hand metals that can be used as bike racks. The city could also work with the colleges or Capital Area Career Center on the project. But regardless of how we get the bike racks, Springfield needs more, especially downtown.

While many people work downtown, not everyone uses downtown as a destination for recreation. Downtown is a part of Ward 6, which I wish to represent. By making downtown more attractive to bicyclist, my hope is that more people will bike there and enjoy the shops, restaurants, historical features, libraries and overall atmosphere of downtown. I am also interested in having a striped bicycle lane from each direction of the compass to downtown. Ideally, these would connect to parks or established bike routes in the city. I would encourage bike clubs to join with the professional expertise of our city's traffic engineer to locate such routes. Since my ward extends south from downtown, I would propose we connect the Interurban/Wabash bike trail to downtown by way of the original interurban route through Ward 6. Additionally, the proposed multimodal facility could move the tracks from 3rd Street. If this happens, I propose we use the 3rd

Street corridor for pedestrian and bike traffic. This form of transportation is good for both the environment and one's health.

6. What actions would you take to encourage development within Springfield's city center, and discourage sprawl?

This issue is very dear to me, is one of the points of my campaign and is a motivating factor for me to run for alderman of ward 6.

There are two ways to treat shock – give the person more blood to flow through the body (increase taxes) or raise the extremities focusing blood back toward the heart in turn, alleviating the shock.

Springfield has expanded in such a way that it is experiencing shock. The City has needs that are distant from its heart, in turn stressing the heart and creating instability. I believe the City needs to refocus its efforts. Businesses are leaving Springfield. Our schools are not improving as much as we would like. Our infrastructure is in need of repair. Historic buildings are being abandoned. Springfield needs to focus its efforts on rebuilding its foundation – the heart of Springfield, central city. The costs of city sprawl are taxing our city services. And yes, that is a double entendre, the taxing of services results in the taxing of the people. By encouraging business and home ownership in central City, city services will be less stretched. Currently, infrastructure monies are being spent on outrastructure – projects outside our current infrastructure. With a focus on the central city, monies can return to maintaining current infrastructure. The same is true for schools and other city services such as fire and police protection. Encouraging growth in central city will help to counterbalance the costs of city sprawl. My goal is to “expand” business inwardly, alleviating the shock.

I propose updating our zoning requirements. I propose a parallel set of codes for established neighborhoods. The cost of city services in established neighborhoods is less. Police, fire, sewer, water, and other city services are already in place. I am also in favor of updating zoning for historic places and districts. We need to offer incentives for growth within our established infrastructure. I believe that by working together and connecting our residents in ward 6 with each other, the city, and the services available to the ward we can make Ward 6 an attractive place to live, raise a family, and have a high quality of life.

7. Many cities, including Normal Illinois, have adopted ordinances that promote sustainability, energy conservation and environmental concerns for buildings. Do you think Springfield should promote green building practices such as providing incentives for developers, or rewriting zoning, storm water management, building,

and other ordinances? If yes, what steps should Springfield take to implement these standards?

This is a case where I believe there is real merit in energy conservation and real long-term, life cycle cost savings can be realized. To me, this falls into the category of "no-brainer". I also believe strongly in encouraging rather than mandating. Offering incentives to developers and builders to use 2x6 exterior walls instead of 2x4 walls and encouraging the use of higher R-values in attic insulation on new construction or remodel construction would be one simple and effective way to move in this direction. Storm water management is something often overlooked in our zoning. Our zoning could use some updating.

8. Do you support the expansion of Springfield bus service into evening hours? Are there any other steps you would take to encourage increased use of public transportation?

I support the expansion of bus service into the evening hours. Ward 6 has many residents who would benefit from expanded bus service. It would open up opportunities for jobs requiring evening and weekend work hours. I would suggest introducing evening hours slowly, by hitting areas of the greatest need and enticing others who do not ordinarily take the bus. For instance, offer evening or Sunday bus service on days when there are events in the city. By introducing expanded hours slowly, residents can get used to the idea of taking the bus rather than driving and it can help alleviate some of the initial costs of expanded bus service. Another way to increase use of public transportation would be to post the routes near the bus stops. It is difficult to find where a bus travels.

Above I mentioned that I propose updating zoning, creating parallel codes, and offering incentives for building in established neighborhoods – central city. One such incentive could be requiring less parking places for a business that is located on a bus route (and either sells bus passes or purchases a monthly pass for its employees).

Eventually, I would like the buses to have racks for bicycles – but first, we need to increase the number of bike accessible destinations.

9. Will you support the phasing-in of energy efficient and low pollution vehicles into the city's fleet?

This seems to make sense as long as the vehicles are appropriate for their use. I would not want to send out a CWLP lineman out in a sub-compact car. This would obviously not work to carry the supply of tools required to

perform the job of lineman. Barring issues of this nature, I support incorporating energy efficient and low pollution vehicles into the city's fleet. I would require that the particular vehicles score well with an independent review company such as Consumer Reports for reliability and low cost of life-cycle maintenance. I also would like vehicles that are made in the United States and are produced by American companies. This seems to be sensible and could save the city money and help to protect our environment.

Referring back to my response on the first question, there are a great deal of opportunities for the City of Springfield and it's residents to both protect the environment and to help conserve dollars. In many cases, we can find that actions that are good for the environment are also good for finances. This seems to be one of those cases and when both of these objectives can be met; then I say we have a real winner!

10. Please add any comments you may have.

Thank you for the opportunity to answer your questions.