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Pay Less for Energy through the Clean Air Counts Energy Savings Program

The Village of Wayne is announcing its participation in the Energy Savings Program (ESP) that is a part of The Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Clean Air Counts Campaign. The third party supplier of electricity contracted by the Caucus for the ESP is Integrys Energy Group. The ESP is designed to help residents and small businesses to immediately take advantage of low energy rates while reducing smog-forming pollution.

Wayne Village President, Eileen Phipps stated, "This program is what we need to help residents and small businesses, who have been hard hit in a sluggish economy, to save money on electricity. Electricity customers in our community now have the option to save approximately \$250 on their electric bills over two years and also reduce pollution."

The Metro Mayors ESP allows Wayne customers to save money as soon as they get their first bill after signing up. In addition, all participating households are entitled to 4 CFL light bulbs. These light bulbs use 25% of the energy used for 60 watt bulbs and can last up to 10 times longer. If installed, the 4 CFLs will save participants \$40 this year. Not only are participants in the ESP paying less for energy, they are also using less energy.

Residents and small businesses can easily switch over to the ESP at www.cleanaircounts.org. They will need their ComEd Bill in hand, because the bill includes important information for signing up on the website, such as the account number.

Clean Air Counts is a six-county Chicago regional initiative of the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency – Region V, City of Chicago and Illinois EPA. It seeks significant reductions in smog-forming pollutants and energy consumption. Clean Air Counts is made possible through the support of The Chicago Community Trust, the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, and the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency.