



# Growing Sustainable Communities Together

*A Chicago Southland Link and Leverage Initiative*

## **Agenda**

- 8:30 a.m. Registration and Light Breakfast
- 9 a.m. **Welcome**  
**Dr. Terri Winfree**, President, Prairie State College  
Congresswoman **Robin Kelly** (Invited)
- 9:20 a.m. **The Greenest Region Compact: Its Impact on the South Suburbs**  
**Edith Makra**, Director, Environmental Initiatives, The Metropolitan Mayors Caucus
- 10 a.m. **South Suburban Mayors' Panel: Local Signatories of the GRC**  
**Mayor John Ostenburg**, Park Forest  
**Mayor Paul Braun** (invited), Flossmoor  
**Mayor Rick Reinbold** (invited), Richton Park  
Moderated by: **Edith Makra**
- 11:10 a.m. Breakout Sessions
- The Native Landscape
  - Building the Case For Sustainability: Zoning, Policy and the Built Environment
- 11:55 a.m. Lunch
- 12:30 p.m. **Sustainability. It's More Than Just The Environment: Equity in the South Suburbs**  
**Mayor John Ostenburg**
- 1:10 p.m. Breakout Sessions
- Urban Agriculture in the South Suburbs
  - Funding Opportunities
- 2:05 p.m. **The Economics of Sustainable Development in South Suburban Cook County**  
**Josh Ellis**, Metropolitan Planning Council
- 2:45 p.m. Closing Remarks
- 3 p.m. Link and Leverage Craft Beer Hour