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## **May Brings Green Thinking Group Together** *Model Legislation Planned*

**Highland Park, IL** – On Monday, State Rep. Karen May (D-Highwood) led a Green Thinking Roundtable of 40 local residents, business owners and government representatives to discuss renewable energy and entrepreneurship initiatives. Carol Kulek, Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, Bureau of Energy, and Kate Tomford, Illinois Green Governments Coordinating Council, spoke on available energy efficiency grants and the state's sustainability incentives.

“We had a very productive discussion about grant opportunities, renewable energy resources and the broad range of environmental initiatives available or coming to market.” Rep. May said.

Entrepreneurs in the wind and solar industries also stressed the need for feed-in tariff legislation to encourage renewable energy sources. Rep. May has introduced legislation to provide incentives for green, clean energy through long-term contracts that promote investment by businesses.

“We identified outdated municipal codes as the biggest stumbling block for action.” said Rep. May. “The type of thinking that promotes windmill moratoria and bans on multi-family buildings installing solar panels needs to be adjusted 180 degrees. I will work with the Illinois Municipal League to create model ordinances for cities to use to promote renewable energy projects,” she continued.

For more information on the Green Thinking Roundtable or Rep. May's environmental initiatives, please contact May's district constituent service office at 847-433-9100 or email her at [Karen@repkarenmay.org](mailto:Karen@repkarenmay.org).

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