

## Illinois Chapter

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## BIO FOR JACK DARIN Sierra Club, Illinois Chapter Director

Jack Darin has worked for the Sierra Club, Illinois Chapter since 1989, and been its Director since 1992. His position entails working with citizens, volunteers, public officials, business, and labor across Illinois to find and advocate for solutions to environmental problems, strengthen the membership and work of the Sierra Club in Illinois, and build a bigger, more inclusive environmental movement. He has worked on a wide variety of conservation and pollution issues, with federal, state, and local agencies with environmental responsibilities, and with business, labor, faith, social justice, and other stakeholders.

Darin has worked cooperatively with a wide range of stakeholders to clean up pollution, protect natural areas for future generations across Illinois, and promote smart energy policies. He has been integral to key state policy changes that include Illinois' clean energy policies, the permanent protection of federal, state, and local public lands for future generations; and major upgrades in Illinois' protection of Lake Michigan and other rivers, lakes, and streams. He has been appointed to numerous study, advisory, and working groups and task forces by various public agencies seeking to craft strategies to protect Illinois' environment.

Through Sierra Club's electoral efforts in Illinois, and as an individual, Darin has worked to elect pro-environment Democrats and Republicans to local, state, and federal office. His electoral work has included campaign planning, message development and delivery, fundraising, and acting as environmental and strategic advisor to many candidates. He is a graduate of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Darin is on the Steering Committee of the Illinois Clean Jobs Coalition and served as a negotiator for the Coalition during the legislative process.