



WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS

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WILL COUNTY  
**EXECUTIVE**  
JENNIFER BERTINO-TARRANT



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**RNG PLANT  
RIBBON  
CUTTING**

**The plant is only the second  
in Illinois and the first in the  
Chicagoland region.**

This model green initiative captures and repurposes methane gas generated by waste from the neighboring landfill. The RNG Plant will upgrade the landfill gas into pipeline-quality gas, transferring it into renewable, revenue-generating transportation fuel. Will County continues to be on the cutting edge of sustainability and renewable energy.



On October 21st, I joined Will County Board Speaker Mimi Cowan and County Board members to cut the ribbon on Will County's newest example of innovation: Our new Renewable Natural Gas (RNG) Plant.

Located next to the county-owned Prairie View Landfill in Wilmington, the RNG Plant will capture and repurpose methane gas produced by the landfill. The County will clean the gas and sell it on the open market as renewable natural gas, which will be utilized as a clean fuel for large-scale transportation vehicles.

This visionary project began as an idea within the Will County Land Use Department as an opportunity to maximize the benefits of owning Prairie View Landfill. The self-sustaining plant is projected to raise millions of dollars for Will County. I'm also proud to say that this project invested in our local economy: 96% of construction was performed by local companies and 44% by Will County residents.

This project solidifies our role as a clean energy leader in Illinois. This is only the second plant of its kind in the state and the first in Chicagoland. I look forward to sharing more information about the benefits of this forward-thinking investment.

Best,

Jennifer Bertino-Tarrant | Will County Executive

WILL COUNTY  
**COMEBACK**  
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT

ASSISTANCE  
FRAMEWORK FOR  
**ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT**

Will County is working diligently to support the response and recovery from COVID-19. Using the allocation of over \$134 million from the American Rescue Plan, the County will soon be opening the application period for Economic Development programs to support recovery.

On November 1st, Will County will open the application period for Economic Development Programs that address the negative economic impacts of the pandemic and provide direct aid to industries impacted by the pandemic. Applications will be open until December 22, 2022.

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## GOVERNOR'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD

Will County Emergency Management Agency volunteer Arthur Vidmar recently received the Governor's Volunteer Service Award in the Category of Senior - Northeast Section from the Serve Illinois Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service.

Art has been an active volunteer with the agency for over 30 years, responding to emergency disasters throughout the county. A communications expert, Art has served as a leader within the agency during emergencies and has been very active within the community at educational events.

Will County is very grateful to have a dedicated team of volunteers who contribute countless hours to make our communities safer.

Thank you and congratulations, Art!

[LEARN MORE ABOUT VOLUNTEERING](#)

# SUNNY HILL

Nursing Home of Will County

The Sunny Hill Nursing Home of Will County has a new look! Sunny Hill has launched a new website, which will allow visitors to learn more about Will County's 5-star, state-of-the-art nursing care facility.

The website offers opportunities for visitors to learn about available services, schedule a tour, or apply for a job!

[VISIT THE NEW WEBSITE](#)



## CATAPULT A PUMPKIN!

Halloween is right around the corner! When it's time to throw away your Jack-O-Lantern, consider the environmental benefits of composting and visit Will County's Annual Catapult a Pumpkin Composting and Recycling Event! The event will feature a catapult built by the Lewis University Physics Club to launch carved and whole pumpkins into a dumpster to be composted. Electronic Recycling and Confidential Document Destruction will also be offered at the event.

**Saturday, November 5**  
9AM - 12PM | Lewis University

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## COUNTY BENEFITS FAIR

The Will County Human Resources Department hosted a successful Benefits Fair in October. The event was an opportunity to promote health and wellness to Will County employees, as well as raise awareness of available benefits. Thank you, HR Team, for hosting the event!

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