

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-86

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF A CARBON SEQUESTRATION
ACTIVITIES TASK FORCE AS A COUNTY BOARD SELECT COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 added monetary incentives to encourage carbon sequestration; and

WHEREAS, there are now four large carbon sequestration projects proposed over the Mahomet Aquifer and more are likely to be proposed in the future; and

WHEREAS, carbon sequestration poses a risk to the Mahomet Aquifer because of the possibility of leaking sequestration wells; and

WHEREAS, bills have been introduced into the State Legislature to protect the Mahomet Aquifer from the risks of carbon sequestration but it is not clear that those bills will be signed into law; and

WHEREAS, this County Board adopted a temporary 12-month safety moratorium on carbon sequestration activities as a Zoning Ordinance text amendment in Ordinance No. 2025-1 on January 24, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the temporary 12-month safety moratorium on carbon sequestration activities needs to be replaced with a comprehensive Zoning Ordinance text amendment to regulate carbon sequestration activities; and


WHEREAS, preparing a comprehensive Zoning Ordinance text amendment to regulate carbon sequestration activities would greatly benefit from the knowledge and efforts of a diverse group of dedicated experts; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Champaign County Board, Champaign County, Illinois, as follows:


1. The County Board Chair is hereby authorized to appoint a Carbon Sequestration Activities Task Force as a County Board Select Committee for the primary purpose of authoring a comprehensive Draft Zoning Ordinance text amendment to regulate Carbon Sequestration Activities that should be presented to the Environment and Land Use Committee upon completion.

PRESENTED, PASSED, APPROVED AND RECORDED this 20th day of March, A.D. 2025.

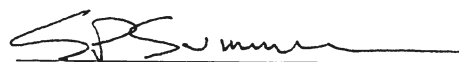
ATTEST



Aaron Ammons, County Clerk and
Ex-Officio Clerk of the County Board


Jennifer Locke, Chair
Champaign County Board

Approved:



Steve Summers, County Executive

Date: March 24, 2025