



Barrington Area Council
Of Governments

There's More Power in Numbers!

The Barrington Area Council of Governments (BACOG) is charged with advocating for the interests of its municipal and township members. BACOG's basis for action is the "2019 Legislative Platform," adopted in February. The Platform is developed by consensus, which allows BACOG to speak with one collective voice to the area's legislators on behalf of its governments and 38,000 residents. The 2019 legislative platform includes the following positions:

- Prevent diversion by the State of revenues that local governments rely on to provide services to their communities
- Limit new laws that would increase labor and contract costs to local governments
- Consolidate 650+ locally-held public safety pension funds into one or two statewide funds for cost efficiencies; continue to urge major reforms to pension systems
- Support recycling, alternative energies, and reduction of pollution and toxic contaminants such as coal tar sealants and neonicotinoids from entering the environment
- Secure funding for environmental and groundwater protection work
- Set limits on intensive agricultural uses adjacent to residential areas, and require notice to local governments and affected property owners
- Retain local authority for land use, planning and zoning decision-making without interference by the State
- Improve transportation systems throughout the region, and support funding for the CNRR underpass at Route 14
- Support the creation of an independent, non-partisan State legislative redistricting map

The detailed 2019 Legislative Platform is on the [BACOG website](#). BACOG's legislative work keeps an eye on what's happening in the Illinois General Assembly and will continue to promote the needs of the BACOG communities.