



# **DARIEN-WOODRIDGE**

## **Fire Protection District**

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This year Darien-Woodridge Fire Protection District received a grant from the Illinois Clean Energy Foundation. The Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation invests in clean energy development and land preservation efforts, working with communities and citizens to improve environmental quality in Illinois. The Foundation supports programs and projects that will improve energy efficiency, develop renewable energy resources and preserve and enhance natural areas and wildlife habitats throughout the state.

The Foundation's programs have grown steadily since it awarded its first sets of grants in 2001. Over the last seven years, the Foundation has awarded 2859 grants, totaling \$151 million to Illinois nonprofit organizations, schools, municipalities and other local government agencies. The grants support activity in all of our 102 counties in the state of Illinois.

Darien-Woodridge Fire District received a grant in the amount of \$2,395.00. The grant was used for energy efficient upgrades to the apparatus bay lighting at our fire stations #2 and #3. The upgraded lighting was primarily completed by on duty firefighters and paramedics. The entire upgrade included replacing 34 lighting fixtures and 16 exit signs. Each of these new fixtures will use half the energy of the old fixtures. This will create a saving of 4.79 kilowatts per year. The grant was received in April and the work was completed in December. Thank you to the Illinois Clean Energy Foundation for rewarding us with this grant and the opportunity to be more energy efficient.

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