

ICA GreenRise Fact Sheet

- The ICA GreenRise Building was originally a four story structure built for the Mutual Insurance Company by Fugard & Knapp in 1921. An additional four stories were added in 1926. The Chicago School styled building with Beaux Art Ornamentation is clad in white, glazed terra-cotta. Long-time owner Kemper Insurance Group donated the 166,000 square foot building to the Institute of Cultural Affairs in 1972. The ICA GreenRise Building received Landmark status in early 2013.
- The ICA GreenRise Building is the largest non-profit and social services center in the Midwest, serving over 1,000 clients per week through an array of services including: after school programs, community health, HIV/AIDS prevention, mental health services, job training, workforce development, aid to the homeless, senior programs, refugee aid and sustainable community efforts.
- In August 2012, ICA accepted an invitation from Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel to join Retrofit Chicago Commercial Buildings Initiative, committing to cut energy use by at least 20% in the next five years. ICA GreenRise is the first non-profit and the only building outside of the Chicago Loop to participate in this initiative, joining the Shedd Aquarium as the two largest solar panel installations on commercial buildings in Chicago.
- ICA Installed 485 solar panels in September 2014. The solar panels will reduce the buildings dependency on an external supply of electricity by 23% and offer a yearly savings of over \$16,000. The panels were installed by Hardt Electric, Inc., a Chicago-based company, on 35,000 square feet of roof space. ICA received a grant from the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation as well as matching funds to finance the \$600,000 project.
- ICA's goal is to take the GreenRise Building off -the grid. Currently, ICA is researching installing a BioShaft system as a waste water solution. Tied to the bathrooms, the BioShaft would support deep -rooted plants, provide a habitat for pollinators and migrating birds and reduce pressure on the sewage system.

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