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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – A series of events is planned at Illinois Wesleyan University as part of National Campus Sustainability Week, observed on campuses throughout the country to highlight the importance of environmental sustainability in all aspects of higher education.

“We believe firmly that the problems that the global community faces are ones that all of society needs to address and therefore our students need to be educated about them,” said Abigail Jahiel, environmental studies director at Illinois Wesleyan University. “They need to understand what a sustainable lifestyle entails.”

A highlight of the week is a free public lecture on “Wind Energy in Illinois” by Bill Whitlock, program manager with Horizon Wind, at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 25, in the Hansen Student Center (300 Beecher St.). Horizon Wind Energy plans to construct the Arrowsmith Wind Farm in rural McLean County, installing up to 267 turbines over approximately 21,000 acres of land. The wind farm will offer as much as 400 megawatts of affordable, pollution-free energy generating capacity, enough to meet the annual energy need of about 120,000 homes. The Arrowsmith Wind Farm is expected to remove about 150 to 200 acres of land from crop production when it is constructed on farmland in Arrowsmith, Cheney's Grove and Dawson townships.

Other activities, also open to the public, include:

- Campus Sustainability Web Conference, Wednesday, Oct. 26, from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Davidson Room, Memorial Center, 104 University Ave.
- Vehicle efficiency display, Thursday, Oct. 27, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Eckley Quadrangle
- Organic food samples available, Friday, Oct. 28, 1:30-4 p.m., DugOut, Memorial Center
- Sierra Student Coalition Work Day, Saturday, Oct. 29, 11 a.m.-12 p.m., students interested in cleaning up the local neighborhoods will meet at the Main Desk of the Memorial Center
- Sierra Student Coalition and the Veggie Club will present the film *Diet for a New America: Your Health, Your Planet*, Sunday, Oct. 30, 6 p.m., room C101 of the Center for Natural Science, 201 Beecher St.