

## BECOME AN INVESTOR

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## INVEST IN THE FUTURE OF SPRINGFIELD & SANGAMON COUNTY

The Springfield Sangamon Growth Alliance (SSGA) invites you to join us in shaping a thriving future for our community. As an independently-funded nonprofit organization, we are dedicated to driving economic growth and opportunity in Springfield and Sangamon County. When you choose to invest in SSGA, you are not just supporting local businesses—you are actively contributing to a stronger, more competitive community.

## WHY INVEST?



#### **EXCLUSIVE ACCESS**

Gain insider knowledge on upcoming projects, giving your business a strategic edge.

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#### INFLUENTIAL CONNECTIONS

Access key local influencers, business leaders, and decision-makers driving regional growth.



#### **COMMUNITY IMPACT**

Your investment fuels business support, attracts industries, and creates jobs.



#### **COLLABORATIVE GROWTH**

Partner with public and private sectors to make our region more competitive and innovative.



Play a key role in shaping economic strategies that benefit the entire community.

## BECOME AN ALLIANCE INVESTOR

## VOTING MEMBERSHIP

\$25,000 annual contribution

#### BENEFITS

Voting rights at all SSGA membership meetings Eligible to serve on SSGA Board of Directors

Select new board members at SSGA annual meeting

Networking opportunities



\$10,000 annual contribution

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## MAJOR PROJECTS



#### DOUBLE BLACK DIAMOND SOLAR

This 800-megawatt solar project, owned by SwiftCurrent Energy, spans 4,100 acres in Sangamon and Morgan counties and is set to be the largest solar project east of the Mississippi River. The renewable energy produced will be purchased by Constellation Energy to power energy-intensive customers in the Chicago area.

#### LINCOLN LAND ENERGY CENTER

This proposed 1,090-megawatt natural gas-fired combined-cycle facility, located 20 miles south of Springfield, is projected to have a significant economic impact. An economic study estimates over 1,000 jobs will be created and \$1.53 billion generated in economic output during construction.

#### SCHEELS SPORTS COMPLEX AT LEGACY POINTE

Construction began in fall 2023 on this 95-acre development, expected to have a \$25 million annual economic impact. The complex will feature flexible indoor and outdoor facilities and include family entertainment spaces.

#### FORMER PILLSBURY MILLS REDEVELOPMENT

SSGA is playing a key role in the redevelopment of the former Pillsbury Mills site. We've invested heavily in the project and helped secure over \$9 million in local, state, and federal funds for demolition. Bids for the demolition will be issued in fall 2024, with environmental cleanup and large-scale demolition starting shortly after. SSGA will continue to market the site for industrial development that benefits the neighborhood and local stakeholders.

#### ATTRACTING WAREHOUSE AND DISTRIBUTION DEVELOPMENTS

SSGA is positioning our community as a prime location for warehouse and distribution centers. This effort is already paying off with the recent announcement of a 225,000-square-foot distribution center on Springfield's southern edge. More announcements are expected soon, as interest from national developers grows. This sector holds great potential for our area, and SSGA is committed to attracting more distribution centers.

#### SELLING SPRINGFIELD TO THE WORLD

For the first time, Springfield is being actively promoted as an ideal business location. SSGA staff meet face-to-face with decision-makers and site selection consultants to highlight our community's advantages. Additionally, we employ cutting-edge digital marketing to leave a positive impression on businesses and potential residents. These efforts are already exceeding key performance metrics, proving Springfield is now on the offensive, attracting new opportunities like never before!



Partner with the Springfield Sangamon Growth Alliance today and be part of the driving force that fuels our region's success. Together, we can build a vibrant, prosperous future for Springfield and Sangamon County—while opening doors to new opportunities for your business.

For more information on how to invest, contact us at 217.679.3500 or visit ThriveInSPI.org

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