

Spotlight on an Issue Specialist **Krista Grimm, Stormwater: From the Ground Up**

Krista Grimm has a long and impressive resume: She expresses interest in urban issues and holds degrees in urban planning from Northwestern University and a master's degree from the University of Illinois Chicago. Initially, she worked with Departments of Economic Development in Chicago and in Oak Park. While she served as the director in Oak Park, her work caught the attention of Phil Ponce, who invited her to appear on *Chicago Tonight*.

In 2004, Krista challenged Dan Lipinski's run for Congress, in part as a protest about the way he got to the ballot. (He had been appointed by his father who had resigned after winning the primary.) Carol Marin endorsed Krista as a write-in candidate, and her 5-week campaign garnered 5,066 votes!

Her commitment to fairness was also evident when she represented her church in a diversity program sponsored by the Chicago Archdiocese. She spoke so eloquently that Cardinal Bernadin's personal assistant expressed her appreciation to Krista.

Krista is an 18-year League member and has held leadership positions in the LaGrange Area and Cook County Leagues. For the past nine years, she has been involved with the Lake Michigan League. She feels passionately about the benefits of living near this "incredible resource," and if asked she will prognosticate at length on the subject! In addition to serving as the water resources issues specialist for the Illinois League, Krista co-chairs the Water Committee of the Sierra Club Chicago group. She also co-chairs the Sustainability Commission of LaGrange Park, where she lives with her husband (in a bi-partisan marriage which has lasted for 25 years!). Krista has two children: a college freshman and a high school junior.

Krista has been asked to speak about the Stormwater: From the Ground Up project at the LWVUS convention in Dallas in June.