

Nicor's History

Celebrating 60 Years

In the early 1950s, excess summertime supplies were diverted into limited storage facilities or sold for low priority uses. While northern Illinois doesn't have sandy beaches or mountain views, what it does have are vast underground sandstone formations, which proved to be perfect for storing natural gas.

By 1958, company engineers and geologists discovered an underground dome-shaped reservoir or "aquifer" near Troy Grove in LaSalle County. Taking full advantage of this geography, Nicor Gas established its first storage field which revolutionized the company's storage capabilities.

Today, Nicor Gas has eight underground storage facilities that, combined, have about 150 billion cubic feet of annual storage capacity. However, as Nicor Gas' largest storage facility, Troy Grove accounts for approximately one-third of that. It's estimated that the facility has enough natural gas in storage to manage the heating needs of residential customers in Mendota for the next 148 years.

Troy Grove is also home to Nicor Gas' Fire School, where natural gas fire training is given to firefighters throughout its northern Illinois service territory. The 10-acre site has more than a dozen unique scenarios designed to test and expand participants' knowledge on how to effectively and safely extinguish natural gas-fueled fires.

During the training, which is provided at no cost to participating departments, firefighters can test the use of water and dry chemicals, used separately and together, to extinguish natural gas and various other types of fires. The training is hosted in conjunction with the Illinois Fire Services Institute.

The fire school is not only offered to first responders in the communities served by Nicor Gas, but also to its employees, from field operations to human resources. Our safety training, operating standards and around-the-clock monitoring meet and exceed all state and federal regulations. That's because nothing is more important than the safety of our customers and our communities.

Keeping Gas Prices Down

Nicor Gas customers are connected to a [34,000-mile distribution system](#) that is part of a network of eight interstate pipelines. We purchase gas during the summer months when it is normally less expensive and store it for use throughout the year. This helps keep winter costs down and our year-round supply up. Our gas purchasing strategies, coupled with our underground storage facilities, ensure that Nicor Gas customers receive reliable, competitively-priced service.

Regional Offices

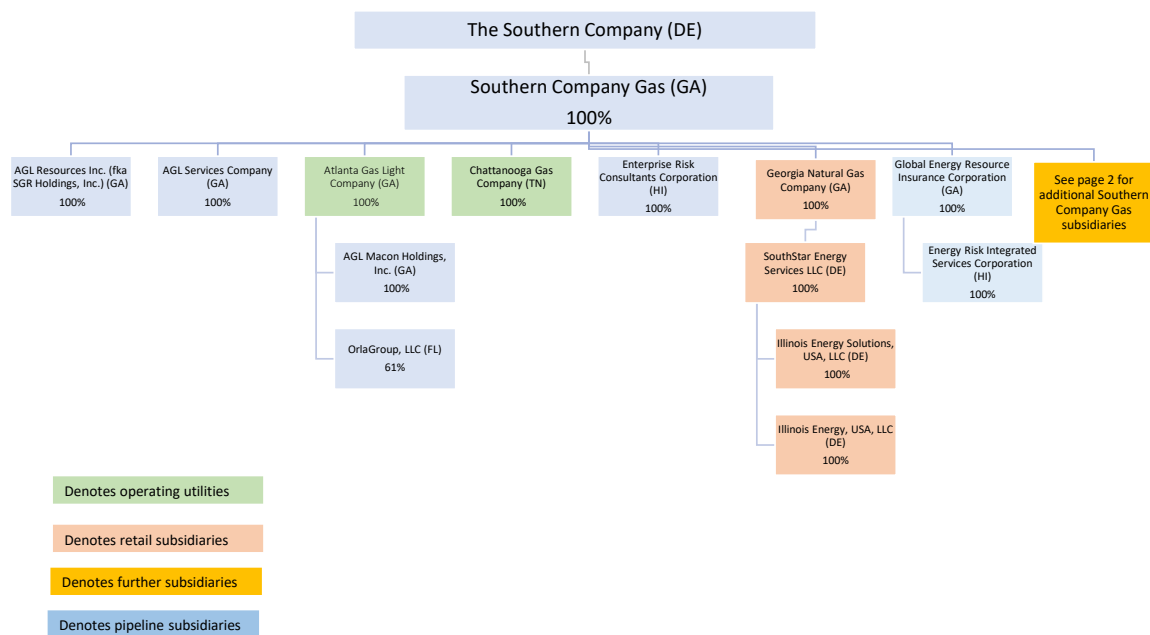
Our corporate office is in Naperville, Illinois, with regional offices located throughout our [service territory](#).

Timeline

Year	Event
1855	Nicor Gas is a direct descendant of Ottawa Gas Light and Coke Company, the company that lit up the historic Lincoln-Douglas debate in Ottawa on Aug. 21, 1858.
1920s	More than 70 gas companies eventually merge into three, including the Illinois Northern Utilities Company.
1950 - 1953	Illinois Northern Utilities Company becomes part of Public Service, and Public Service merges into Commonwealth Edison.
1954	Com Ed cuts ties with its gas properties. Northern Illinois Gas is formed from several companies in and around Ottawa.
Mid 1950s	In 1955 Union Gas and Electric is acquired. Several years later, the groundwork is laid for the world's largest underground gas storage system .
1960s	We expand our service area and begin drilling for natural gas. We also increase our natural gas storage capacity by developing underground storage.
1997	Northern Illinois Gas begins operating its natural gas business as Nicor Gas.
2011	Nicor Gas becomes a subsidiary of AGL Resources Inc., an Atlanta-based energy holding company.
July 2016	AGL Resources becomes Southern Company Gas, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Southern Company.
Today	As part of the Southern Company Gas family, we continue to deliver safe and reliable natural gas.

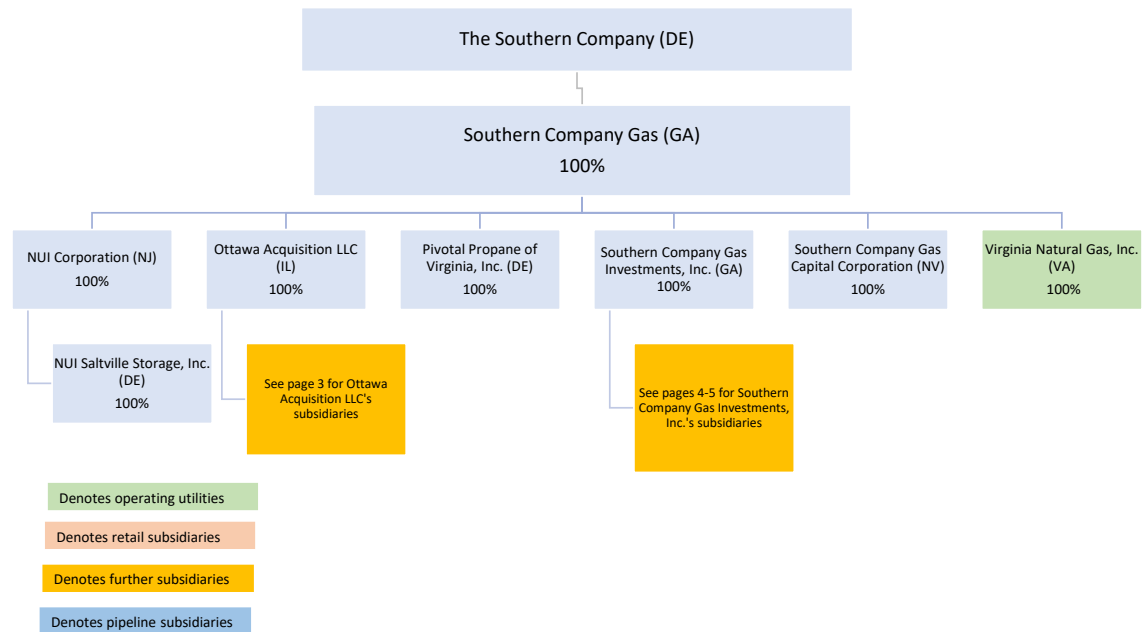


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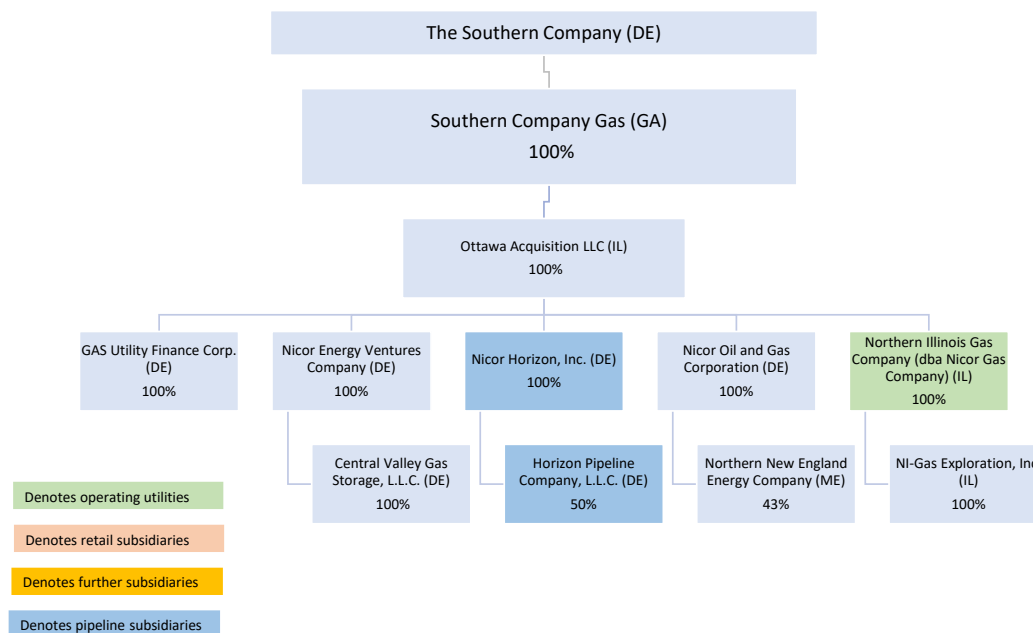


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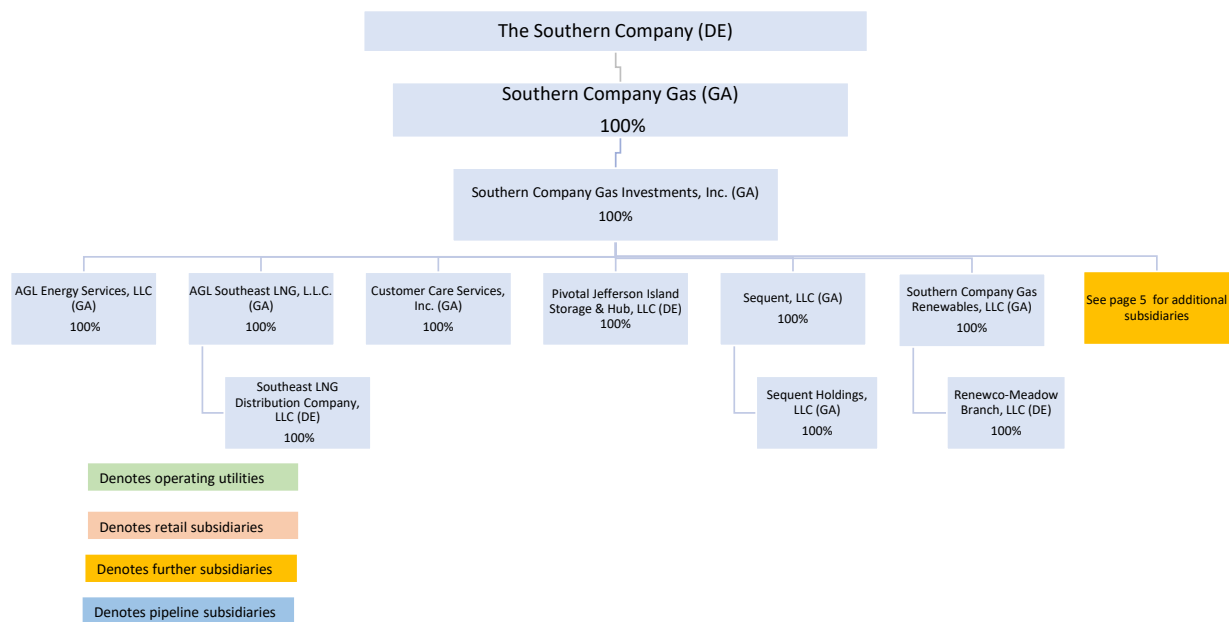


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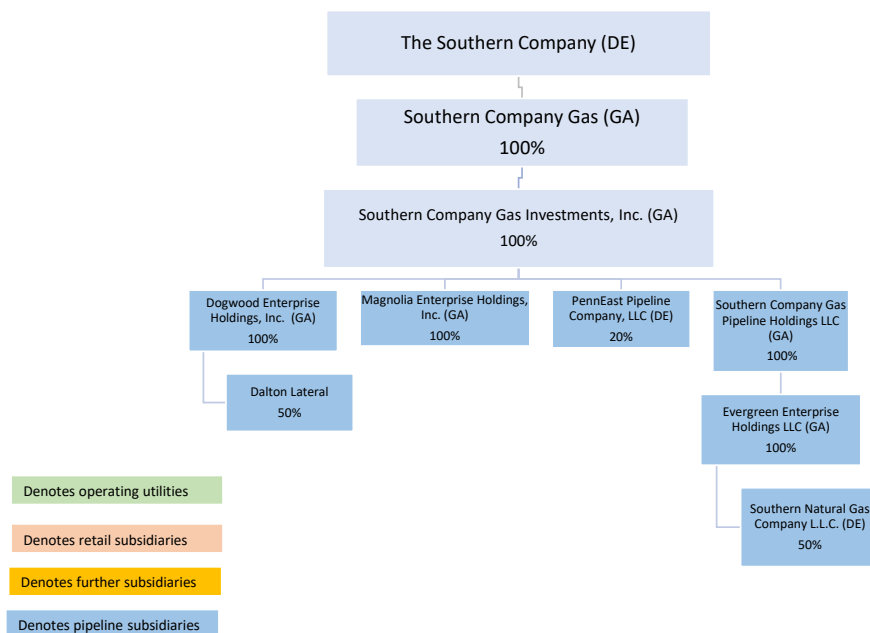


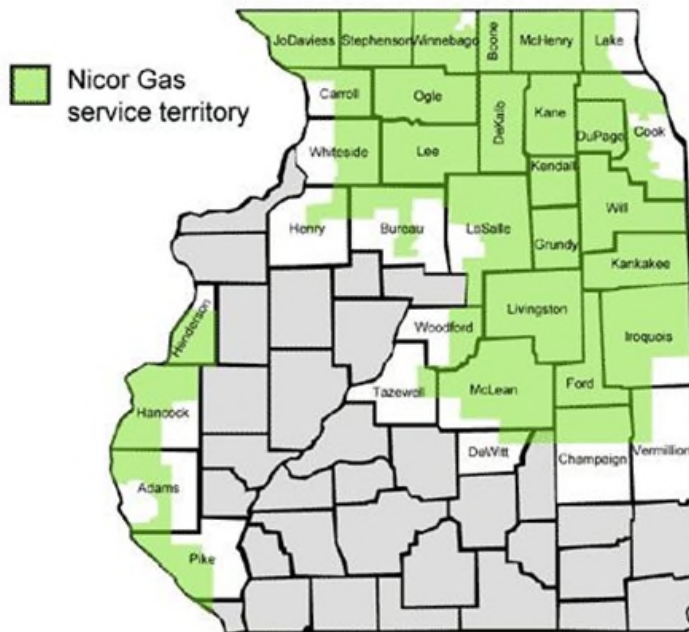
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Adams

Fall Creek
Fowler
Liberty
Lima
Loraine
Marcelline
Mendon
Meyer*
Paloma
Payson
Plainville
Quincy
Ursa

Boone

Belvidere
Caledonia Township
Capron
Garden Prairie

Herbert
Poplar Grove
Timberlane

Bureau

Kasbeer
New Bedford
Normandy
Ohio
Princeton
Tiskilwa
Van Orin
Walnut
Wheatland Township*

Carroll

Kasbeer
New Bedford
Normandy
Ohio
Princeton

Champaign

Dewey
Fisher
Gifford
Lotus
Ludlow
Penfield
Rantoul
Thomasboro

Clinton

Wheatland
Township*

Cook

Alsip
Arlington Heights
Barrington Hills*
Barrington Woods*
Barrington*
Bartlett*

Bedford Park
Bellwood
Berkeley
Berwyn
Blue Island
Bridgeview
Broadview
Brookfield
Buffalo Grove
Burbank
Burnham
Calumet City
Calumet Park
Chicago (Annexed Areas)
Chicago Heights
Chicago Ridge
Cicero
Country Club Hills
Countryside
Crestwood
Deerfield
Des Plaines
Dixmoor
Dolton
East Hazel Crest
Elgin*
Elk Grove Village
Elmwood Park
Evanston
Evergreen Park
Flossmoor
Ford Heights
Forest Park
Forest View
Franklin Park
Glenview
Glenwood
Golf
Hanover Park*
Harvey
Harwood Heights
Hazel Crest
Hickory Hills
Hillside
Hinsdale*
Hodgkins
Hoffman Estates
Holbrook
Hometown
Homewood

Indian Head Park
Inverness
Ivanhoe*
Justice
Kenilworth
LaGrange
LaGrange Highlands
LaGrange Park
Lansing
Lemont
Lincolnwood
Lynwood
Lyons
Markham
Matteson
Maywood
McCook
Melrose Park
Merrionette Park
Midlothian
Morton Grove
Mount Prospect
Niles
Norridge
North Riverside
Northbrook
Northfield
Northlake
Norwood Park Township
Oak Brook*
Oak Forest
Oak Lawn
Oak Park
Olympia Fields
Orland Hills
Orland Park
Palatine
Palatine Township
Palos Heights
Palos Hills
Palos Park
Park Forest*
Park Ridge
Phoenix
Posen
Prospect Heights
Proviso Township
Richton Park
River Forest
River Grove

Riverdale
Cook (cont.)
Riverside
Robbins
Rolling Meadows
Rosemont
Sag
Sauk Village
Schaumburg
Schiller Park
Skokie
South Barrington
South Chicago Heights
South Holland
Steger*
Stickney
Stickney Township
Stone Park
Streamwood
Summerhill
Summit
Thornton
Tinley Park
University Park*
Villa Park*
Westchester
Western Springs
Wheeling
Willow Springs
Wilmette
Winnetka
Worth

DeKalb

Cortland
DeKalb
Esmond
Fairdale
Genoa
Hinckley
Kingston
Kirkland
Lee*
Malta
Sandwich
Shabbona
Somonauk
Sycamore
Waterman

DeWitt

Farmer City

DuPage

Addison

Bartlett*

Bensenville

Bloomington

Burr Ridge

Carol Stream

Clarendon Hills

Darien

Downers Grove

Downers Grove Township

Elmhurst

Eola

Glen Ellyn

Glendale Heights

Hanover Park*

Highland Lake

Hinsdale*

Itasca

Keeneyville

Lisle

Lombard

Medinah

Naperville

Oak Brook*

Oakbrook Terrace

Roselle

Villa Park*

Warrenville

Wayne

Wayne Center

West Chicago

Westmont

Wheaton

Willowbrook

Winfield

Wood Dale

Woodridge

Edgar

Marley

Ford

Cabery*
Elliott
Gibson City
Guthrie
Kempton
Melvin
Paxton
Piper City
Sibley

Grundy

Braceville
Carbon Hill
Coal City
Diamond
East Brooklyn
Gardner
Godley*
Kinsman
Mazon
Minooka
Morris
South Wilmington
Verona

Hancock

Adrian
Basco
Burnside
Carthage
Colusa
Dallas City
Elvaston
Ferris
Hamilton
LaHarpe
Nauvoo
Niota
Pontoosuc
Sutter
Tioga
Warsaw
West Point

Henderson

Biggsville
Carman
Gladstone
Gulf Port
Lomax
Media
Oquawka
Raritan
Stronghurst
Terre Haute

Henry

Geneseo
Hooppole

Iroquois

Ashkum
Beaverville
Buckley
Chebanse*
Cissna Park
Clifton
Crescent City
Danforth
Donovan
Gilman
Iroquois
Loda
Martinton
Milford
Onarga
Papineau
Ridgeville
Ritchie
Sheldon
Thawville
Watseka
Woodland

Jo Daviess

East Dubuque
Eldena

Elizabeth
Galena
Hanover
Stockton
Warren
West Galena Township
Woodbine

Kane

Aurora
Barrington Hills*
Batavia
Big Rock
Burlington
Campton Hills
Carpentersville
East Dundee
Elburn
Elgin*
Geneva
Gilberts
Hampshire
Kaneville
LaFox
Lily Lake
Maple Park
Montgomery
Mooseheart
North Aurora
Pingree Grove
Plato Center
Sleepy Hollow
South Elgin
St. Charles*
Sugar Grove
Valley View
Virgil
Wasco
West Dundee

Kankakee

Altorf
Aroma Park
Bonfield
Bourbonnais
Bradley
Buckingham

Cabery*
Chebanse*
Essex
Grant Park
Herscher
Irwin
Kankakee
Limestone
Manteno
Meyer*
Momence
Reddick*
Sammons Point
St. Anne
St. George
Sun River Terrace
Union Hill

Kendall

Boulder Hill
Bristol
Lisbon
Millbrook
Millington
Newark
Oswego
Plano
Plattville
Seward
Seward Township
Yorkville

Lake

Antioch
Barrington Hills*
Barrington Woods*
Barrington*
Channel Lake
Countryside Lake
Crooked Lake
Deep Lake
Deer Park
Echo Lake
Ela Township
Forest Lake
Fox Lake
Fox Lake Hills

Fremont Township
Grass Lake
Grayslake
Gurnee
Hainesville
Hawthorn Woods
Ingleside
Island Lake*
Ivanhoe*
Kildeer
Lake Barrington
Lake Bloomington
Lake Villa
Lake Zurich
Lindenhurst
Long Grove
Long Lake
Mundelein
North Barrington
Prairie View
Round Lake
Round Lake Beach
Round Lake Heights
Round Lake Park
Timber Lake
Tower Lakes
Venetian Village
Volo
Wauconda
Waukegan

LaSalle

Baker
Dana
Dayton
Earlville
Garfield
Grand Ridge
Harding
Kangley
Kernan
LaSalle
Leeds
Leland
Leonore
Marseilles
Mendota
Naplate
Norway

Ottawa
Ransom
Seneca
Serena
Sheridan
Stavanger
Streator*
Triumph
Troy Grove
Wedron

Lee

Amboy
Ashton
Binghampton
Compton
Dixon
Franklin Grove
Harmon
Lee Center
Lee*
Nachusa
Nelson
Paw Paw
Prairieville
Steward
Sublette
Walton
West Brooklyn
White Rock*

Livingston

Campus
Chatsworth
Cornell
Cullom
Dwight
Emington
Fairbury
Flanagan
Forrest
Graymont
Long Point
Manville
Odell
Pontiac
Reddick*

Rowe
Saunemin
Strawn
Streator*

McHenry

Alden Township
Algonquin
Barrington Hills*
Bull Valley
Burton Bridge
Cary
Chemung Township
Crystal Lake
Fox River Grove
Harmony
Harvard
Hebron
Holiday Hills
Huntley*
Island Lake*
Johnsburg
Lake in the Hills
Lake Killarney
Lakemoor
Lakewood
Lawrence
Lilymoor
Marengo
McCullom Lake
McHenry
McHenry Shores
Oakwood Hills
Pistakee Bay
Pistakee Highlands
Port Barrington
Prairie Grove
Richmond
Ridgefield
Ringwood
Solon Mills
Spring Grove
Trout Valley
Union
Wonder Lake
Woodstock

McLean

Anchor
Arrowsmith
Belleflower
Bloomington
Carlock
Chenoa
Clarksville
Colfax
Cooksville
Cropsey
Danvers
Downs
Ellsworth
Gillum
Greenwood
Gridley
Hudson
LeRoy
Lexington
Meadows
Normal
Randolph Township
Saybrook
Shirley
Towanda
Weston

Mercer

Joy

Ogle

Adeline
Ancona*
Baileyville*
Byron
Creston
Davis Junction
Daysville
Forreston
Grand Detour
Hillcrest
Holcomb
Ogle (cont.)
Kings

Leaf River
Lightsville
Lindenwood
Monroe Center
Mt. Morris
Oregon
Polo
Rochelle
Stillman Valley
White Rock*
Woosung

Pike

Atlas
East Hannibal
El Dara
Hull
Kinderhook
New Canton
New Hartford
Pike
Pittsfield
Rockport
Seehorn
Shepherd

Stephenson

Afolkey
Ancona*
Baileyville*
Cedarville
Dakota
Davis
Freeport
German Valley
Kent Township
Lena
Orangeville
Pearl City
Ridott
Rock City

Tazewell

Deer Creek
Lilly
Mackinaw

Vermillion

Potomac
Rankin
Unionville*

Whiteside

Como
Deer Grove
Emerson
Galt
Lyndon
Morrison
Prophetstown
Rock Falls
Round Grove
Sterling
Tampico
Union Grove
Unionville*

Will

Beecher
Bolingbrook
Braidwood
Channahon
Crest Hill
Crete
Custer Park
Elwood
Frankfort
Godley*
Green Garden Township
Homer Glen
Homer Township
Ivanhoe*
Joliet
Joliet Township

Winnebago

Argyle
Cherry Valley
Durand
Harrison

Loves Park
Machesney Park
New Milford
Pecatonica
Rockford
Rockton
Roscoe
Shirland
Winnebago

Woodford

Benson
Congerville
El Paso
Goodfield
Kappa
Minonk
Secor

