

# Warming up to change

I was so pleased to see Mike Fitzgerald's article, "Experts cite dire warnings at climate change conference in St. Louis," highlighting the ways cities are trying to adapt to climate change.

Articles about climate change's consequences and methods of adapting help the public understand what's at risk. However, these articles also convey a false sense of security: If we just prepare strong enough buildings, plant different trees, and build up coastal flood protection, everything will be fine.

The problem is that if we don't rein in emissions soon, warming will exceed 2 degrees and positive feedback loops will kick in that accelerate the process. If that happens, scientists warn the consequences will be dire.

Readers should please urge Illinois Sens. Mark Kirk and Dick Durbin to cosponsor bipartisan carbon pricing legislation that rebates all revenues collected to the public. For more information, please contact Citizens' Climate Lobby.

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