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**Leading Businesses Join Forces to Support Chicago's Wilderness  
Alliance Welcomes Three New Corporate Council Members**

CHICAGO—The Chicago Wilderness alliance is pleased to welcome new members to the Corporate Council: AECOM, ARCADIS U.S., and Hanson Material Service.

The Chicago Wilderness Corporate Council leverages the resources, capabilities, and influence of its members to build support for biodiversity conservation in our region. As members of the Corporate Council, these companies support the mission of Chicago Wilderness to restore local nature and improve the quality of life for all living things by protecting the lands and waters on which we all depend. Members lead by example, implementing best practices in the design and management of their facilities and properties. In addition, through programs such as the Day of Service—an annual event to encourage volunteerism—the Corporate Council members connect local residents to restoration and stewardship opportunities. The 2013 Day of Service is on September 28, 2013.

“We are delighted to welcome these four companies to our regional alliance as new partners in our collaborative efforts to protect and restore the interconnected lands and waters of our metropolitan landscape,” said Melinda Pruett-Jones, Executive Director of Chicago Wilderness. “Their dedication to our region and its natural resources is evidenced by their commitment to environmental sustainability, and now their membership in the Chicago Wilderness Corporate Council.”

**AECOM** is a global provider of professional technical and management support services to a broad range of markets, including transportation, facilities, environmental, energy, water and government. With approximately 45,000 employees around the world, AECOM is a leader in all of the key markets that it serves. The company provides a blend of global reach, local knowledge, innovation and technical excellence in delivering solutions that create, enhance and sustain the world's built, natural, and social environments. More information on AECOM and its services can be found at [www.aecom.com](http://www.aecom.com).

“AECOM is proud to be a member of the Chicago Wilderness Corporate Council,” said Doug Fisher, associate vice president, environment. “The goals of the council are very similar to those of AECOM; for example, the Council's programs for mentoring, the Leave No Child Inside initiative and work days in the field align well with AECOM's Core Values. We are looking forward to being an integral member of the Council.”

**ARCADIS** is an international company providing consultancy, design, engineering and management services in infrastructure, water, environment and buildings. The company enhances mobility,

sustainability and quality of life by creating balance in the built and natural environments. ARCADIS develops, designs, implements, maintains and operates projects for companies and governments. With 21,000 employees, the company has an extensive international network supported by strong local market positions. ARCADIS supports UN-HABITAT with knowledge and expertise to improve the quality of life in rapidly-growing cities around the world. For more information visit [www.arcadis-us.com](http://www.arcadis-us.com).

**Hanson Material Service** is part of Lehigh Hanson, Inc. Based in Irving, Texas, Lehigh Hanson, Inc. and its affiliated companies are part of the HeidelbergCement Group, one of the largest building materials manufacturers worldwide. HeidelbergCement is the global market leader in aggregates with leading positions in cement, concrete, and other downstream activities. Visit [www.lehighhanson.com](http://www.lehighhanson.com) for more information.

“At Hanson Material Service, supporting biodiversity in the communities where we operate is a key aspect of our commitment to environmental sustainability,” said Randall Boisvert, Environmental Manager for Hanson Material Service. “Being a part of the Chicago Wilderness Corporate Council is a direct reflection of this commitment.”

### **About Chicago Wilderness**

Chicago Wilderness is a regional alliance that connects people and nature. More than 260 public, private and corporate organizations work together to restore local nature and improve the quality of life for all who live here, by protecting the lands and waters on which we all depend. The four key initiatives of Chicago Wilderness—to restore the health of local nature, promote green infrastructure, combat climate change, and leave no child inside—reflect our commitment to using science and emerging knowledge, as well as a collaborative approach to conservation, to benefit all the region’s residents. For more information, visit [www.chicagowilderness.org](http://www.chicagowilderness.org).

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