



April 19, 2022 Agenda

Dear Chicago Wilderness Executive Council Members & Guests,

We look forward to seeing you this week at the April Executive Council Meeting:

**Wednesday, April 20 from 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM**

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The Chicago Wilderness Alliance is an important force for conservation in the region and we look forward to working with our alliance members to continue our work to promote, preserve and restore the biodiversity of the region. All members are invited to attend and participate in all discussions.

The agenda and support materials for the meeting are attached.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth S. Kessler, CW Chair  
McHenry County Conservation District

James J. Jerozal, Jr., CW Vice-Chair  
Nicor Gas/Corporate Council

Mike Glester, Treasurer  
Magnolia Land Partners

Nathanael Pilla, Executive Secretary  
Orbis Environmental Consulting

**At Large Members of the 2022 Steering Committee**

Jerry Adelman, Openlands  
Jim Anderson, Citizens for Conservation  
Michelle Carr, The Nature Conservancy in Illinois  
Leslie Dorworth, Illinois-Indiana Seagrant  
Cathy B. Geraghty, Forest Preserves of Cook County  
Amy Rosenthal, Field Museum  
John Rogner, IL Department of Natural Resources  
Maggie Soliz, Kane-DuPage Soil & Water Conservation District, AISWCD  
David Shimberg, Riverwoods Preservation Council  
Victoria Wittig, Urban Waters Federal Partnership



**Executive Council Meeting**

**April 20, 2022, 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM**

## **AGENDA**

- 1.0 Introductions & Welcome** **9:30 AM–9:32 AM**  
*Elizabeth S. Kessler, CW Chair*  
*McHenry County Conservation District*
- 2.0 Approval of Agenda** **9:33 AM-9:34 AM**  
*Move to approve the Agenda for the Executive Council Meeting of April 20, 2022*
- 3.0 Approval of Consent Agenda** **9:34 AM-9:40 AM**
  - Acceptance of Treasurer's Report for January, February, March 2022 – 1st Quarter
  - Approval of Executive Council Minutes for January 19, 2022
  - New Members
    - A3 Environmental Consultants
    - Friends of the Illinois Nature Preserves  
*Move to approve the Consent Agenda as presented for the Executive Council Meeting of April 20, 2022*
- 4.0 Green Vision Update**  
*2022 Steering Committee*
  1. Managing Healthy Landscapes  
*Pati Vitt, Lake County Forest Preserves District*  
*Erik Neidy, DuPage County Forest Preserve District*
  2. Growing with Agriculture  
*Tim Brennan, Farm Foundation*  
*Daniel Suarez, Audubon Great Lakes*
  3. Prioritizing Green Infrastructure  
*Jim Jerozal, Nicor Gas*  
*Sara Race, ComEd*  
*Maggie Soliz, Kane DuPage Soil and Water Conservation District, AISWCD*
  4. Conserving Land for Biodiversity

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*Ben Haberthur, Kane County Forest Preserve District*

*Cathy Geraghty, Forest Preserves of Cook County*

5. Increasing Equitable Access to Nature  
*Teish Daniel, Chicago Park District*  
*Radhika Miraglia, Friends of the Forest Preserves*  
*Amy Rosenthal, Field Museum*
6. Taking Climate Action  
*Ted Haffner*
7. Protecting Health Water  
*Stacy Meyers, Openlands*  
*Matthew Santagata, Openlands*
8. Mapping & Metrics  
*Mark Bouman, Field Museum*  
*Mark Johnston, Field Museum*
9. Goal Team and Working Group Resource List  
*Laura Reilly, Chicago Wilderness Coordinator*

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| 5.0 | <b>Green Vision Campaign Launch Update</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Selection of Public Communications Inc.</b></li><li>● <b>Development of Working Group</b></li><li>● <b>Project Timeline &amp; Scope</b></li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>10:15 AM-10:30 AM</b> |
| 6.0 | <b>Formal Responses</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>30 x 30 Letter of Support – Illinois Department of Natural Resources (welcome feedback here)</b><br/><i>Ben Haberthur, Forest Preserve District of Cook County</i><br/><i>Debby Moskovits, The Field Museum</i></li><li>● <b>Save Bell Bowl Prairie Campaign - Letter of Support (welcome questions and comments here)</b><br/><i>Move to authorize the Chicago Wilderness Alliance to sign onto the Letter of Support to Save the Bell Bowl Prairie.</i><br/><i>Ellicia Sanchez, The Nature Conservancy in Illinois</i></li></ul> | <b>10:30 AM-10:45 AM</b> |

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| <b>7.0</b>  | <b>Update on Equity &amp; Cultural Workshops &amp; Development of Road Map - Cream City Conservation, LLC</b><br><i>Elizabeth S. Kessler, McHenry County Conservation District</i> | <b>10:45 AM-10:50 AM</b> |
| <b>8.0</b>  | <b>Proposed Changes to make Executive Council Membership more inclusive</b><br><i>Laura Reilly, CW Coordinator</i>                                                                 | <b>10:50 AM-11:00 AM</b> |
| <b>9.0</b>  | <b>2022 Conservation Congress</b><br><i>Cherie Fisher, US Forest Service</i>                                                                                                       | <b>11:00 AM-11:10 AM</b> |
| <b>10.0</b> | <b>Team &amp; Working Group Updates</b>                                                                                                                                            | <b>11:10 AM-11:20 AM</b> |
| <b>11.0</b> | <b>Chicago Wilderness Coordinator Report</b><br><i>Laura Reilly, CW Coordinator</i>                                                                                                | <b>11:20 AM-11:25 AM</b> |
| <b>12.0</b> | <b>Announcements</b>                                                                                                                                                               | <b>11:25 AM-11:30 AM</b> |
| <b>13.0</b> | <b>Adjournment</b>                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>11:30 AM</b>          |

**Next Meeting: July 20, 2022, 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM**



**Chicago Wilderness**  
**Executive Council Zoom Conference Call**

January 19, 2022, 9:30-11:30am Central

**MINUTES**

**Present:**

**Jerry Adelman**, Openlands  
**Aqsa Ali**, Friends of the Chicago River  
**Elsa Anderson**, Chicago Botanic Garden  
**Jim Anderson**, Lake County Forest Preserve District  
**Donna Barnes**, unaffiliated  
**Thomas J. Benson**, Illinois Natural History Survey  
**Paul Botts**, Wetlands Initiative  
**Mark Bouman**, The Field Museum  
**Jack Brunner**, Tetra Tech  
**Michelle Carr**, The Nature Conservancy  
**Russell Cerocke**,  
**Cherie L. Fisher**, United States Forest Service  
**Cathy Geraghty**, Forest Preserves of Cook County  
**Claudia Gunter**, Panther Training, LLC  
**Tedd Haffner**, unaffiliated  
**Jim Herkert**, Illinois Audubon Society  
**Jim Jerozal, Jr.**, Nicor Gas  
**Debra Walker Johnson**, Forest Preserve Foundation  
**Mary Beth Johnson**,  
**Mark Johnston**, Field Museum  
**Elizabeth S. Kessler**, McHenry County Conservation District  
**Mary Kozub**, Ancient Oaks Foundation  
**Mark Luscombe**,  
**Thomas Meehan**,  
**Greg Mueller**, Chicago Botanic Garden  
**Jason Navota**, Chicago Metro Agency for Planning (CMAP)  
**Rachel Patterson**, Southeast Environmental Taskforce

**Ted Penesis**, Illinois Department of Natural Resources  
**Nathanael Pilla**, Orbis Environmental Consulting  
**Andrea Pini**, V3 Companies  
**Donna Prepejchal**, LMV Lake Michigan Region  
**Claire Raver**, Cardno  
**Laura Reilly**, Chicago Wilderness  
**John Rogner**, Illinois Department of Natural Resources  
**Amy Rosenthal**, The Field Museum  
**Cassi Saari**, Chicago Park District Natural Areas, Illinois  
Native Plant Society  
**Eric Schaubert**, Illinois Natural History Survey  
**Wayne Schimpff**, Caretakers of the Environment  
International/USA  
**Ralph Schultz**, Forest Preserve District of Will County  
**Lydia Scott**, Chicago Region Tree Initiative  
**David Shimberg**, Riverwoods Preservation Council  
**Maggie Soliz**, Kane-DuPage Soil & Water Conservation  
District and Association of Illinois Soil and Water  
Conservation Districts  
**Michaele Strauch**, Chicago Parks Foundation  
**Daniel Suarez**, Audubon Great Lakes  
**Casey Sullivan**, Argonne National Laboratory  
**Richard Welge**  
**Victoria Wittig**, Save the Dunes

**I. Call to Order and Welcome**

Chair Elizabeth Kessler called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM central time thanking those that have joined and highlighted briefly the successes of the Chicago Wilderness in 2021.

**II. Approval of Agenda**

Jack Brunner (Tetra Tech) motions to accept the agenda and meeting format, seconded by Jim Anderson (Lake County Forest Preserve District). No further discussion. All ayes. Approved.

### **III. Recognition of Outgoing Steering Committee Members**

*David Giordano, Root-Pike Watershed Initiative*

*Daniel Suarez, Audobon Great Lakes*

Elizabeth recognized Dave Giordano and Daniel Suarez for their service on the Steering Committee that are leaving the board. Daniel served two terms since 2017 and Dave served for the year of 2021. Daniel gave a brief thank you.

### **IV. Installation of Officers & New Steering Committee Members**

Victoria Wittig (Save the Dunes) was introduced as the newest member of the Steering Committee.

Executive Officers and at-large Steering Committee Members participated in agreeing to the commitment in serving Chicago Wilderness (CW).

Executive Officers:

- Elizabeth Kessler, CW Chair (McHenry County Conservation District)
- Jim Jerozal, Jr., CW Vice-Chair (Nicor Gas)
- Mike Glester, Treasurer
- Nathanael J. Pilla, Executive Secretary (Orbis Environmental Consulting)

At-large members:

- Jerry Adellmann (Openlands)
- Jim Anderson (Lake County Forest Preserves)
- Michelle Carr (The Nature Conservancy in Illinois)
- Leslie Dorworth (Illinois-Indiana Seagrant)
- Cathy B. Geraghty (Forest Preserves of Cook County)
- Amy Rosenthal (The Field Museum)
- John Rogner (IL Department of Natural Resources)
- Maggie Soliz (Kane-DuPage Soil & Water Conservation District, AISWCD)
- David Shimberg (Riverwoods Preservation Council)
- Victoria Wittig (Save the Dunes)

### **V. Approval of Consent Agenda**

The approval of:

- Acceptance of 2021 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Treasurer's Report
- Approval of Executive Council Minutes for October 20, 2021.
- Approval of the Fiscal Sponsorship Agreement Renewal with Friends of the Forest Preserves for April 1, 2022, through March 31, 2024.
- New Members:
  - Ancient Oaks Foundation - General
  - Climate Reality – Chicago Metro Chapter - General
  - Lincoln Park Conservancy - General
  - Olson Ecological Solutions - Corporate

Maggie Soliz (Kane-DuPage Soil & Water Conservation District, AISWCD) motions to accept the Consent Agenda, seconded by Cathy Geraghty (Forest Preserves of Cook County). No further discussion on consent agenda items. All ayes. Approved.

## **VI. Year in Review – Celebration of Collaboration and Convening; Listening and Learning**

### *2021 Steering Committee*

*Michelle Carr, The Nature Conservancy in Illinois*

*Amy Rosenthal, The Field Museum*

Amy Rosenthal (The Field Museum) led the presentation highlighting the success and accomplishments of CW in 2021. The large accomplishments included:

- Seven goals with written statements, chairs, co-chairs, that build on the foundation and history of CW. Members in all four states have participated in these goals!
- Development of the HUB to help accomplish the Green Vision of 2025.
- In 2020, CW Congress was moved online. A series of Café meetings took place and continued into 2021.
- Force of Nature Awards and Excellence in Ecological Restoration event. Shared sense of commitment and purpose.
- Facilitating Collaboration – Institute of Conservation Leadership (ICL) was hired in 2021 led by Diane Lane and Peter. They support committees, help move our goal committees forward, they led a network mindset workshop.
- The creation of the JEDI task force, CW hired Cream City to lead a Baseline Equity Survey to see where CW is and make progress toward Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion. This will continue into 2022. Foundational to becoming a diverse more representative Alliance.

Menti.com (Mentimeter) was used to allow members to share their own stories of CW success.

## **VII. 2022 Work Plan – Charting the CW Course**

### *Green Vision – HUB Mapping & Metrics Launch*

Mark Bouman (the Field Museum) updated the group on the movement of the HUB and shared to the Executive Council (EC) that it is live for review from our members! Next step is having a domain name including the Chicago Wilderness and another push will happen.

Mark Johnston shared the link but told the group that it will be changing. The interface was simplified. He went through the Data Repository walking EC through the process and the interactive map.

### *Campaign Launch*

Elizabeth shared that the CW will need added capacity to assist us with the 2022 campaign launch. To tackle the capacity issue, CW is looking at bringing on a public relations firm. There will be a proposed shaping session January 24, 2022, to work with ICL and the Goal leads to help us with what the proposal will look like.

Looking for the EC to move to authorize the steering committee to prepare and solicit request for proposals, to engage the services of a public relations, and marketing firm to assist us with the vision campaign.

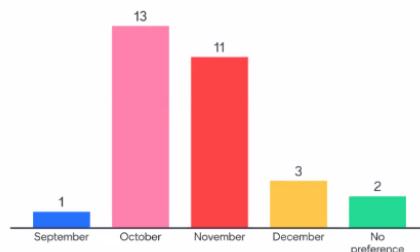
John Rogner (Illinois Department of Natural Resources) motions to accept the authorization for the preparation and solicitation of the proposal and to grant the steering committee the ability to proceed engaging the public relations to assist with the green vision, seconded by Jack Brunner (Tetra Tech). No further discussion on consent agenda items. All ayes. Approved.

## VIII. Envisioning the 2022 Conservation Congress

*Cherie Fisher, US Forest Service*

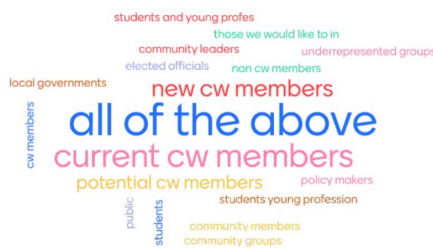
Cherie Fisher (US Forest Service) presented on the options for the 2022 Conservation Congress, beginning with an overview of the past Conservation Congress events. Mento® was used to assess the groups thoughts on aspects of the 2022 Conservation Congress. The results are as follows:

**We are hoping to hold CW Congress 2022 in the fall.  
Do you prefer:**

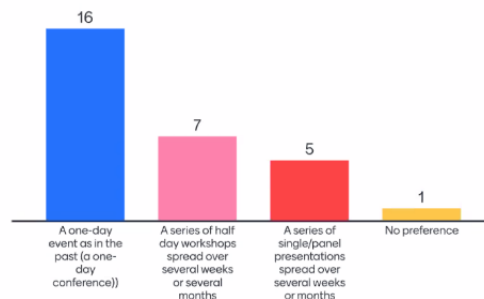


## Who do you think is the primary audience for Congress 2022?

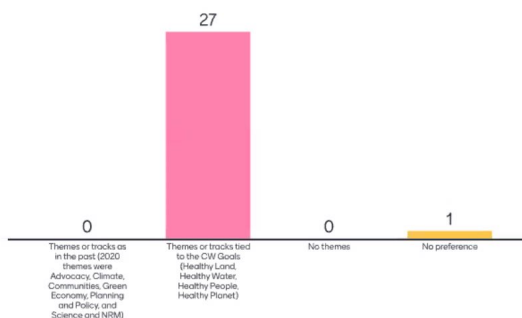
Current CW members  
New CW members  
Potential CW members  
Students/young professionals  
Scientific researchers  
Educators  
All of the above  
Another group  
Others



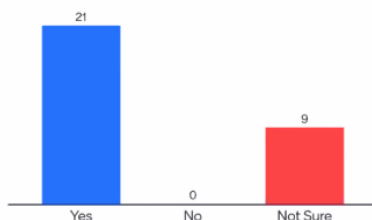
## Would you like Congress to be:



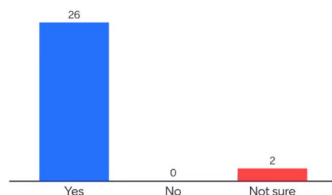
## Would you like Congress to have:



If everyone were masked &/or events were held outdoors, would you attend/encourage others to attend in-person tours/site visits/demonstrations?



Whatever format Congress ends up taking, do you think there should be a keynote/kickoff event that everyone attends (either in-person or online)?



Cherie Fisher finished by making a call out for volunteers to help as soon as possible.

### IX. Team and Working Group Updates

Elizabeth Kessler (McHenry County Conservation District) mentioned that the Steering Committee would start meeting in 2022 on the fourth Monday from 9-noon with a hybrid option of digital and in-person. These are open meetings.

Jim Anderson (Lake County Forest Preserve District) - Natural Resource and Science Team will be meeting on January 25, 2022. Data and Data resources discussion will be the focus.

Ted Haffner (unaffiliated) - Climate Committee is setting their priority on getting organized with a revision of the Climate Action Plan. The outline is already developed. Now the group is working with other goal groups to move to the next step.

Daniel Suarez (Audubon Great Lakes) - Agriculture Team has been having monthly meetings on the second Tuesday of the month from 1-2 pm central. They are planning a field day in June in Will County looking at the Forest Preserves leases and private land. Invitation will be forthcoming.

Cathy Geraghty (Forest Preserves of Cook County) - Acquisition of Conservation Lands refined their goal with the addition of “not losing” any more land in addition to acquiring new land (like Bell Bowl Prairie). They are identifying challenges and strategies in getting around them (i.e. buildings).

Cherie Fisher (US Forest Service), Chair of the Force of Nature Committee, December 8<sup>th</sup> member event was very successful held live. EERP and Force of Nature Awards at Thatcher Woods Pavilion. She made a special thank you to Cook County Forest Preserves.

Jim Jerozal (Nicor Gas) - Corporate Council scheduled their meetings out throughout the year with a hybrid of virtual meetings and in-person.

Mark Bouman (The Field Museum) - the Hub mapping group meets every other Monday at 3:30 and all are welcomed to attend.

#### **X. Coordinator's Report**

*Laura Reilly (Chicago Wilderness)*

- Update the group that the community calendar has some changes such as the addition of funding opportunities.
- Next Café will be on January 26, 2022.
- Membership renewals are coming in.

#### **XI. Announcements**

- Donna Prepejchal (League of Women Voters Lake Michigan) announced an Earth Day event with Tom Skilling from 2-5 pm central time in Chicago on Saturday, April 16, 2022.
- Nathanael Pilla (Orbis Environmental Consulting) announced his new book coming out in May 2022 called the Wildflowers of the Indiana Dunes National Park.
- Wayne Schimpf announced that on October 7-9, 2022, the Pathway to Fall Scout Campery will take place at McHenry County Fairgrounds.
- Elizabeth Kessler announced and congratulated Jim Anderson on his retirement.

#### **XII. Adjournment**

Elizabeth Kessler thanked everyone for their time and work and asked for a motion to adjourn.

David Shimberg (Riverwoods Preservation Council) motions to adjourn, Jim Anderson

seconded. No further discussion. Meeting adjourned at 11:10am central.

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*Zoom Meeting*

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**CHICAGO WILDERNESS ALLIANCE**

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES and NET ASSETS**  
**January 31, 2022**

**Assets**

|                      |    |            |
|----------------------|----|------------|
| Cash and Investments | \$ | 407,344.54 |
| Total Assets         | \$ | 407,344.54 |

**Liabilities**

|                   |    |   |
|-------------------|----|---|
| Accounts Payable  | \$ | - |
| Other Liabilities | \$ | - |
| Total Liabilities | \$ | - |

**Net Assets**

|                                   |    |            |
|-----------------------------------|----|------------|
| Net Assets at Beginning of Period | \$ | 369,813.11 |
| Change in Net Assets              | \$ | 37,531.43  |
| Total Net Assets                  | \$ | 407,344.54 |

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|-----------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------|
| <b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b> | <b>\$</b> | <b>407,344.54</b> |
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**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**

*For the period ending January 31, 2022*

**Revenue**

|                   |    |              |
|-------------------|----|--------------|
| Membership Dues   | \$ | 53,300.00    |
| Sponsorships      | \$ | -            |
| Donations         | \$ | 3,110.00     |
| Grants            | \$ | 4,696.93     |
| Application Fees  | \$ | -            |
| Registration Fees | \$ | -            |
| Interest Earned   | \$ | -            |
| Total Revenue     |    | \$ 61,106.93 |

**Expenses**

|                                 |    |              |
|---------------------------------|----|--------------|
| Friends of the Forest Preserves | \$ | 1,833.21     |
| Blue Pay/Other Transaction Fees | \$ | 850.15       |
| Payroll/Employment Expenses     | \$ | 4,547.14     |
| Insurance                       | \$ | -            |
| Operational Expenses            | \$ | 9,345.00     |
| Program                         | \$ | 7,000.00     |
| Total Expenses                  |    | \$ 23,575.50 |

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|------------------------------|-----------|------------------|
| <b>Net Surplus/(Deficit)</b> | <b>\$</b> | <b>37,531.43</b> |
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*Chicago Wilderness Alliance Fiscal Year is January 1 to December 31*

**CHICAGO WILDERNESS ALLIANCE**

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES and NET ASSETS**  
**February 28, 2022**

**Assets**

|                      |    |            |
|----------------------|----|------------|
| Cash and Investments | \$ | 447,799.93 |
| Total Assets         | \$ | 447,799.93 |

**Liabilities**

|                   |    |   |
|-------------------|----|---|
| Accounts Payable  | \$ | - |
| Other Liabilities | \$ | - |
| Total Liabilities | \$ | - |

**Net Assets**

|                                   |    |            |
|-----------------------------------|----|------------|
| Net Assets at Beginning of Period | \$ | 407,344.54 |
| Change in Net Assets              | \$ | 40,455.39  |
| Total Net Assets                  | \$ | 447,799.93 |

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|-----------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------|
| <b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b> | <b>\$</b> | <b>447,799.93</b> |
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**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**

*For the period ending February 28, 2022*

**Revenue**

|                   |    |              |
|-------------------|----|--------------|
| Membership Dues   | \$ | 3,075.00     |
| Sponsorships      | \$ | -            |
| Donations         | \$ | 50,030.00    |
| Grants            | \$ | -            |
| Application Fees  | \$ | -            |
| Registration Fees | \$ | -            |
| Interest Earned   | \$ | -            |
| Total Revenue     |    | \$ 53,105.00 |

**Expenses**

|                                 |    |              |
|---------------------------------|----|--------------|
| Friends of the Forest Preserves | \$ | 1,593.15     |
| Blue Pay/Other Transaction Fees | \$ | 44.78        |
| Payroll/Employment Expenses     | \$ | 5,511.68     |
| Insurance                       | \$ | -            |
| Operational Expenses            | \$ | -            |
| Program                         | \$ | 5,500.00     |
| Total Expenses                  |    | \$ 12,649.61 |

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| <b>Net Surplus/(Deficit)</b> | <b>\$</b> | <b>40,455.39</b> |
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**CHICAGO WILDERNESS ALLIANCE**

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES and NET ASSETS**  
**March 31, 2022**

**Assets**

|                      |    |            |
|----------------------|----|------------|
| Cash and Investments | \$ | 451,568.21 |
| Total Assets         | \$ | 451,568.21 |

**Liabilities**

|                   |    |   |
|-------------------|----|---|
| Accounts Payable  | \$ | - |
| Other Liabilities | \$ | - |
| Total Liabilities | \$ | - |

**Net Assets**

|                                   |    |            |
|-----------------------------------|----|------------|
| Net Assets at Beginning of Period | \$ | 447,799.93 |
| Change in Net Assets              | \$ | 3,768.28   |
| Total Net Assets                  | \$ | 451,568.21 |

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|-----------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------|
| <b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b> | <b>\$</b> | <b>451,568.21</b> |
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**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**

*For the period ending March 31, 2022*

**Revenue**

|                   |    |             |
|-------------------|----|-------------|
| Membership Dues   | \$ | 9,225.00    |
| Sponsorships      | \$ | -           |
| Donations         | \$ | 110.00      |
| Grants            | \$ | -           |
| Application Fees  | \$ | -           |
| Registration Fees | \$ | -           |
| Interest Earned   | \$ | -           |
| Total Revenue     |    | \$ 9,335.00 |

**Expenses**

|                                 |    |             |
|---------------------------------|----|-------------|
| Friends of the Forest Preserves | \$ | 280.05      |
| Blue Pay/Other Transaction Fees | \$ | 50.57       |
| Payroll/Employment Expenses     | \$ | 5,236.10    |
| Insurance                       | \$ | -           |
| Operational Expenses            | \$ | -           |
| Program                         |    |             |
| Total Expenses                  |    | \$ 5,566.72 |

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|------------------------------|-----------|-----------------|
| <b>Net Surplus/(Deficit)</b> | <b>\$</b> | <b>3,768.28</b> |
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*Chicago Wilderness Alliance Fiscal Year is January 1 to December 31*

|                                              |                  |                 |  |              |              |              |               |                           |
|----------------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------------------|
| 2022 BUDGET                                  | YTD NET ASSETS   | QTR 1 SUM       |  |              | QTR 1        |              |               |                           |
|                                              | As of 12/31/2021 | As of 3/31/2022 |  |              | JANUARY      | FEBRUARY     | MARCH         |                           |
| REVENUE                                      |                  | \$ 123,546.93   |  | \$ 61,106.93 | \$ 53,105.00 | \$ 9,335.00  | \$ 123,546.93 | YTD REVENUE               |
| EXPENSE                                      |                  | \$ 41,791.83    |  | \$ 23,575.50 | \$ 12,649.61 | \$ 5,566.72  | \$ 41,791.83  | YTD EXPENDITURES          |
| NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)                        |                  | \$ 81,755.10    |  | \$ 37,531.43 | \$ 40,455.39 | \$ 3,768.28  | \$ 81,755.10  | YTD NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) |
| NET ASSETS                                   | \$369,813.11     | \$451,568.21    |  | \$407,344.54 | \$447,799.93 | \$451,568.21 | \$451,568.21  | YTD NET ASSETS            |
|                                              |                  |                 |  |              |              |              |               |                           |
|                                              |                  |                 |  |              | QTR 1        |              |               |                           |
|                                              |                  |                 |  |              | JANUARY      | FEBRUARY     | MARCH         |                           |
| 2022 ACTUAL                                  |                  |                 |  |              |              |              |               |                           |
| Membership                                   |                  | \$ 65,600.00    |  | \$ 53,300.00 | \$ 3,075.00  | \$ 9,225.00  | \$ 65,600.00  |                           |
| Sponsorship                                  |                  | \$ -            |  | \$ -         | \$ -         | \$ -         | \$ -          |                           |
| Donation                                     |                  | \$ 53,250.00    |  | \$ 3,110.00  | \$ 50,030.00 | \$ 110.00    | \$ 53,250.00  |                           |
| Grants                                       |                  | \$ 4,696.93     |  | \$ 4,696.93  | \$ -         | \$ -         | \$ 4,696.93   |                           |
| Application Fees                             |                  | \$ -            |  | \$ -         | \$ -         | \$ -         | \$ -          |                           |
| Registration Fees                            |                  | \$ -            |  | \$ -         | \$ -         | \$ -         | \$ -          |                           |
| TOTAL REVENUE                                |                  | \$ 123,546.93   |  | \$ 61,106.93 | \$ 53,105.00 | \$ 9,335.00  | \$ 123,546.93 |                           |
| EXPENSES                                     |                  |                 |  |              |              |              |               |                           |
| FISCAL SPONSOR                               |                  |                 |  |              |              |              |               |                           |
| Friends of the Forest Preserves              |                  | \$ 3,706.41     |  | \$ 1,833.21  | \$ 1,593.15  | \$ 280.05    | \$ 3,706.41   |                           |
| TOTAL FISCAL SPONSOR                         |                  | \$ 3,706.41     |  | \$ 1,833.21  | \$ 1,593.15  | \$ 280.05    | \$ 3,706.41   |                           |
| INSURANCE                                    |                  |                 |  |              |              |              |               |                           |
| Insurance D/O                                |                  | \$ -            |  | \$ -         | \$ -         | \$ -         | \$ -          |                           |
| TOTAL INSURANCE                              |                  | \$ -            |  | \$ -         | \$ -         | \$ -         | \$ -          |                           |
|                                              |                  |                 |  |              |              |              |               |                           |
| OFFICE                                       |                  |                 |  |              |              |              |               |                           |
| State of Illinois - Annual Filing            |                  | \$ -            |  | \$ -         | \$ -         | \$ -         | \$ -          |                           |
| Blue Pay-Clover Business Solutions           |                  | \$ 943.43       |  | \$ 849.46    | \$ 44.09     | \$ 49.88     | \$ 943.43     |                           |
| PayPal                                       |                  | \$ 2.07         |  | \$ 0.69      | \$ 0.69      | \$ 0.69      | \$ 2.07       |                           |
| Other E-Commerce                             |                  | \$ -            |  | \$ -         | \$ -         | \$ -         | \$ -          |                           |
| Web Domain                                   |                  | \$ -            |  | \$ -         | \$ -         | \$ -         | \$ -          |                           |
| Formsite & Zoom                              |                  | \$ -            |  | \$ -         | \$ -         | \$ -         | \$ -          |                           |
| Your Membership.com                          |                  | \$ -            |  | \$ -         | \$ -         | \$ -         | \$ -          |                           |
| TOTAL OFFICE                                 |                  | \$ 945.50       |  | \$ 850.15    | \$ 44.78     | \$ 50.57     | \$ 945.50     |                           |
| CONTRACTOR                                   |                  |                 |  |              |              |              |               |                           |
| CW Coordinator                               |                  | \$ 15,294.92    |  | \$ 4,547.14  | \$ 5,511.68  | \$ 5,236.10  | \$ 15,294.92  |                           |
| TOTAL CONTRACTOR                             |                  | \$ 15,294.92    |  | \$ 4,547.14  | \$ 5,511.68  | \$ 5,236.10  | \$ 15,294.92  |                           |
| PROGRAM                                      |                  |                 |  |              |              |              |               |                           |
| Conservation Congress                        |                  | \$ -            |  | \$ -         | \$ -         | \$ -         | \$ -          |                           |
| EERP                                         |                  | \$ -            |  | \$ -         | \$ -         | \$ -         | \$ -          |                           |
| Force of Nature                              |                  | \$ -            |  | \$ -         | \$ -         | \$ -         | \$ -          |                           |
| Program Funding - Other                      |                  | \$ -            |  | \$ -         | \$ -         | \$ -         | \$ -          |                           |
| IDNR Programg Grant - DEI & Trees Initiative |                  | \$ 10,500.00    |  | \$ 7,000.00  | \$ 3,500.00  | \$ -         | \$ 10,500.00  |                           |
| TOTAL PROGRAM                                |                  | \$ 10,500.00    |  | \$ 7,000.00  | \$ 3,500.00  | \$ -         | \$ 10,500.00  |                           |
| MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS                   |                  |                 |  |              |              |              |               |                           |
| Member Appreciation                          |                  | \$ -            |  | \$ -         | \$ -         | \$ -         | \$ -          |                           |
| Consultant                                   |                  | \$ 9,345.00     |  | \$ 9,345.00  | \$ -         | \$ -         | \$ 9,345.00   |                           |
| Print Collateral/Logo/Branding               |                  | \$ -            |  | \$ -         | \$ -         | \$ -         | \$ -          |                           |
| TOTAL MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS             |                  | \$ 9,345.00     |  | \$ 9,345.00  | \$ -         | \$ -         | \$ 9,345.00   |                           |
| VISIONING                                    |                  |                 |  |              |              |              |               |                           |
| Visioning                                    |                  | \$ 2,000.00     |  | \$ -         | \$ 2,000.00  | \$ -         | \$ 2,000.00   |                           |
| TOTAL VISIONING                              |                  | \$ 2,000.00     |  | \$ -         | \$ 2,000.00  | \$ -         | \$ 2,000.00   |                           |
|                                              |                  |                 |  |              |              |              |               |                           |
| TOTAL EXPENSES                               |                  | \$ 41,791.83    |  | \$ 23,575.50 | \$ 12,649.61 | \$ 5,566.72  | \$ 41,791.83  |                           |
| NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)                        |                  | \$ 81,755.10    |  | \$ 37,531.43 | \$ 40,455.39 | \$ 3,768.28  | \$ 81,755.10  |                           |
| NET ASSETS                                   | \$369,813.11     | \$451,568.21    |  | \$407,344.54 | \$447,799.93 | \$451,568.21 | \$451,568.21  | YTD NET ASSETS            |
|                                              |                  |                 |  |              |              |              |               |                           |

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| REVENUE                                                                   | FISCAL YEAR 2022 (January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022)   |           |            |            |            |  | NOTES                                                                                               |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|--|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>OPERATING REVENUE</b>                                                  |                                                           |           |            |            |            |  |                                                                                                     |
| <b>Membership Dues</b>                                                    |                                                           |           |            |            |            |  |                                                                                                     |
| 2                                                                         | Tier 1                                                    | \$ 12,500 | \$ 25,000  |            |            |  | COVID-19 Conservative with Slight Growth                                                            |
| 4                                                                         | Tier 2                                                    | \$ 8,500  | \$ 34,000  |            |            |  |                                                                                                     |
| 3                                                                         | Tier 3                                                    | \$ 4,500  | \$ 13,500  |            |            |  |                                                                                                     |
| 6                                                                         | Tier 4                                                    | \$ 2,500  | \$ 15,000  |            |            |  |                                                                                                     |
| 4                                                                         | Tier 5                                                    | \$ 1,200  | \$ 4,800   |            |            |  |                                                                                                     |
| 20                                                                        | Tier 6                                                    | \$ 550    | \$ 11,000  |            |            |  |                                                                                                     |
| 7                                                                         | Tier 7                                                    | \$ 300    | \$ 2,100   |            |            |  |                                                                                                     |
| 27                                                                        | Tier 8                                                    | \$ 100    | \$ 2,700   |            |            |  |                                                                                                     |
| 30                                                                        | Tier 9                                                    | \$ 50     | \$ 1,500   |            |            |  |                                                                                                     |
| 16                                                                        | Tier 10 - Individual/Retired                              | \$ 25     | \$ 400     |            |            |  |                                                                                                     |
| 0                                                                         | Tier 11 - Student                                         | \$ 10     | \$ -       |            |            |  |                                                                                                     |
| 6                                                                         | Tier 12 - Other/Sponsorship                               | \$ -      |            |            |            |  |                                                                                                     |
| 125                                                                       | Sub-Total Membership Dues                                 |           | \$ 110,000 |            |            |  |                                                                                                     |
|                                                                           | <b>Total Membership Dues</b>                              |           |            | \$ 110,000 |            |  |                                                                                                     |
| <b>Donations</b>                                                          |                                                           |           |            |            |            |  |                                                                                                     |
|                                                                           | Individual Donations                                      |           | \$ 1,000   |            |            |  |                                                                                                     |
|                                                                           | <b>Total Donations</b>                                    |           |            | \$ 1,000   |            |  |                                                                                                     |
| <b>Grants</b>                                                             |                                                           |           |            |            |            |  |                                                                                                     |
|                                                                           | Illinois Department of Natural Resources                  |           | \$ 36,000  |            |            |  | Total grant \$75,000 (Green Vision work - IDNR secured for JEDI, Admin Support and Tree Initiative) |
|                                                                           | <b>Total Grants</b>                                       |           |            | \$ 36,000  |            |  | \$30,500k in 2021, 2023 \$8,500 for Tree Cafe                                                       |
| <b>Programs</b>                                                           |                                                           |           |            |            |            |  |                                                                                                     |
| <b>New Rebranded Program - Conservation Congress - Hybrid - Fall 2022</b> |                                                           |           |            |            |            |  | Plan for 2022 Potential Hybrid - In-Person/Virtual                                                  |
| <b>Sponsorship</b>                                                        |                                                           |           |            |            |            |  | America the Beautiful 30 x 30, Build Back Better (Climate & Equitable Jobs Act)                     |
| 2                                                                         | Sponsorship - Regional Visionary                          | \$ 10,000 | \$ 20,000  |            |            |  | Congress - Seven Goals - Culminates - HUB MAP Social Gathering                                      |
| 2                                                                         | Sponsorship - Wilderness Patron                           | \$ 5,000  | \$ 10,000  |            |            |  | Fall 2022 - Mini-Workshops (October-November)                                                       |
| 5                                                                         | Sponsorship - Conservative Collaborator                   | \$ 2,000  | \$ 10,000  |            |            |  | No Straight Presentation Style                                                                      |
| 10                                                                        | Sponsorship Wilderness Friend                             | \$ 1,000  | \$ 10,000  |            |            |  |                                                                                                     |
| 0                                                                         | Student Sponsorship                                       | \$ 40     | \$ -       |            |            |  | Institutional Registration for X Tickets for Attendance, Sponsorship, Scholarship/Outreach          |
| <b>Registration</b>                                                       |                                                           |           |            |            |            |  |                                                                                                     |
| 0                                                                         | Early Bird Registration - Members                         | \$ 50     | \$ -       |            |            |  |                                                                                                     |
| 0                                                                         | Early Bird Registration - Non-Members                     | \$ 75     | \$ -       |            |            |  |                                                                                                     |
| 0                                                                         | After Deadline Registration - Members                     | \$ 75     | \$ -       |            |            |  |                                                                                                     |
| 0                                                                         | After Deadline Registration - Non-Members                 | \$ 100    | \$ -       |            |            |  |                                                                                                     |
| 0                                                                         | Student Registration (50 Students - Sponsored by Members) | \$ 40     | \$ -       |            |            |  |                                                                                                     |
| 0                                                                         | Sub-Total Conservation Congress                           |           | \$ 50,000  |            |            |  |                                                                                                     |
| <b>Excellence in Ecological Restoration Program (Biennial)</b>            |                                                           |           |            |            |            |  | Program 11/4/ 2021 - No Program 2022                                                                |
| 0                                                                         | Sponsorship                                               | \$ 500    | \$ -       |            |            |  |                                                                                                     |
| 0                                                                         | Applicant Fee (\$100 Members/\$300 Non-Members)           | \$ 100    | \$ -       |            |            |  |                                                                                                     |
|                                                                           | Sub-Total EERP                                            |           | \$ -       |            |            |  |                                                                                                     |
| <b>Force of Nature Awards (Biennial)</b>                                  |                                                           |           |            |            |            |  | Program 11/4/2021 - No Program 2022                                                                 |
| 0                                                                         | Sponsorship                                               | \$ 500    | \$ -       |            |            |  |                                                                                                     |
| 0                                                                         | Applicant Fee                                             | \$ -      | \$ -       |            |            |  |                                                                                                     |
|                                                                           | Sub-Total Force of Nature Awards                          |           | \$ -       |            |            |  |                                                                                                     |
|                                                                           | <b>Total Program</b>                                      |           |            | \$ 50,000  |            |  |                                                                                                     |
| <b>OPERATING REVENUE SUB-TOTAL</b>                                        |                                                           |           |            | \$ 197,000 |            |  |                                                                                                     |
| <b>CWA FUND RESERVES INVESTMENT</b>                                       |                                                           |           |            | \$ 125,247 |            |  |                                                                                                     |
| <b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>                                                      |                                                           |           |            |            | \$ 322,247 |  |                                                                                                     |
| <b>EXPENSES</b>                                                           |                                                           |           |            |            |            |  |                                                                                                     |
| <b>Fiscal Sponsor</b>                                                     |                                                           |           |            |            |            |  |                                                                                                     |
|                                                                           | Sponsorship Fee of 3% of Revenue                          |           | \$ 7,500   |            |            |  |                                                                                                     |
|                                                                           | Optional Services - TBD                                   |           | \$ -       |            |            |  | Increased due to Increased Revenue - IDNR Grant, Sponsorship, etc.                                  |
|                                                                           | <b>Total Fiscal Agent</b>                                 |           |            | \$ 7,500   |            |  |                                                                                                     |
| <b>Insurance</b>                                                          |                                                           |           |            |            |            |  | Actual 2020 - \$1,585; Actual 2021 - \$X                                                            |
|                                                                           | D/O Insurance & General Liability Insurance               |           | \$ 1,600   |            |            |  | Actual 2019 \$1,547 (\$1,347 and \$200 Service Fee) + 1.6%                                          |
|                                                                           | <b>Total Insurance</b>                                    |           |            | \$ 1,600   |            |  |                                                                                                     |

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|                                                                                  |                                                                                       |    |     |                   |                   |                                                                                                     |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|-----|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Office Operations: Technology (Computer/Software, Credit Processing, Web)</b> |                                                                                       |    |     |                   |                   |                                                                                                     |
|                                                                                  | Membership Portal (YourMembership.com)                                                |    | \$  | 8,000             |                   | Actual 2020 \$6,819                                                                                 |
|                                                                                  | Website Domain Licensing (GoDaddy.com, Network Solutions.com)                         |    | \$  | 200               |                   | Paid in 2019 - 3 Years @ \$197.91 - Budget in 2022                                                  |
|                                                                                  | Credit Card Processing (BluePay.com, PayPal.com, etc.)                                |    | \$  | 3,100             |                   |                                                                                                     |
|                                                                                  | EERP & FON Application - Formsite                                                     |    | \$  | 1,000             |                   | Remain on Formsite.com                                                                              |
|                                                                                  | Zoom Communications Platform                                                          |    | \$  | 2,000             |                   | Café Series/Webinars - Capacity up to 500 Participants                                              |
|                                                                                  | Computer                                                                              |    | \$  | 3,500             |                   | 13" Macbook Pro, Mouse, Microsoft Suite, etc.                                                       |
|                                                                                  | Project Management: Trello                                                            |    | \$  | -                 |                   |                                                                                                     |
|                                                                                  | Surveys (Google)                                                                      |    | \$  | -                 |                   |                                                                                                     |
|                                                                                  | State of Illinois - Annual Filing Not-for-Profit                                      |    | \$  | 10                |                   |                                                                                                     |
|                                                                                  | Misc. Expenses                                                                        |    | \$  | 1,000             |                   |                                                                                                     |
|                                                                                  | <b>Total Office Operations</b>                                                        |    |     | <b>\$ 18,810</b>  |                   |                                                                                                     |
| <b>Alliance Coordination</b>                                                     |                                                                                       |    |     |                   |                   |                                                                                                     |
|                                                                                  | CW Alliance Coordinator                                                               |    |     |                   |                   |                                                                                                     |
|                                                                                  | 1 @ 40 Hrs/Wk x \$33.28 (4%) Hr x 52 Weeks) & 11% Overhead                            |    | \$  | 76,837            |                   | \$33.28 - 2022 - \$32 - 2021. \$31 - 2020. \$30 - 2019.                                             |
|                                                                                  | Mileage Reimbursement, Misc.                                                          |    | \$  | 2,000             |                   |                                                                                                     |
|                                                                                  | <b>Total Alliance Coordination</b>                                                    |    |     | <b>\$ 78,837</b>  |                   |                                                                                                     |
| <b>Program</b>                                                                   |                                                                                       |    |     |                   |                   |                                                                                                     |
|                                                                                  | <b>New Rebranded Program - Conservation Congress - Hybrid - Fall 2022</b>             |    |     |                   |                   | Opportunity for New Look & Feel - Aligned with Green Vision                                         |
|                                                                                  | Event Coordination Management                                                         |    | \$  | -                 |                   | Field Trips - New Idea                                                                              |
|                                                                                  | General Communication                                                                 |    | \$  | -                 |                   | Outdoor Adventure - National Parks w/ Naturalist Leading Trek                                       |
|                                                                                  | Facility Rental                                                                       |    | \$  | -                 |                   | Destination - ZOOM in from locations                                                                |
|                                                                                  | Food & Beverage                                                                       |    | \$  | -                 |                   | Phone Camera w/Leaders with YouTube/FB Live                                                         |
|                                                                                  | Speakers/Presenters                                                                   |    | \$  | -                 |                   | Hikes of the CW Region                                                                              |
|                                                                                  | Misc.                                                                                 |    | \$  | 50,000            |                   |                                                                                                     |
|                                                                                  | <b>Sub-Total Conservation Congress</b>                                                |    | \$  | 50,000            |                   |                                                                                                     |
|                                                                                  | <b>Excellence in Ecological Restoration - Biennial (2021)</b>                         |    |     |                   |                   |                                                                                                     |
|                                                                                  | 0 Awards Reception (Food & Beverage)                                                  | \$ | 20  | \$                | -                 |                                                                                                     |
|                                                                                  | 0 Awards - Site Signage & Award                                                       | \$ | 150 | \$                | -                 |                                                                                                     |
|                                                                                  | 0 Postage/Mailing                                                                     | \$ | 0   | \$                | -                 |                                                                                                     |
|                                                                                  | <b>Sub-Total EERP</b>                                                                 |    |     | \$                | -                 |                                                                                                     |
|                                                                                  | <b>Force of Nature Awards - Biennial</b>                                              |    |     |                   |                   |                                                                                                     |
|                                                                                  | 0 Awards Reception (Food & Beverage)                                                  | \$ | 20  | \$                | -                 |                                                                                                     |
|                                                                                  | 0 Awards                                                                              | \$ | 50  | \$                | -                 |                                                                                                     |
|                                                                                  | 0 Postage/Mailing                                                                     | \$ | 0   | \$                | -                 |                                                                                                     |
|                                                                                  | <b>Sub-Total Force of Nature</b>                                                      |    |     | \$                | -                 |                                                                                                     |
| <b>Program Funding</b>                                                           |                                                                                       |    |     |                   |                   |                                                                                                     |
|                                                                                  | Model Projects - Collective Impact Goals - Green Vision                               |    | \$  | -                 |                   | New Initiatives - Green Vision Goals                                                                |
|                                                                                  | Program Grants                                                                        |    | \$  | 25,000            |                   | Team Working Groups - Review Process, Develop Timeline, etc.                                        |
|                                                                                  | Facilitated Meetings                                                                  |    | \$  | 5,000             |                   |                                                                                                     |
|                                                                                  | HUB                                                                                   |    | \$  | 25,000            |                   |                                                                                                     |
|                                                                                  | JEDI Consultant - Engagement Strategy                                                 |    | \$  | 26,000            |                   | Cream City Consulting, LLC - 6 @ \$3,500, 1 Road Map @ \$5,000                                      |
|                                                                                  | Cream City Conservation, LLC - No. 7 - Equity Tools & Practice                        |    | \$  | 3,500             |                   |                                                                                                     |
|                                                                                  | Funds for Key Work Activities - Strategic Support & Meetings                          |    | \$  | 5,000             |                   | Max. \$500 Working Teams/Groups                                                                     |
|                                                                                  | <b>Sub-Total Program Funding</b>                                                      |    | \$  | 89,500            |                   |                                                                                                     |
| <b>Meeting Supplies</b>                                                          |                                                                                       |    |     |                   |                   |                                                                                                     |
|                                                                                  | Members Appreciation Event                                                            |    | \$  | 3,000             |                   |                                                                                                     |
|                                                                                  | Executive Council Meetings (4 @ \$200)                                                |    | \$  | -                 |                   |                                                                                                     |
|                                                                                  | Corporate Council Meetings (4 @ \$75)                                                 |    | \$  | -                 |                   |                                                                                                     |
|                                                                                  | Misc. Supplies - Coffee Service (4 @ \$75)                                            |    | \$  | -                 |                   |                                                                                                     |
|                                                                                  | <b>Sub-Total Meeting Supplies</b>                                                     |    | \$  | 3,000             |                   |                                                                                                     |
|                                                                                  | <b>Total Program</b>                                                                  |    |     | <b>\$ 142,500</b> |                   |                                                                                                     |
| <b>Marketing &amp; Communications</b>                                            |                                                                                       |    |     |                   |                   |                                                                                                     |
|                                                                                  | Outreach to Donors/Supporters/Partners on Green Vision Stories (4 Stories - 15 Hours) |    | \$  | 4,200             |                   | Maria Sadowski - 5 to 10 Hours Per/Week @ \$52/Hour (4%) - Increase to \$70 per TNC - 500 Hours     |
|                                                                                  | Annual Report (45 Hours)                                                              |    | \$  | 3,150             |                   | Pitch 6 Stories Chicago, IL; Milwaukee, WI; Lake-Porter, IN; Kalamazoo-Grand Rapids, MI)            |
|                                                                                  | Café Series (20 Workshops x 5 Hours)                                                  |    | \$  | 7,000             |                   | Annual Report - 40r Hours                                                                           |
|                                                                                  | Promote Cream City Workshops (6 Workshops x 10 Hours/Workshop)                        |    | \$  | 8,400             |                   |                                                                                                     |
|                                                                                  | Supporting GV Process (7 Goals/1 DEI x 15 Hours)                                      |    | \$  | 14,000            |                   |                                                                                                     |
|                                                                                  | Promoting CW Brand & CW Activities and Work of Partners (12 Months x 25 Hours)        |    | \$  | 21,000            |                   |                                                                                                     |
|                                                                                  | Print Collateral & Branding                                                           |    |     |                   |                   |                                                                                                     |
|                                                                                  | Misc. Campaign/Advertising                                                            |    | \$  | 15,000            |                   | Future Wish List Ideas: Video Informercial, Annual Report, Branding - Increased from \$10k to \$15k |
|                                                                                  | Postage/Mailing (\$0.49)                                                              |    | \$  | 250               |                   |                                                                                                     |
|                                                                                  | <b>Total Marketing &amp; Communications</b>                                           |    |     | <b>\$ 73,000</b>  |                   |                                                                                                     |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>                                                            |                                                                                       |    |     |                   | <b>\$ 322,247</b> |                                                                                                     |
| <b>NET SURPLUS/LOSS</b>                                                          |                                                                                       |    |     |                   | <b>\$ 0</b>       |                                                                                                     |

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# Chicago Wilderness

**New Partners Recommended by the Partnership Committee and voting on by Executive Council Members in advance of the meeting by separate electronic ballot.**

**Chicago Wilderness Executive Council Meeting, Wednesday, April 20, 2022**

## **NEW PARTNERS**

| <b>Name</b>                          | <b>Type of Partner</b> |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Friends of Illinois Nature Preserves | General                |
| A3 Environmental Consultants         | Corporate              |

### **Friends of Illinois Nature Preserves**

- **Representative to Chicago Wilderness:** Amy Doll
- **Mission/Goal of Organization:**  
To support the Illinois Nature Preserves System by advocating for and finding increased support, resources, funding, and staff for the system and assisting local volunteer communities as they help restore and care for their Illinois biodiversity reserves.

### **A3 Environmental Consultants**

- **Representative to Chicago Wilderness:** Tim Allen
- **Mission/Goal of Organization:** To create a cleaner environment and promote women in sciences.

*(All ballots will be kept confidential and will be destroyed after the vote is counted and recorded. For Executive Council Members Only)*



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April 14, 2022

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Dear Laura and Elizabeth:

Thank you for selecting PCI as your communications partner. We are pleased to begin working with Chicago Wilderness Alliance to develop its brand strategy and communications plan aimed at building engagement, trust and awareness among members and prospective members.

This letter describes our understanding of the current scope of work, confirms the budget, indicates billing arrangements, and includes the provisions that are standard in our contracts. With your approval, this can serve as a letter of agreement between Chicago Wilderness Alliance (CW) and Public Communications Inc. (PCI), beginning April 18 and continuing through Dec. 31, 2022. Additions can be made to this program through simple contract extensions should you have needs or requests beyond the activities described here.

## **Scope of Work**

### *Research & Discovery*

We'll conduct an audit of brand communications, including member communications and non-member promotional materials aimed at recruiting new members, and review research on diversity / inclusion, as well as any data CW can make available related to racial diversity and geographic location of members.

We'll develop a member survey to conduct relevant research to benchmark member perceptions, trust and better understand motivating factors for engagement to inform communications strategies aimed at increasing positive perception and deepened engagement.

We'll work with CW leadership to identify and align on key target audiences for the communications campaign. We'll conduct focus group discussions, representative of a diverse selection of members (and non-members as relevant) within the key target

audiences, to more deeply understand perceptions and motivating factors related to engagement.

#### *Message Development*

Develop informative and persuasive messaging for target audiences to encourage membership and engagement.

#### *Brand Strategy and Communications Plan*

We'll develop a communications plan, with timeline, leading up to the Conservation Congress in October 2022. The plan will include member engagement-specific strategies and tactics for social media, owned channels and marketing materials, and will include opportunities to engage members in storytelling spotlights and earned media opportunities.

#### *Materials Development and Plan Activation*

We'll work with CW to align on the kinds of marketing materials and storytelling that would be most advantageous to the organization – informed by the research and strategic plan.

### **General Account Administration**

We will be in regular contact with you in the management of this program. We will participate in brief telephone calls with you to provide updates and discuss the progress of the program, and schedule larger meetings with relevant communications / advisory team members to share and discuss results of research, message development and communications strategy recommendations, marketing or brand collateral development.

### **Budget and Invoicing Arrangements**

The budget that follows reflects the estimates in our proposal on March 14, 2022. We understand that Chicago Wilderness Alliance may be interested in additional projects, development of material or strategy activation support. We will be pleased to undertake other additional projects once a budget for each has been approved.

The budget that follows is divided into three columns: a program description that gives you a definition of the activity; fees, which represent PCI creative time in the research, planning and execution of the activity; Fees are estimated by the number of hours across professional team members whose hourly rates range from \$150-\$340 per hour. As a non-profit partner, we offer a discounted hourly rate using a blended rate calculation of \$190 per hour; and expenses, which include the out-of-pocket and supplier costs associated with the program.

| <b>Activity</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>Fees</b>              | <b>Estimated Expenses</b> |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| <i>Research, Discovery and Strategy Development</i><br>Intake meeting, audit brand communications, and membership demographic/ engagement details;<br>Develop a membership survey and evaluate results;<br>identify key audiences and conduct focus groups;<br>develop strategic communications plan | \$20,000                 | \$100                     |
| <i>Message Framework Development</i><br>Informative and persuasive messages for target audiences                                                                                                                                                                                                     | \$4,000                  | \$50                      |
| <i>Marketing Materials Development</i><br>Draft and design content determined most valuable following research, discovery and communications strategy development.<br><br><i>*Estimated fees. Actual fees dependent upon the type and number of assets requested/ developed</i>                      | *\$12,000-\$20,000       | \$100                     |
| <i>Marketing Activation</i><br>Activation of prioritized marketing and PR strategies outlined in the strategic communications plan<br><br><i>*Fees include up to 126 hours of PCI professional services support team</i>                                                                             | *\$24,000                | \$100                     |
| <i>Account/Project Management; Media Monitoring; Final Report</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | \$4,000                  | \$50                      |
| <b>Total Fees</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>\$64,000-\$72,000</b> | <b>\$400</b>              |

### **Billing Arrangements**

The estimated fees of \$64,000- 72,000 are based on providing 337 to 379 hours of professional time in support of Chicago Wilderness Branding Strategy & Communications Engagement Plan for Green Vision Campaign Launch during this period [April 2022 – Dec. 31, 2022] The estimated expenses for the program total \$400. We will invoice actual fees incurred at the end of each month. We anticipate billing fees per the following schedule:

May – \$9,000  
June – \$9,000  
July – \$9,000

August – \$9,000  
September – \$9,000  
October – \$9,000  
November – \$9,000  
December – \$9,000

If actual fees for a month approach the estimated monthly cap, we will provide you with advance notification. Expenses will be included on the end-of-the-month invoice and billed out at the end of the months in which they were incurred.

### **Standard Contract Provisions**

We ask your agreement with the following provisions:

1. All agreements between Public Communications Inc. (PCI) and Chicago Wilderness may be terminated upon 30 days written notice by either party. It is understood that PCI may terminate this agreement upon 10 days' notice if it is not paid as required under this contract.
2. Modifications and/or supplemental agreements may be made by mutual agreement at any time and may be attached and become amendments to the basic contract upon signature by both parties it being understood that an email with a corresponding accepting email will also satisfy this requirement.
3. Chicago Wilderness agrees and hereby does indemnify, defend and hold harmless PCI against any actions, claims, including PCI damages, costs, time (fees) and expenses, including reasonable attorney fees incurred in defending against any action arising from work undertaken by PCI as a result of this retention, including, without limitation, the preparation or release of materials cleared and approved for and on behalf of Chicago Wilderness.
4. Chicago Wilderness agrees that it shall not employ, hire or retain, or recommend to others the employment, hiring or retention of, as an employee, agent or independent contractor or otherwise, any person employed by PCI without prior written consent from PCI which may be withheld for any reason or no reason provided, however, that this limitation shall terminate with respect to any such person after he or she has been out of our employ for one year.
5. Payment of service and production invoices is due in full within 30 days of receipt of invoice. Payments due to PCI which are delinquent beyond the normal due date as noted on PCI invoices will be subject to a 1.5 percent carrying charge monthly. In addition, Chicago Wilderness shall pay all costs of collection including attorneys' fees.
6. The underlying principle of compensation for services is that PCI will be compensated in a manner permitted to cover its costs and earn a reasonable profit

for work satisfactorily performed. Accordingly, PCI may request an adjustment be made on a mutually agreeable basis at any time should the scope of the task dictate otherwise. If no such adjustment is agreed PCI may terminate the contract upon 10 days' notice.

7. PCI services are performed within the codes of professional standards for the practice of public relations established by the Public Relations Society of America, the Word of Mouth Marketing Association (WOMMA) and the Barcelona Principles of measurement. We will be pleased to supply a copy of the codes to all interested parties.
8. Please be aware that PCI offers crisis communications services, should a crisis need arise for Chicago Wilderness. PCI offers these additional crisis communication services at an hourly rate of \$450. Crisis communications counsel may include helping Chicago Wilderness to assess the crisis and determine actual or potential damage, parties affected, level of the situation, pertinent information required, communication response strategies, messaging, written materials required, standby statements, fact sheets and other collateral, determination and training of spokespersons, strategies for reputation recovery or rebuilding, ongoing social media monitoring, internal communications, media relations, strategy planning and execution, digital strategies, development and/or management of issue-specific microsite as needed.

## Conclusion

If the terms described here are acceptable, this letter can serve as our agreement.

Please return one signed copy of this agreement to our office, keeping a signed copy for your files.

We value the opportunity to work with Chicago Wilderness. Please let me know if you have questions or need anything further.

Best regards,



**Sharon Dewar** | Senior Vice President | m: 708.616.7452  
[Public Communications Inc.](#) | One East Wacker Drive | 24th Floor | Chicago, Illinois 60601

cc: Jill Allread, CEO; PCI Accounting Team

Signed by:

Friends of the Forest Preserves as Fiscal Agent of  
Chicago Wilderness Alliance  
Federal FEIN: 36-4519273

*By:* \_\_\_\_\_  
Benjamin Cox  
Executive Director, Friends of the Forest Preserves

*Date:* \_\_\_\_\_

*By:* \_\_\_\_\_  
Elizabeth S. Kessler  
Chair, Chicago Wilderness Alliance

*Date:* \_\_\_\_\_

## **Making 30x30 a Reality: Mobilizing a Green Region for All**

Chicago Wilderness embraces the unique opportunity that the 30x30 initiative inspires: to mobilize a green region for *all*—humans and nature. In our large urban center, the capacity to deliver on the 30x30 goals will come not just from traditional conservation lands and waters, but from activating every land type—agricultural, residential, corporate—to contribute to overall regional health. This inclusive approach to thriving nature expresses the Green Vision of Chicago Wilderness, which encompasses all landscapes in our drive to nourish the natural world and build resilience for our collective home.

Chicago Wilderness (CW), an alliance of more than 250 organizations, was founded at the end of the 20th century. We work collectively on landscape-scale conservation and human wellbeing in a metropolis of 8 million acres and 10 million people, centered on the southern tip of Lake Michigan and encompassing portions of four states. From southeastern Wisconsin through northern Illinois and Indiana, and into southwestern Michigan, Chicago Wilderness works across political boundaries to deliver real-time solutions to regional conservation issues.

In our early efforts, CW developed a Biodiversity Recovery Plan and Green Infrastructure Vision (GIV) for the region: a vibrant greenway corridor system connecting nature areas, totaling 1.8 million acres to enhance quality of life for our diverse communities. By connecting, buffering, and expanding biodiversity landscapes strategically, the GIV demonstrated how our metropolis could continue to develop, while still conserving the critical natural systems that form the foundation of our health and economy.

As the alliance matured so did our vision for what constitutes a thriving natural world. In 2018 CW expanded the 1.8-million-acres GIV into a full Green Vision, with the aim of engaging people from all walks of life, and of integrating all landscape types in our concept of healthy nature. The Green Vision now encompasses the region's entire **7.8 million acres** (see Map 1).

With the energy and momentum of 30x30 and America the Beautiful, this Green Vision becomes attainable. Below we offer recommendations that focus on the Illinois portion of CW (CW-IL, see Map 2; **4.8 million acres**), and on transforming 30% of those acres into a green region by 2030 (see Table 1).

### **Activating All Landscape Types to Contribute to 30x30**

All land types have crucial and complementary roles to play in sustaining healthy ecosystems, mitigating climate change, and ensuring that every person has access to clean air, clean water, and green spaces. By targeting *all* landscape types, urban regions make the 30x30 goals achievable, while contributing to the wellbeing of the state's largest concentration of people, and marshalling the largest number of acres in support of threatened and endangered species and natural communities, as well as groundwater resources, pollinators, and migratory birds.

We have imagined what 30x30 would look like in the Chicago Wilderness region. Taking the Illinois portion of Chicago Wilderness (see Map 2; 12.9% of the state's area), if only conservation spaces were targeted, a daunting **1,056,000 acres** of new conservation lands and waters would be needed to achieve the goals of 30x30 (see Table 1). But when all land types contribute, the number of new conservation acres becomes **55,500**, with significant 30x30 acreage coming from using regenerative agriculture on working lands (**807,000 acres**), and from green infrastructure in the built landscape (**456,000 acres** in

greenway corridors, residential backyards, corporate campuses, rights-of-way, revitalized brownfields, green roofs, and others).

Although these numbers are currently approximations (30% of each land cover) and will require further refinement, the impact of mobilizing all landscape types is clear. Incorporating all landscapes also maximizes benefits across the region, both for people and the rest of nature. Green spaces and green infrastructure in cities, suburbs, villages, and rural lands carry the promise that all people, especially those in underserved and historically marginalized neighborhoods, have direct access to healthy nature. From a climate perspective, this holistic approach to 30x30 ensures that the social and public health benefits also are met. Meanwhile, the 55,500 acres of newly protected conservation lands and waters can focus more specifically on the highest contributions to biodiversity.

### **Developing a Set of Minimum Standards for What Acres Should Qualify**

For acres to be counted toward 30x30, they should meet an established set of minimum standards that are consistent across the region. Chicago Wilderness is developing proposed definitions for consideration.

In the realm of agriculture, CW is considering 3 groupings based on soil health: conventional (continuing soil loss and declining soil health), sustainable (maintaining soil and stable soil health), and regenerative agriculture (building soil and increasing soil health). Shifting from one category to the next is a process, and the use of chemicals (pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers) reflects this: In conventional agriculture chemicals are applied uniformly, with a calculated amount per acre (based on yield). In sustainable agriculture, technology allows the use of chemicals to be targeted per square foot and the drive is to cut costs by reducing chemicals. In regenerative agriculture farmers develop systems that eventually eliminate the use of chemicals. The 30x30 goal is to achieve 30% of working lands in regenerative or sustainable agriculture by 2030. Strategies will be diverse, and vary for public-owned, private-owned, and absentee-owned farms.

For built spaces the focus will be on green infrastructures and native plantings, with the following categorizations: (i) no plantings, (ii) green cover, and (iii) native plantings, with the goal of 30% in categories ii and iii. This can be achieved through residential backyards, green roofs, transformed corporate campuses, rights-of-ways, revitalized brownfields, and other efforts.

For already protected landscapes, the focus will be on increasing restoration to enhance ecological health. The following categories are being considered: (i) no restoration, (ii) restoration efforts in progress, and (iii) acres restored and actively managed. The goal is to have at least 30% of existing conservation holdings restored and actively managed or in progress by 2030.

For existing or additional city parks, the focus will be on proximity to neighborhoods and on quality of the habitat (based on native plantings and management). The goal is accessible city parks containing thriving native plantings, within half a mile of every neighborhood. Since the climate crisis impacts certain communities disproportionately, special consideration should be given to identify vulnerable areas and, most importantly, to listen actively to local needs. Mechanisms should be in place to work with environmental justice communities, so that the benefits of 30x30 are equitable across the region.

To identify those acres envisioned to be added to existing conservation holdings, the focus will be on the highest gains for biodiversity. This includes securing protection for the following: all Illinois Natural Area Inventory (INAI) sites that remain unprotected, along with other high-quality preserves; lands identified by the CW Biodiversity Recovery Plan Community Assessment as having high ‘Biological Importance,’ and [IDNR](#) and watershed plans for protection of aquatic resource. In addition, lands that expand or connect protected areas (with the goal of increasing connectivity by 5% by 2030), unprotected stands of Oak Ecosystems, and large sites with remnant natural communities also will be of primary importance for preservation efforts. Plans for increasing protected areas will account for shifting ranges due to climate change.

### **Making the 30x30 Vision Happen**

The needs for achieving the 30x30 vision are different under each land type. The first step will be to determine the **baseline acreage for each category under each landscape type**.

For 30x30 to be successful, engagement with all stakeholders—from farmers, to community members and community-based organizations, to land managers, students, volunteers, scientists, professionals, and civic leaders—will be crucial throughout the process, from strategy development to implementation. CW also stresses the importance of focusing on resilient lands (see Map 3, courtesy of [The Nature Conservancy](#)): regions with high climate-adaptation potential. Reconnecting these areas through activities like restoring adjacent rivers, wetlands, and waterways, will help bolster habitat function, facilitate carbon sequestration, and provide multiple benefits for humans and wildlife, ranging from clean water to navigable corridors.

We briefly summarize some of the top needs and strategies below, in descending order of acreage in CW-IL.

#### **a. 807,000 acres in sustainable or regenerative agriculture**

*Overall needs to scale up:* Coordination with and among primary actors (especially those with long-term relationships with farmers, including the Regional Conservation Partnership Program); collaborations at local government, county, and watershed/Soil and Water Conservation District levels; campaign to show the direct production and economic benefits of regenerative agriculture to farmers; dissemination of technical assistance and diversification of NGOs who work directly with farmers; protection of important farmlands; exchanges of successful practices among farmers; market incentives; and a system of inducements for (i) farm trials and transition from conventional to sustainable to regenerative practices, (ii) farmers to keep acres in current and future Farm Bill conservation programs—such as the Conservation Reserve Program—for the long term or in perpetuity, and (iii) farmers to implement practices that allow nesting birds to succeed (i.e., late season haying after breeding season) and pollinators to thrive. Strategies will be different for public, private, and absentee-owned farms.

*Defining standards and metrics:* Minimum standards exist for water quality, but standards for biodiversity will need to be developed, focusing especially on pollinators (native plantings), migratory birds (shrublands and grasses), nesting shrubland and grassland birds (fence-line habitat management), and shorebirds (management of small ponds). Protocols also will be needed for

monitoring the biodiversity targets along with selection of indicator species as feasible, and sampling regime.

- b. **456,000 acres in green infrastructure** (e.g., native plantings in corporate and institutional campuses, rights-of-ways, residential backyards, green roofs and revitalized brownfields)  
*Overall needs to scale up:* Fostering expansive networks of green corridors and green infrastructure; advocating for green infrastructure to be a significant component of federal and state infrastructure spending; ensuring that approved gray infrastructure spending on new projects includes components of appropriate green infrastructure; curbing urban sprawl; addressing local weed ordinances to allow for residential yard habitat; launching an effective campaign to promote native plantings in yard and community spaces, urban gardens, green roofs, and vacant lots, along with technical assistance to implement such practices; promoting tree-lined streets (increasing urban tree canopy); revitalizing brownfields and improving impacted waters; introducing a possible system of tax credit for residences that meet a standard of native plantings (similar to CRP but for homes with smaller lots); encouraging grant programs for municipalities to assist homeowners or block groups to install and maintain native plantings (in backyards, vacant lots, sidewalks).

*Defining standards and metrics:* In coordination with other agencies and programs (e.g., [Conservation @ Home](#), [Monarch Waystation Program](#)), CW will need to develop standards for the proportion of native plantings necessary for 'green acres' in built-up spaces to qualify. A system for recording and regularly updating green acres, as well a protocol for monitoring their condition, will need to be implemented (e.g., the Chicago Region Tree Census).

- c. **93,600 conservation acres under restoration and active management**

*Overall needs to scale up:* Raising tax caps on Operational Budgets for land-management agencies, or developing alternative funding mechanisms to increase capacity for land managers to scale up acreage under restoration (burn, control of invasive species, seeding); increasing availability of native seeds; supporting collaborations (e.g., a Chicago Wilderness Cooperative Weed Management Team; an Invasive Species Council in IL); creating Wetland Restoration and Preservation Plans (like the one crafted by the [Lake County Stormwater Management Commission](#)); expanding Conservation Corps type programming to increase labor force working on restoration, and to increase pathways to conservation careers; coordinating with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to develop precision conservation priorities in the Lake Michigan watershed to ensure the protection of Lake Michigan.

*Defining standards and metrics:* Coordination among land-managers will be needed to combine existing standards for the categories (between no restoration, restoration underway, and restored with management), and to agree on the monitoring regime. Mapping the different categories will allow for most effective tracking of the acreage restored in CW-IL (see CW Hub below). Coordination with the Prairie Research Institute will allow existing data to be analyzed, to determine baselines and trends.

d. **55,500 acres of new conservation lands and waters**

Needs to deliver: 55,500 acres is a substantial departure from the region's average of 2,000 acres added per year for the past decade (with close to 7,000 acres per year required in the 8 remaining years to 2030). However, the momentum of 30x30 opens up the immense opportunity to make this stretch-goal possible. Besides funding to acquire lands, it would be important to develop new ways to add conservation lands, especially from the private sector. A visioning retreat bringing together top thinkers in the region and emerging next generation conservation leaders would help not only to review availability, methodology, and opportunity for conserving lands and waters outright, but also to find new ways of incorporating lands and waters that are not conventionally conserved into a healthy functioning ecosystem. Working with existing Watershed Workgroups and implementing recommendations of existing watershed plans would underscore priority action areas for protection of water resources.

Other needs include the following: communications campaign (to explain benefits to all and engage enthusiastic supporters); policy support (to promote referendums and open up alternative funding options); priority ranking for potential conservation areas (starting with unprotected INAI sites); relationship-building with private land owners of interest (trained negotiators and a potential partnership with the Illinois Realtors Association); establishing a regional proactive strategy to ensure zero loss of high-quality natural areas (those identified in the Biodiversity Recovery Plan, especially INAI sites, and oak and aquatic ecosystems).

e. **18,900 acres of city parks under improved management for native plants and wildlife, and for people**

Overall needs to scale up: campaign to generate widespread understanding of benefits and participation from neighbors; listening sessions to incorporate local aspirations, create demand, and engage volunteers; wide collaboration between and among park districts and CW members to make the transformations successful, provide implementation training, and maximize benefits.

Defining standards and metrics: In coordination with other agencies, CW will need to develop standards for the proportion of native plantings necessary for 'green acres' in built spaces to qualify. Qualifying city parks should be mapped to ensure that every neighborhood has access to healthy green space (ideally within a 10-minute walk). A system for recording and regularly updating green acres, as well as a protocol for monitoring their condition, will need to be implemented, if possible with a cadre of volunteers from local neighborhoods.

**Telling the 30x30 Story – How to Track Success**

A central, interactive platform—like the [Chicago Wilderness Hub](#)—is ideal to document the baseline and to track progress toward the 30x30 goals. A designated group of point people or volunteers could do the regular updating for each landscape type, once protocols are established. The progress should be mapped for at least the major land types described above. A system for verifying and ground-truthing would need to be developed. Making high-resolution LiDAR-based land cover data available statewide will be crucial, along with continued technical improvements that aid in remote identification of invasive species infestations.

The 30x30 initiative presents a generational opportunity to make the case that conservation matters to *all* the people of Illinois, in all the spaces where they live, work, play, and enjoy the benefits of healthy nature. Two-thirds of the state's people live in Northeastern Illinois. Here, Chicago Wilderness has advanced a national model that conservation can and should touch the lives of everyone.

By activating all land types, the 30x30 goals become a realizable stretch. Considerable funding will be crucial, yet the funding required will be minimal compared to the cost of increasing our protected landscapes by 1.06 million acres, or of doing nothing. And the substantial benefits to humans and targeted wildlife will be significantly more sustainable and climate resilient when all landscapes contribute. The 30x30 and American the Beautiful initiatives make this the moment to act.

### **Drawing on a Powerful Conservation Past to Bring a New Conservation Future into Being**

The Chicago Wilderness region has roots that stretch deep into the beginnings of the modern conservation movement. From the creation of the nation's first forest preserves, to the development of Chicago's Burnham Plan, to Chicago Wilderness's own Biodiversity Recovery Plan, the region carries the identity of an epicenter for land preservation efforts integrated into the daily life of its citizens.

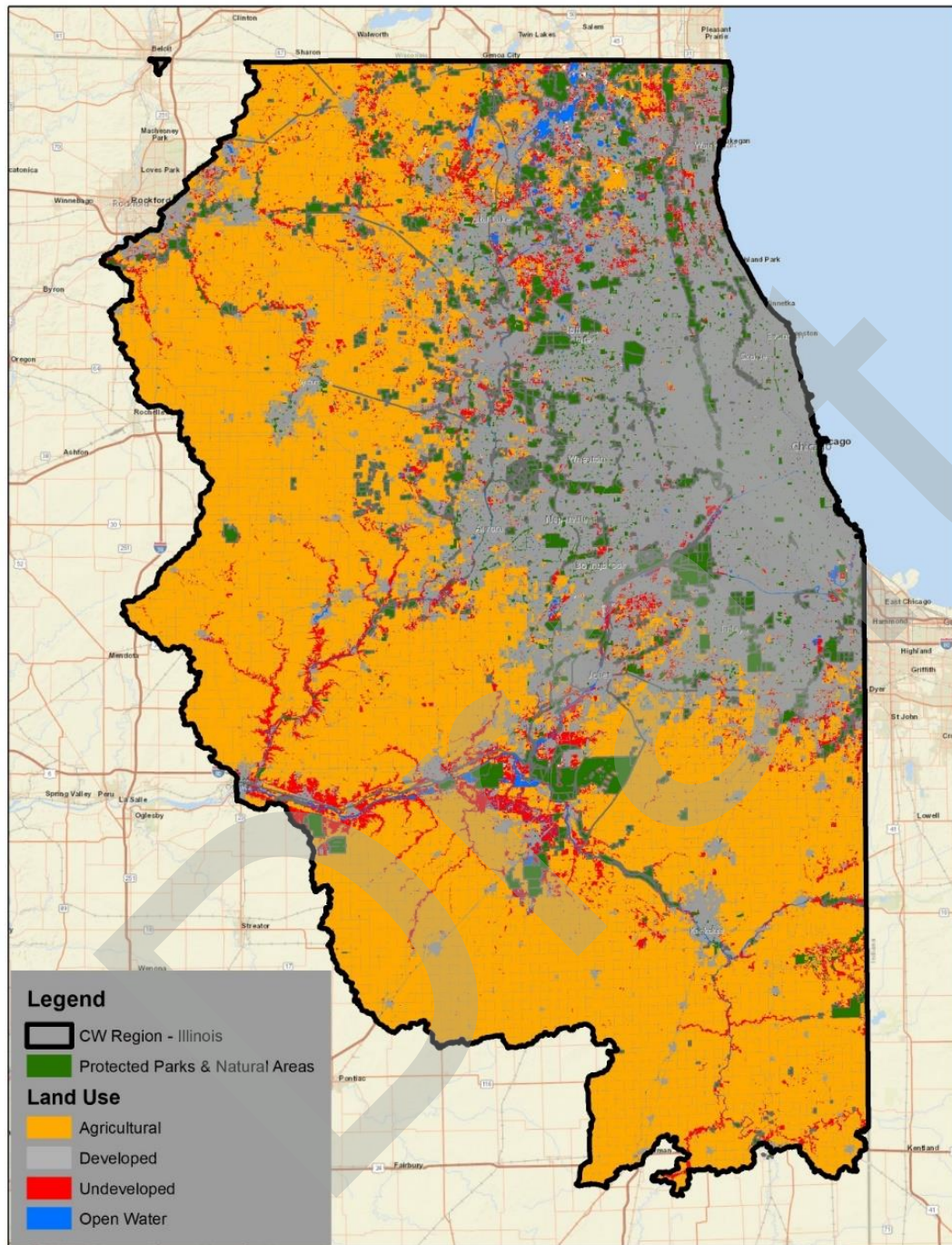
The people of the region consistently support both financial and political efforts to increase the size and accessibility of open space through public referendums, voting to issue more than 1.4 billion dollars (approximately \$2.14 billion when inflation adjusted) between 1990 and 2022 to support these efforts. The more than 375,000 protected acres that form the concentric rings of green from Lake Michigan outward to the edge of the CW region in Illinois are a testimony to this intergenerational commitment to a thriving natural world.

This deep connection to the lands of the Chicago Wilderness region form not only a powerful foundation of conservation efforts but also a firm runway to provide the lift for future efforts that will bring the vision of 30x30 from a dream into reality. This document should not be seen as a final plan, but rather as a strong beginning, created through the shared effort of the region's conservation thinkers, imbued with the deep passion for local landscape the citizens of the region possess, and established in the same spirit that has driven conservation forward in Chicago's Wilderness for the past century.

Map 1. Chicago Wilderness Green Vision (7.8 million acres)



Map 2. Illinois portion of Chicago Wilderness (CW-IL, 4.8 million acres)



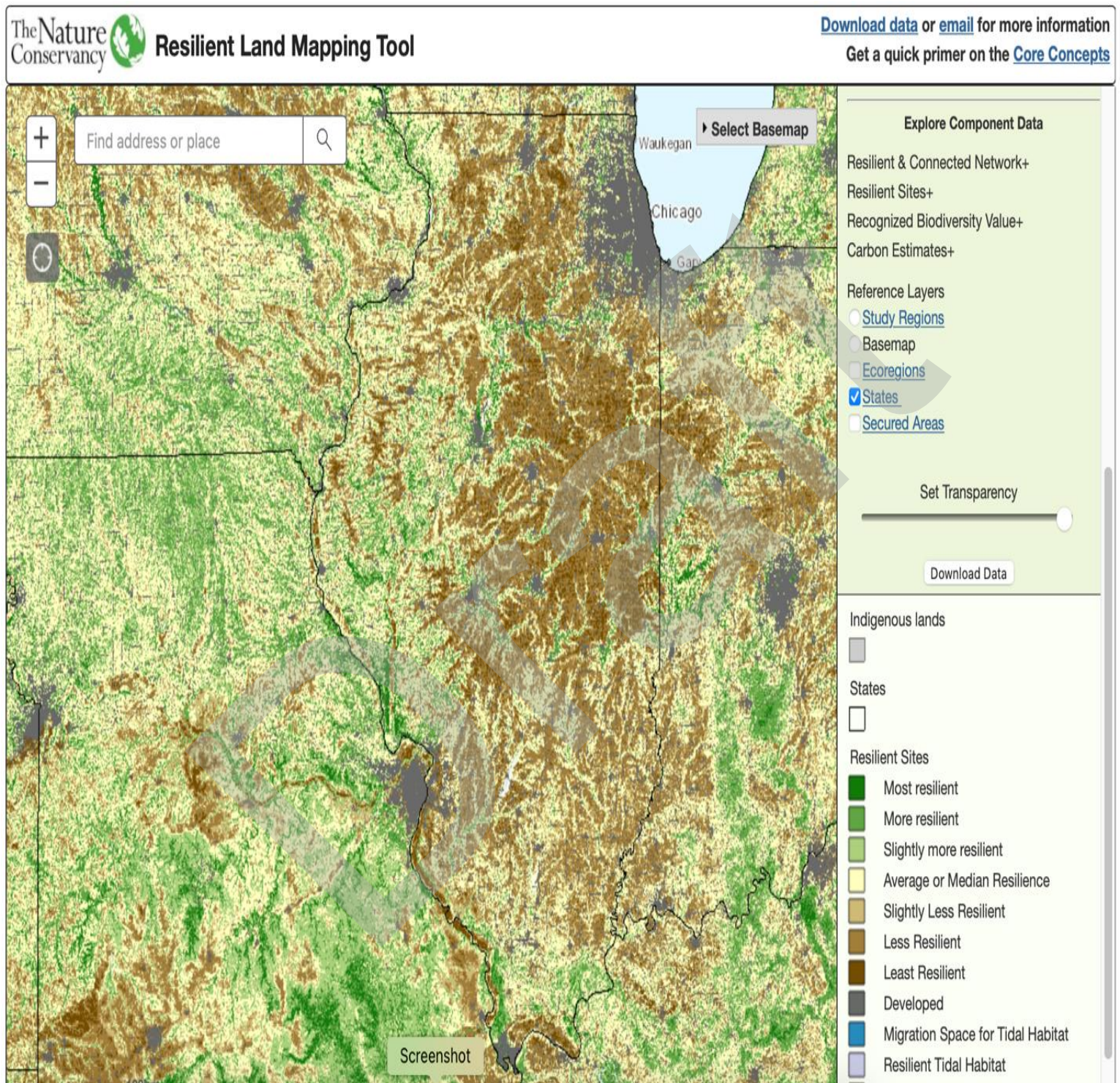
Map 3. Resilient Lands and Corridors in Illinois (Courtesy of [The Nature Conservancy](#))

Table 1. 30x30 Goals in Chicago Wilderness – Illinois

| Landscape Type                  | Chicago Wilderness<br>(million acres) | Illinois portion of CW<br>(million acres) | CW-IL 30%<br>(million acres) | Rough 30x30 goal                                                           |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Conservation lands & waters     | 0.492                                 | 0.312                                     | 0.0936                       | 93,600 acres under active restoration and management                       |
| Park lands (City parks)         | 0.087                                 | 0.063                                     | 0.0189                       | 18,900 acres under improved management for plants, wildlife, people        |
| Agricultural lands              | 4.52                                  | 2.69                                      | 0.807                        | 807,000 million acres in sustainable or regenerative agriculture           |
| Additional open space           | 0.751                                 | 0.185                                     | 0.0555                       | 55,500 acres added to conservation lands + waters                          |
| Built landscapes                | 2.12                                  | 1.52                                      | 0.456                        | 456,000 acres in green infrastructure (backyards, ROW, green roofs, other) |
| <b>Chicago Wilderness Total</b> | <b>7.97</b>                           | <b>4.77</b>                               | <b>1.431</b>                 | 1.43 million acres in healthy conditions for people & the rest of nature   |

Dear Rockford Area Stakeholders:

Bell Bowl Prairie is known as a remnant prairie, which means it has never been developed into something for human use alone. But Bell Bowl isn't just a remnant prairie, it is *Rockford's* remnant. It is a piece of living history at the fulcrum between millennia of continuity and an unknowable future. And it's yours. You are a caretaker of this place that is special to all Illinoisians, truly, all Americans. It is a celebration of what makes Rockford unlike anywhere else in the universe.

Under the stewardship of the Greater Rockford Airport Authority, it has persisted, miraculously, between two busy runways. Despite its high-traffic location – the antithesis of nature – the airport has managed to keep Bell Bowl a haven for plant and animal species that the vast majority of Illinoisans have never seen.

This kind of dynamic ecosystem would be remarkable even if it was common. But it is not. There are so few prairie remnants like Bell Bowl left in our state that they are a rounding error away from annihilation.

Unfortunately, the GRAA has made the hard choice of improved ingress and egress of semi-trucks over this one-of-a-kind treasure of Winnebago County. Bell Bowl Prairie is a museum that breathes, our natural heritage, a piece of land connected, unbroken, to a time of woolly mammoths and the giant short-faced bear. An elk might have stopped by to eat the ancestors of the grasses we see there now or a saber-toothed cat might have lounged on its gravelly outcrops. It's the old growth forest of the Prairie State, impossible to recreate or relocate with current science and technology.

It is the belief of the undersigned that the decision to destroy the prairie is changeable, and the road that would destroy it be redesigned so that no more wilderness, jobs or revenue will be lost. Alternate plans have been written and shared and tens of thousands people around the world have supported the continued existence of Bell Bowl.

This is an opportunity for increased visitation to the airport and its vendors, for greater visibility of the ways nature and civilization may coexist, for postage stamps, t-shirts, postcards, and a timeless story about how an airport saved a beloved patch of land by vowing to protect it. The economy isn't threatened by the prairie; the economy and the airport's international reputation is threatened by the protracted fight to protect the prairie and the myriad missed opportunities to celebrate it. The Chicago-Rockford International Airport is now known the world over BECAUSE of the prairie. How scores of people continue to regard the airport relies solely on the decision to save or destroy Bell Bowl Prairie.

There are several scenarios possible where the prairie and airport continue to persist and even grow. Collaborative possibilities that make everyone happy, waste less resources, mend community divisions, and promote the prosperity of all of Rockford's residents. We are ready to collaborate.

Signed,

Rockford Area:

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|-------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Forest Preserves of Winnebago County               | 7. Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Rockford IL, Congregational Council |
| 2. Natural Land Institute                             | 8. Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Rockford               |
| 3. Friends of Illinois Nature Preserves               | 9. Rockford Roasting Company                                     |
| 4. Severson Dells Nature Center                       | 10. Rockford Garden Club                                         |
| 5. Sinnissippi Audubon Society                        | 11. Angelic Organics Learning Center                             |
| 6. Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Rock Valley | 12. Beaver Valley Grange #1791                                   |

13. Byron Forest Preserve District
14. Silky Screens
15. Olson Ecological Services, LLC
16. Rockford Art Deli
17. Hazzard Free Farm
18. Olson Funeral and Cremation Services
19. Highland Community College Earth Club  
(Freeport, IL)
20. Image Gallery, Inc
21. Underground Squirrel Studio
22. The Last Kindly Home Shop
23. Kindly Midwest Photography and Design
24. Bountiful Beloit
25. Sustain Rockford
26. Wild Ones Rock River Valley Chapter
27. Marion S. Momaly CPA PC

Greater Northern Illinois:

28. Environmental Defenders of McHenry  
County
29. Small Waters Education
30. Natural Communities Native Plants
31. Chicago Audubon Society
32. Openlands
33. Climate Reality Project, Chicago  
Metropolitan Chapter
34. Chi-Nations Youth Council
35. First Nations Garden, Chicago
36. Chicago Botanic Garden
37. Pierce Downer's Heritage Alliance
38. Fermilab Natural Areas
39. Plants of Concern
40. Country Road Greenhouses, LLC
41. Chicago Academy of Sciences/Peggy  
Notebaert Nature Museum
42. Sunrise Movement Chicago Suburbs
43. Friends of Nachusa Grasslands
44. Forest Preserves of Cook County
45. Natural Habitat Evanston
46. Lake Forest Open Lands
47. Starved Rock Audubon Society
48. The Wetlands Initiative
49. Friends of the Forest Preserves
50. Friends of Langham Island
51. Kane County Audubon
52. The Morton Arboretum
53. Brushwood Center at Ryerson Woods
54. North Branch Restoration Project
55. Citizens' Greener Evanston

56. West Cook Wild Ones
57. Illinois Native Plant Society, Northeast  
Chapter
58. The Land Conservancy of McHenry  
County
59. Field Museum
60. Elevate
61. Rising Tide Chicago
62. NW River Valleys Sierra Club Chapter
63. Save the Prairie Society
64. Southeast Environmental Task Force
65. Citizens for Conservation
66. Northwest Illinois Audubon Society
67. Ecotone Herbs
68. Urban Growers Collective
69. Elmhurst Cool Cities Coalition
70. Nature At The Confluence Learning  
Center

State:

71. Illinois Environmental Council
72. Illinois Native Plant Society
73. Prairie State Conservation Coalition
74. The Conservation Foundation
75. Eco-Justice Collaborative
76. Audubon Council of Illinois
77. Sierra Club, Illinois Chapter
78. Illinois Ornithological Society
79. Prairie Rivers Network
80. Clifftop
81. Illinois Council of Trout Unlimited
82. Illinois Bobcat Foundation
83. The League of Women Voters of Illinois
84. HeartLands Conservancy
85. Grand Prairie Friends
86. Illinois Audubon Society
87. Izaak Walton League of America,  
Illinois Division
88. Peoria Audubon Society
89. The Prairie Group of the Sierra Club
90. Seven Generations Ahead
91. Illinois Prairie Chapter, Wild Ones
92. Champaign County Audubon Society
93. Faith in Place
94. Progressive Action for the Common  
Good
95. Lake County Audubon Society

Midwest:

- 96. Indiana Native Plant Society
- 97. Environmental Law & Policy Center
- 98. Audubon Great Lakes
- 99. Chiwaukee Prairie Preservation Fund,  
Inc
- 100. Missouri Prairie Foundation
- 101. Grassland Groupies
- 102. Iowa Prairie Network
- 103. Kansas Wildlife Federation
- 104. The Mike Nowak Show with  
Peggy Malecki
- 105. Ohio Prairie Association
- 106. The Prairie Enthusiasts
- 107. Savanna Institute
- 108. Chicago Food Policy Action  
Council
- 109. Prairie Moon Nursery

National:

- 110. Science ATL
- 111. Konza Prairie Biological Station
- 112. Care2
- 113. Businesses for Conservation  
and Climate Action
- 114. Xerces Society
- 115. Native Prairies Association of  
Texas
- 116. Native Plant Society of Texas
- 117. Texas Master Naturalists
- 118. The Nature Conservancy
- 119. Earthjustice
- 120. Center for Biological Diversity
- 121. National Parks Conservation  
Association
- 122. Southeastern Grasslands  
Initiative
- 123. Wild Ones: Native Plants,  
Natural Landscapes
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## CHICAGO WILDERNESS ALLIANCE POLICIES and PROCEDURES

### I. PREAMBLE

- A. **Purpose.** The purpose of Chicago Wilderness Alliance (or “Alliance”) is to bring together a coalition to implement the Mission of Chicago Wilderness.
- B. **Mission.** Chicago Wilderness is an inclusive regional alliance of organizations and individuals working collaboratively to engage the full region in delivering the Green Vision for Chicago Wilderness—a vigorous landscape where people and nature thrive together promoting diverse vibrant communities, environmental health and justice, economic vitality, and well-being for all.

### II ORGANIZATION

Chicago Wilderness Alliance shall be organized as follows:

- A. **Chicago Wilderness Alliance:** Partners of Chicago Wilderness Alliance (comprised of Executive Council and General members) that have been admitted by a majority vote of Executive Council partners present at an Executive Council meeting at which there is a quorum, and that agree with the Purpose and Mission of the Alliance as described in Section I.
- B. **The Executive Council:** Partners that have been admitted to Executive Council partnership by a majority vote of Executive Council partners present at an Executive Council meeting at which there is a quorum. The Executive Council shall convene at least four times per year, normally on the third Wednesday in January, April, July, and October. At such meetings, the Executive Council shall:
  - 1. Review progress toward achieving Chicago Wilderness’ vision and mission;
  - 2. Set the strategic focus of the Chicago Wilderness Alliance;
  - 3. Set one to five---year strategies and objectives;
  - 4. Implement the strategies of the Chicago Wilderness Alliance;
  - 5. Determine annual objectives and the annual operations plan of Chicago Wilderness Alliance;
  - 6. Approve leadership of existing teams and committees and create subcommittees or teams to better achieve the mission of the Alliance;
  - 7. Admit new partners to the Chicago Wilderness Alliance, revoke the partnership of an existing partner, or approve changes in partnership level;
  - 8. Develop key strategic external relationships;
  - 9. Receive reports from Corporate Council, Teams, standing committees, and other administrative groups, as

appropriate;

10. Approve use of the name “Chicago Wilderness” for policy and project sponsorship;

11. Approve at its October meeting the annual budget and approve project work, approve grant recommendations, and balance priorities against resources;
12. Monitor results of projects;
13. Review and approve recommendations for recipients of Excellence in Ecological Restoration Program (EERP) accreditation and/or Force of Nature Awards;
14. Set policy and operational guidelines; and
15. Follow Roberts Rules of Order for parliamentary practice and governance of the Chicago Wilderness Alliance meetings.

In addition, the Executive Council is responsible for electing the Chicago Wilderness Alliance Officers: Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Executive Secretary, and five to eleven at-large Steering Committee partners of Chicago Wilderness Alliance and has authority to modify or amend these Policies and Procedures.

The Executive Council must take no action that would violate the Policies and Procedures of the Chicago Wilderness Alliance.

At all meetings of the Executive Council, 50 percent of Executive Council partners eligible to vote (as defined in part IV.A.2) shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The act of a majority of the Executive Council partners present at any meeting of the Executive Council at which there is a quorum shall be the act of Chicago Wilderness Alliance.

Notice of meetings of the Executive Council shall be posted on the online partner calendar and advertised in the partner e---news or equivalent communications. Meeting dates are generally set at the last meeting of the preceding year for the following year.

Meetings of the full Chicago Wilderness Alliance: Full participation of both the Executive Council and General partners are invited at the biennial Chicago Wilderness Congress. The Congress is further outlined in this Section.

**C. The Fiscal Sponsor of Chicago Wilderness Alliance.** The Chicago Wilderness Alliance is registered with the Illinois Secretary of State as a non-profit corporation and shall execute a Fiscal Sponsor Agreement with a Fiscal Sponsor. The Fiscal Sponsor of the Chicago Wilderness Alliance shall be an independent 501(c)3 non-profit organization operating under its own bylaws. The Fiscal Sponsor shall act as principal coordinators of the sponsored program (Chicago Wilderness Alliance). The Fiscal Sponsor, in its sole and absolute authority retains oversight authority to ensure funds disbursed by Fiscal Sponsor to Chicago Wilderness Alliance in support of the Sponsored Program are used for their intended charitable purposes. The Fiscal Sponsor agrees to receive donations that are designated to support the Sponsored Program. The Fiscal Sponsor agrees that all Program Funds will be reported for federal tax purposes as contributions to Fiscal Sponsor. The Fiscal Sponsor shall act on behalf of the Chicago Wilderness Alliance in contractual matters and provide services as agreed upon by and between the parties. The Fiscal Sponsor will maintain respective books and financial records for the Sponsored Program in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, shall retain records as long as required by law and shall make records available to auditors as required by law. The Alliance fiscal year is January 1 -December 31.

**D. Steering Committee.** The Steering Committee serves as the Executive Committee of the Executive Council. It

includes the officers of the Chicago Wilderness Alliance and five to eleven additional at-large partners, drawn from Chicago Wilderness Alliance partnership, who are elected by the Executive Council. The Steering Committee oversees the day-to-day business of the Alliance under authority of the Executive Council, including internal and external communications; programs, in consultation with Chicago Wilderness Alliance partnership and existing working groups, task forces and committees; financial coordination, reporting, and budgeting; planning and leading Executive Council meetings; and partnership policy. The Steering Committee also serves to align the Alliance behind the Green Vision, and promotes coordination among CW working teams to enhance collective impact, recommends multi-year goals and annual plans to advance the mission of Chicago Wilderness.

- E. The Corporate Council.** A forum to bring together the for-profit partners of Chicago Wilderness Alliance to leverage the resources, skills, capabilities, and influence of the business community to foster widespread awareness of the region's biological diversity and its link with quality of life and a healthy economy, and to develop broad-based support for diverse vibrant communities. The Corporate Council determines its own leadership structure and meets every other month or as necessary.
- F. The Working Groups and Teams ("Teams").** Partners of the Working Groups and Teams of Chicago Wilderness Alliance meet regularly to facilitate communication and collaboration in order to further the mission of Chicago Wilderness Alliance. Working Groups and Teams are established by the Executive Council to address long-term, broadly conceived issues, and report their activities periodically to the Executive Council. At least two- partner representatives shall co-chair each team for staggered two- year terms, although no term limits exist. Individuals nominated for a team co-chair term shall be confirmed by the Executive Council and have regular attendance at Executive Council meetings. The process by which teams select their nominees is determined within each team.
- G. Standing Committees.** Only partner representatives can serve as Chicago Wilderness Alliance standing committee chairs. Unless otherwise noted, new leadership of any standing Chicago Wilderness Alliance committee will be presented to the Executive Council for approval.

*Awards Committee:* The Awards Committee oversees awards programs established by the Executive Council. Meetings are held as necessary.

*Communication Committee:* The Communication Committee advises on the communication strategy for Chicago Wilderness, working closely with the Chicago Wilderness Coordinator on content and design of website, newsletter, social media and outreach materials. Meetings are held as necessary.

*Congress Committee:* The Congress Committee plans and executes the biennial Chicago Wilderness Congress. In order to permit active participation in direction---setting and the sharing of progress reports by all partners of Chicago Wilderness Alliance, there will be a biennial Chicago Wilderness Congress. The Congress will be open to partners of Chicago Wilderness Alliance, its partners, and other interested parties.

Functions:

The functions of the Congress shall include, but may not necessarily be limited to:

- Sharing information about partner activities relating to achievement of Chicago Wilderness Alliance objectives;
- Presenting reports from the Executive Council, Steering Committee and Working Groups and

- Teams of Chicago Wilderness about activities since the last Congress; and
- Soliciting input, discussion, and recommendations on activities for Chicago Wilderness and its Working Groups and Teams for the coming two years.

#### Rules of Procedure:

The Vice Chair of Chicago Wilderness will serve as ex-officio Chair of the Congress.

At least 18 months prior to the Congress, the Executive Council will appoint a committee, drawn from all categories of partners, to develop the Congress program.

#### Location and Timing of Congress:

Chicago Wilderness Alliance will select a date and a location for the Congress and announce these to its partners at least six months prior to the scheduled date of the event.

**Visioning Coordinating Group:** This group provides cross-alliance coordination among CW teams and projects to deliver on the full expression of the CW Green Vision. The group promotes coordination among CW working teams to enhance collective impact, recommend multi-year goals and annual plans to the Steering Committee and Executive Council, and work on clear metrics with a visual, consensus-based dashboard. The group consists of volunteers ready to problem solve and to put energy into keeping the collective focus on (1) incorporating new relevant data and efficiently updating existing data for enhancing nature restoration, (2) engaging a broader audience (from urban neighborhoods to farmers, elected officials of underserved communities to those in rural townships, land stewards to community activists) in implementation of the GV, and (3) embracing new themes, from environmental justice to urban and agricultural community engagement to ecological tourism. Meetings are held monthly (or more often, as necessary). **This ad-hoc group will continue meeting through May 2020, then will cease function as these activities are assumed by the Steering Committee and other groups and teams.**

**Development Committee:** The Development Committee develops and oversees the strategy to raise funds for the Alliance. Meetings are held as necessary.

**Excellence in Ecological Restoration Commission:** The Excellence in Ecological Restoration (EERP) Commission administers the Excellence in Ecological Restoration Program. The Commission is co-chaired by two partners of Executive Council who recruit commissioners, to be approved by Executive Council, and oversee and lead the Commission activities. The Commission is charged with identifying sites for accreditation and recognition by the Chicago Wilderness Alliance. The Commission reviews sites for EERP accreditation and makes recommendations on qualifying sites to the Executive Council for approval every two years.

The Commission consists of seven to nine partners who represent the profession, including at least three natural resource professionals, one representative of the Chicago Wilderness Executive Council, one Chicago Wilderness Steering Committee partner, and two to four at-large representatives from Chicago Wilderness partner organizations.

Commissioners are approved by Executive Council at a regular meeting and serve one, two, or three-year terms, but no more than six consecutive years. The Commission meets as needed. The Commission is augmented with an Advisory Panel consisting of professionals with expertise in the following disciplines: Hydrology, Entomology, Botany, Ornithology, Herpetology, Aquatics Biology, Soil Science, Malacology, and Wildlife Biology. The Commission will consult with partners of the Advisory Panel as needed.

Commissioners must meet all the following requirements: (1) currently employed in (or recently retired from) the natural resource profession; (2) an employee or volunteer of a Chicago Wilderness partner, with written endorsement of the Executive Council representative of that partner; (3) hold at least one academic degree (bachelor's or advanced degree) in natural resources or a related professional specialization; and (4) five or more years of full---time professional experience in natural resources management or equivalent experience.

*Government Relations Community:* The Government Relations Community oversees the government relations strategy on the federal and state levels, in coordination with the Chicago Wilderness Officers. Meetings are held as necessary.

*Nominations & Recruitment Committee:* The Nomination and Recruitment committee oversees the recruitment, nomination and election of Chicago Wilderness Alliance officers and at-large partners of the Steering Committee. The Nomination & Recruitment Committee shall be appointed by the Steering Committee. The Nominations and Recruitment Committee will prepare a slate of candidates and present the slate for approval by the Executive Council in October and affirmation and installation of new officers and at-large partners of the Steering Committee in January.

*Partnership Committee:* The Partnership Committee strives to cultivate ownership among partners of Chicago Wilderness Alliance by increasing partner engagement and the value partners derive from the Alliance to better achieve regional conservation goals through collaboration. The Committee coordinates applications for partnership in Chicago Wilderness Alliance at both the General and Executive Council level and submits recommendations for partnership to the Executive Council. Additionally, the Partnership Committee, in coordination with the Communications Committee, oversees the implementation of the Partner Engagement Strategy, including:

1. Partner orientations
2. Partner engagement metrics
3. Additional strategies that enhance partner engagement and diversify participation within the Alliance.

The Partnership Committee is comprised of representatives from interested Chicago Wilderness Alliance partners. The Committee's chair(s) are representatives of Executive Council partners and appointed by the Committee.

- H. Other Administrative Groups.** The Executive Council, Steering Committee and/or Chair and Vice Chair may set up task forces and ad hoc committees to make recommendations in various areas of operations. These groups, their responsibilities, and composition shall be listed on the partners' website.

### **III. OFFICERS**

The officers of Chicago Wilderness Alliance are the Chair, Vice Chair, Executive Secretary, and Treasurer, and the five to eleven at-large partners of the Steering Committee. Officers must be a partner of Chicago Wilderness. The Chair presides over meetings of the Executive Council and Steering Committee; serves on the Steering Committee and Visioning Coordinating Group; and represents Chicago Wilderness at local, regional, national, and international events. The Vice Chair serves on the Steering Committee, Partnership Committee and Chicago Wilderness Congress; in the absence of the Chair presides over

meetings of the Executive Council, Steering Committee; and represents Chicago Wilderness Alliance at local, regional, national, and international events at the request of the Chair. The Treasurer leads coordination with the fiscal sponsor; lead financial oversight and reporting; and leads the budgeting process. The Executive Secretary serves as parliamentarian; establishes quorum at Executive Council and Steering Committee meetings, takes attendance, coordinates the scheduling of Executive Council meetings, distributes agendas, and records and distributes minutes. At-large Steering Committee partners with the appropriate interest and capacity will be designated to coordinate key functions, including partnership recruitment and retention; public program (e.g. Excellence in Ecological Restoration and other outward facing programs); external communications; and strategic initiatives. Steering Committee partners will be designated to act as liaison or MAP (most accountable person) to functioning Chicago Wilderness Alliance committees, task forces, and working groups.

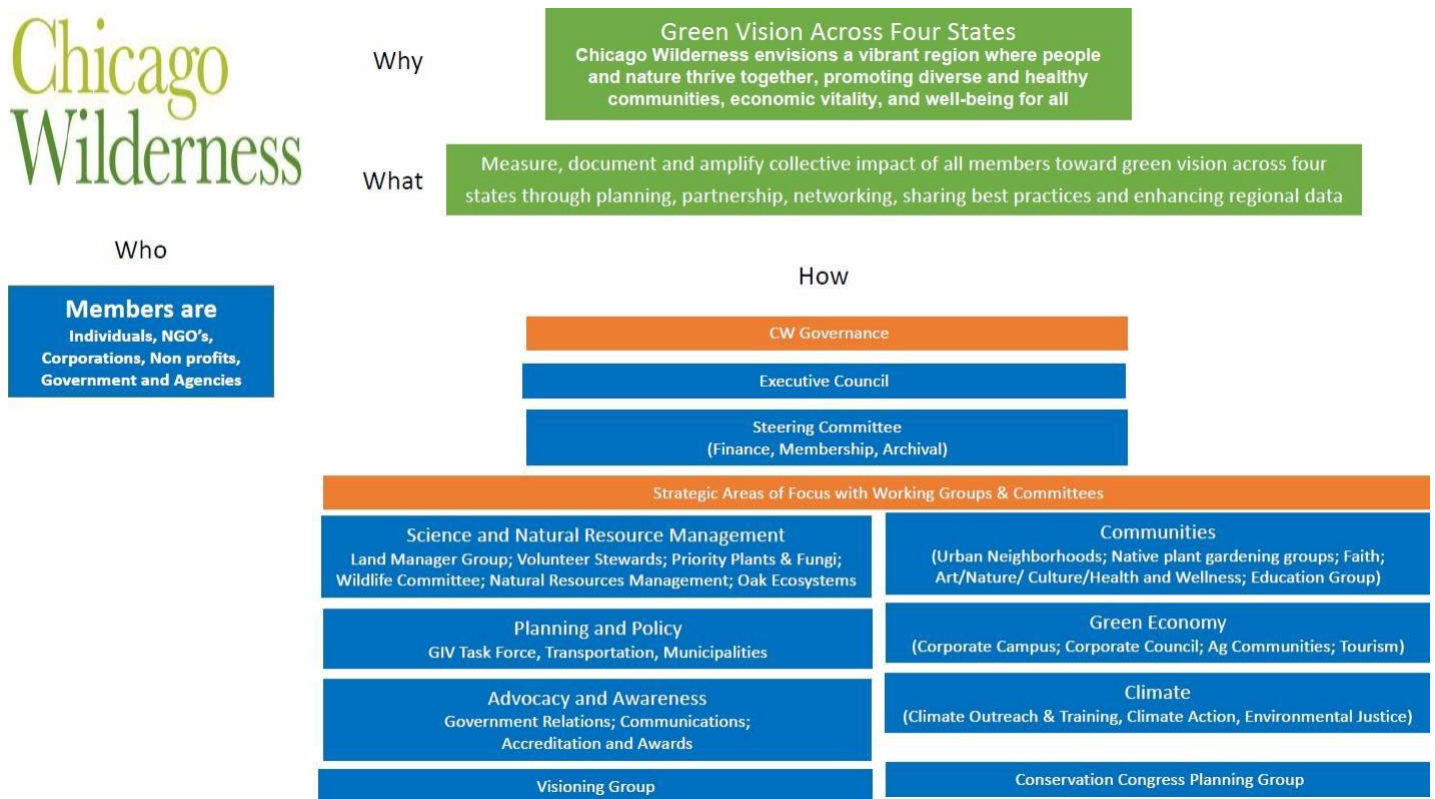
#### A. Steering Committee:

1. **Length of Term:** The Steering Committee shall serve a staggered schedule with service terms not to exceed three years for each position.

| Position            | Term    | Election Cycle | Installation Cycle |
|---------------------|---------|----------------|--------------------|
| Chair               | 3-Years | 2021           | 2022               |
| Vice-Chair          | 3-Years | 2020           | 2021               |
| Treasurer           | 3-Years | 2020           | 2021               |
| Executive Secretary | 3-Years | 2019           | 2020               |
| At-Large – 1        | 3-Years | 2021           | 2022               |
| At-Large – 2        | 3-Years | 2020           | 2021               |
| At-Large – 3        | 3-Years | 2019           | 2020               |
| At-Large – 4        | 3-Years | 2021           | 2021               |
| At-Large – 5        | 3-Years | 2020           | 2021               |
| At-Large – 6        | 3-Years | 2019           | 2020               |
| At-Large – 7        | 3-Years | 2021           | 2021               |
| At-Large – 8        | 3-Years | 2020           | 2021               |
| At-Large – 9        | 3-Years | 2019           | 2020               |
| At-Large – 10       | 3-Years | 2020           | 2021               |
| At-Large – 11       | 3-Years | 2019           | 2020               |

2. **Term Limits:** Officers and At-Large Steering Committee Partners are eligible to serve two- consecutive terms in their elected position; however, following their second term, the individual must vacate the position and wait a period of one-year before being eligible for reconsideration as a candidate for the Steering Committee. The only exception is for an individual who is elected to serve a term vacated by an officer or at-large Steering Committee partner, and new at-large Steering Committee partners beginning service in 2020 with a term less than three years.
3. **Vacancy of Position:** In the event that an Officer or At-Large Steering Committee Partner resigns early or is otherwise unable to complete a term, a temporary replacement will be elected at the next regular election cycle. The Steering Committee may assign a replacement for the

vacated position until the next regular election cycle. If a vacancy with an Officer occurs, the vacancy may be filled by another Steering Committee member until the next election cycle. If an Officer changes place of employment during a term, the Officer may opt to join as an Individual Partner and complete such term. If such changes occur, the Steering Committee will notify the Executive Council at their next regularly scheduled meeting of these changes.



#### IV. PARTNERSHIP

**A. Partnership Categories.** There are two categories of partnership in Chicago Wilderness Alliance: Executive Council and General. All partners will have a demonstrable past record of work that supports the mission of Chicago Wilderness Alliance and will commit in the future to actively and publicly support the mission, goals, and objectives of Chicago Wilderness Alliance as established by the Executive Council. Both categories of partnership will participate equally in the Chicago Wilderness Alliance biennial Congress.

- 1. General Partners:** Federal, state, county, and local agencies, biological research and education institutions, businesses, and not-for-profit agencies, individuals and students and others that support the mission of the Chicago Wilderness Alliance through programs relating to conservation of biological diversity and promotion of improved quality of life, and environmental health and justice.

Rights and Responsibilities of General Partnership: General partners are required to contribute, annually, based upon the Contribution Schedule in this Section. General partners are welcome to propose items for consideration by the Executive Council and Steering Committee and to attend meetings of the Executive Council as observers. General partners are eligible to participate in Chicago Wilderness working groups and committees as partners or in leadership roles (eg: vice- chair, co-chair or chair), to propose projects for official endorsement from Chicago Wilderness

Alliance and implement projects.

2. **Executive Council Partners:** Federal, state, county, and local agencies, biological research and education institutions, businesses, not---for---profit agencies and other organizations, who will commit to the engagement to the fulfillment of the objectives of Chicago Wilderness Alliance.

**Rights and Responsibilities of Executive Council Partnership:** Executive Council partners participate and vote in meetings of the Executive Council, which determines policies and strategies for Chicago Wilderness Alliance. Executive Council partners may propose projects for official endorsement from Chicago Wilderness. Representatives of Executive Council partners are expected to attend three or more Executive Council meetings per year, actively participate on Chicago Wilderness Alliance working groups and committees, lead efforts and implement projects to promote the objective of Chicago Wilderness Alliance and to fulfill other responsibilities outlined in Section I.

- B. **Application and Admission Procedures for New Partners:** Organizations and individuals seeking partnership initially will be considered for General partnership. The applicant will complete an application describing their existing programs in support of biodiversity conservation, environmental health, and improved quality of life, and proposed ways in which the organization/individual will contribute to the fulfillment of the objectives of Chicago Wilderness Alliance. The application is submitted to the Partnership Committee.

The Partnership Committee will notify the Executive Council of all applications for partnership. To be considered at a meeting of the Executive Council, applications must be received by the Partnership Committee at least 30 days before the next scheduled meeting.

The Executive Council will receive a list of proposed new partners with a summary of each applicant's application and the Partnership Committee's recommended action. Copies of complete applications will be available to the Executive Council prior to the meeting at which the proposed partnership will be considered.

Applicants for new partnership will be accepted by majority vote of the Executive Council partners present at a meeting at which there is a quorum. All votes related to the admission of new partners will be by private ballot or electronic ballot. Admission as a General partner will be official following the vote in the Executive Council. Denial of acceptance for General partners should be based upon concerns that the applicant either does not meet requirements of partnership under Section I or has not shown that it has or will support the objectives of Chicago Wilderness Alliance. In cases where admission is denied, the applicant will be informed of the nature of the objections raised to its admission and will be given an opportunity to apply again having responded to the objections.

- C. **Application and Admission Procedures for Executive Council Partnership.** An organization that is a General partner may apply to become an Executive Council partner. The organization will complete an application describing their qualifications for Executive Council partnership. The application is submitted to the Partnership Committee.

The Partnership Committee will notify the Executive Council of all applications for elevation to Executive Council partnership. To be considered at a meeting of the Executive Council, applications must be received by the Partnership Committee at least 30 days before the next scheduled meeting.

The Executive Council will receive a list of proposed new Executive Council partners with a summary of each organization's application and the Partnership Committee's recommended action. Copies of complete applications will be available to the Executive Council prior to the meeting at which the proposed change in partnership will be considered.

Applicants for Executive Council partnership will be admitted when the Executive Council has determined that the applicant clearly shares and supports the objectives of Chicago Wilderness Alliance; that the applicant does not pursue objectives or carry out acts that conflict with the responsibilities outlined in the Section I; that the applicant has a substantial record of activity in the conservation of biodiversity, improved environmental health, or enhanced quality of life in the Chicago region; and that the applicant meets any other qualifications of Executive Council partnership as prescribed in these Policies and Procedures and elsewhere. The Executive Council shall admit the applicant to Executive Council partnership by a majority of votes of the Executive Council partners present at a meeting at which there is a quorum; the vote will be by private or electronic ballot.

**D. Unincorporated Organizations.** In addition to the requirements and procedures for Executive Council and General partnership applicants noted above, unincorporated organizations who wish to be considered for admission to Chicago Wilderness Alliance must be formally sponsored by a current Executive Council partner and must demonstrate their legitimacy and stability as an organization by submitting with their application copies of their organizational charter, bylaws or other defining instrument, as outlined in this Section.

#### **E. Annual Partnership Contributions.**

- 1. Annual Partnership Contributions Program:** Each Alliance partner is required to provide an annual financial partnership contribution. The contribution amount outlined below in Table 1 are recommended levels based upon an organization's operating budget. Some partners, either because of their mission or benefit received from the partnership within Chicago Wilderness, may be able to provide greater support.
- 2. Partnership Contribution Requirements:**
  - i. Annual contributions are required to participate as a partner of the Alliance. Beginning January 1, 2020, all existing paid partners considered in good standing in 2019 shall map to one of the prescribed contribution levels outlined in Table 1 "Annual Partnership Contributions". Should a member in good standing not map directly to a specific level that matches their 2019 contribution amount on January 1, 2020, they will have the option to remain at the 2019 funding level unless they wish to move up to the suggested annual contribution level where they were mapped.
  - ii. Partners who previously contributed to Chicago Wilderness Alliance prior to 2019 but not considered partners in good standing wishing to become partners in good standing for 2020 shall map to the contribution level that is equal to the most recent contribution level on record with Chicago Wilderness Alliance. If the most recent amount contributed does not map to an existing level, the closest level that is not less than the most recent contribution will be used or the past level will be honored for one (1) year, then mapped to the next higher level the subsequent year.

3. **Payment of Contributions:** Contributions will be based on a fiscal year beginning January 1 of each year and ending December 31 of the following year.
4. **New Organizational Partners:** New organizational partners are considered provisional until they are formally accepted by the Executive Council. Upon formal acceptance, new organizational partners will be invoiced and shall be required to make contribution payment within 60-days of the invoice date.

| Table 1: Annual Partnership Contributions |                         |                    |                                   |                               |
|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Level                                     | Annual Operating Budget | Level Description  | Eligibility for Executive Council | Suggested Annual Contribution |
| 1                                         | \$30M+                  | 1                  | *                                 | \$12,500                      |
| 2                                         | \$12M+                  | 2                  | *                                 | \$8,500                       |
| 3                                         | \$6M+ - \$12M           | 3                  | *                                 | \$4,500                       |
| 4                                         | \$1.5M+ - \$6M          | 4                  | *                                 | \$2,500                       |
| 5                                         | \$751k – \$1.5M         | 5                  | *                                 | \$1,200                       |
| 6                                         | \$501k - \$750k         | 6                  | *                                 | \$550                         |
| 7                                         | \$301k - \$500k         | 7                  |                                   | \$300                         |
| 8                                         | \$101k – \$300k         | 8                  |                                   | \$100                         |
| 9                                         | < \$100k                | 9                  |                                   | \$50                          |
| 10                                        | n/a                     | Individual/Retired |                                   | \$25                          |
| 11                                        | n/a                     | Student            |                                   | \$10                          |
| 12                                        | n/a                     | Other/Sponsorship  |                                   | \$ -                          |

5. **Contribution Approval and Invoicing:** The Treasurer shall prepare the annual fiscal year budget establishing the revenue requirements for the next fiscal year. The Steering Committee shall review and recommend to the Executive Council the fiscal year budget and recommended contribution amounts (revised Table 1 if required). Following Executive Council approval, invoices for each fiscal year shall be prepared under the direction of the Treasurer and delivered to all partners by October 31 preceding each fiscal year. Partners receiving the invoice shall make payments by no later than March 31 of the fiscal year to remain a partner in good standing. Partners unable to make payments prior to March 31 must contact the Treasurer prior to the deadline to arrange an alternative payment schedule. New partners starting after March 31 in any fiscal year shall be invoiced a pro-rated amount based on the number of full months remaining after Executive Council approval and shall be required to make the payment within 60-days of the invoice date.
6. **Other/Sponsorship Contributions:** Some Chicago Wilderness Alliance partners are not able to contribute funding due to legal or policy constraints within their organization or by law or may be a regional or national network or alliance that shall be considered for reciprocal membership. In those cases, or in other unique circumstances that arise, the partner shall discuss the issue with the Treasurer. The Treasurer will bring the issue to the Steering Committee, and the partner will be informed following the Steering Committee decision. Where a partner is able to contribute or sponsor Chicago Wilderness such that that

contribution directly eliminates a component of the fiscal year's budget or provides funding that otherwise would have been incurred by the Alliance, such contribution can be considered equivalent to an annual contribution. These contribution requests must be made to the Treasurer and approved by the Steering Committee on the same timeline as outlined in regular contribution invoicing described in this Section.

#### **F. Revocation of Partnership, Withdrawal of Existing Partners, and Change in Partnership Level.**

**1. Partner in Good Standing: A partner in good standing is defined as follows:**

1. A partner that comports with the ideals of Chicago Wilderness Alliance described in Section I
2. A partner that has completed the partnership process outlined in this Section
3. A partner that has contributed to the Alliance and meeting the requirements of this Section

**2. Revocation of Partnership:** A General or Executive Council partner may have its partnership revoked if it acts persistently in a manner seriously inconsistent with the objectives of Chicago Wilderness as described in Section I or fails to make annual contributions as described in this Section. A proposal for revocation of partnership detailing the ways the partner organization/individual has violated the objectives must be submitted by at least three General or Executive Council partners to the Chair of Chicago Wilderness or any of the Chicago Wilderness Officers (Vice-Chair, Treasurer, or Executive Secretary), who shall immediately forward the proposal to the Partnership Committee. Within 30 days of receiving the proposal, the Partnership Committee shall report whether it finds that the proposal is based on legitimate grounds to the Chicago Wilderness Officers, the partner organization/individual in question, and the partners submitting the proposal. If the Partnership Committee has found that the proposal is based on legitimate grounds, a hearing shall be scheduled for the next Executive Council meeting. The Executive Council, after hearing the reasons for which revocation is being proposed may, by a majority of vote of the Executive Council partners present at a meeting at which there is a quorum, request the partner in question to present to the next meeting of the Executive Council the reason why revocation of partnership is not justified. The partner in question will notify the Chair or the Officers of the Chicago Wilderness Alliance if it wishes to present its case against revocation of partnership. If not, then the partner will be considered to have withdrawn from partnership. If the partner elects to argue for maintenance of its partnership, they will do so at the next meeting of the Executive Council. After considering any response from the partner, the Executive Council may vote to revoke its partnership by a two-thirds majority of votes of the Executive Council partners present at a meeting at which there is a quorum; the vote will be by private or electronic ballot.

**3. Non-Payment of Annual Contributions:** Beginning April 1, 2020, upon review by the Treasurer, if any partner is found to not be in good standing as described in this Section, the Treasurer will bring the issue to the next meeting of the Steering Committee and contact the Partnership Committee Chair. The Treasurer and/or Partnership Committee Chair shall present the circumstance to the Steering Committee. The recommendation of the Steering Committee shall be presented at the next scheduled Executive Council meeting. After discussion, the partner will be considered to have withdrawn from partnership due to non-payment, and the Executive Council may vote to revoke its partnership by a two-thirds majority of votes of the Executive Council partners present at a meeting at which there is a quorum; the vote will be by private or electronic ballot.

4. **Withdrawal of Partnership:** Any partner may withdraw from the Chicago Wilderness Alliance at any time by providing written notice of the party's intent to withdraw to the Chair of the Alliance.

5. **Change in Partnership Level from Executive Council to General:** An Executive Council partner may request to change its level of partnership to General partner at any time, and the change must be acknowledged by the Executive Council. The partner will submit its request to the Partnership Committee, which shall then notify the Executive Council in advance of its next meeting.

The Executive Council may change the partnership level of an Executive Council partner to General partner if the partner does not fulfill the expectations described in this Section. The Executive Secretary will track and report to the Partnership Committee Chair if an Executive Council partner fails to attend at least three Executive Council meetings per year for two calendar years. The Partnership Committee will recommend to the Executive Council potential changes to partner level. The partner will be notified that a change in level is being considered at least 60 days prior to the next Executive Council meeting and be invited to present at that meeting the reason why change in partnership level is not justified. The partner will notify the Chair of the Chicago Wilderness Alliance if it wishes to present its case against change in partnership level. After considering any response from the partner, the Executive Council may change the partnership level by a two-thirds majority of votes of the Executive Council partners present at a meeting at which there is a quorum; the vote will be by private or electronic ballot.

## V. GENERAL POLICIES

A. **Chicago Wilderness Endorsement Policy regarding Policy and Advocacy Issues.** The Chicago Wilderness Government Relations Committee facilitates the sharing of information on legislative matters and regional issues affecting the natural resources of the Chicago Wilderness region. To share such information with Chicago Wilderness Alliance partners, communication will be facilitated through the Chicago Wilderness Alliance Coordinator and Chicago Wilderness Alliance Chair. The information will be disseminated electronically or by other means as appropriate.

To request engagement from Chicago Wilderness Alliance partners on an issue, send the information, including a brief description of the issue, a bill number (if applicable) and contact information to the Chicago Wilderness Alliance Government Relations Committee Chair. While the Alliance does not take a position for or against specific legislative or regulatory action, Chicago Wilderness does invite its partners to do so if they choose. However, Chicago Wilderness Alliance as an entity may render an opinion on whether and how legislative proposals will impact its goals and initiatives or provide other education or information useful in evaluating potential legislative action.

Chicago Wilderness Alliance, through its Government Relations Committee, may coordinate visits with elected officials to discuss related policy issues. Chicago Wilderness' State and Federal Legislative Principles serve as a reference document for legislators in developing or considering public policy that affects the Chicago Wilderness region.

Chicago Wilderness Alliance may also support or render an opinion on how a specific project or proposal of one of its partners or partners will advance the goals of the Green Vision for the region. Partner organizations may request a letter of support from Chicago Wilderness on a project, proposal, or issue at any time by contacting the Chicago Wilderness Alliance Coordinator.

Chicago Wilderness Alliance does not endorse specific projects of non---partners or individuals, nor can Chicago Wilderness Alliance endorse any projects or proposals developed for non---competitive fundraising or promotional solicitations directed to any funder.

- B. Chicago Wilderness Data Sharing Policy.** Chicago Wilderness Alliance partners will cooperate with one another to share ecological, social, and other data related to the conservation of the region’s biodiversity, improved environmental health, and enhance quality of life, including geo---spatial data, and data resulting from monitoring, research, and other management, conservation, or educational activities.

Data should only be used in ways that enhance or strengthen efforts to enhance diverse, vibrant communities. Each partner organization has its own mission and priorities that should be respected and sharing data and information should facilitate the achievement of common Green Vision goals. Data, or information resulting from the data, may be used in projects, reports, brochures, websites, or other informational materials produced by Chicago Wilderness Alliance partner organizations for the purpose of promoting the region’s Green Vision, with appropriate credit given to the data owner on all resulting products.

Third---party transfer of data is permissible provided that it is to another Chicago Wilderness Alliance partner organization and that the goal is to further the Green Vision. In the cases of large Chicago Wilderness Alliance data gathering projects, any intent to share the information with other Chicago Wilderness Alliance partners should be made known in advance and special arrangements made where necessary. However, Chicago Wilderness Alliance partners shall share data collected as part of a Chicago Wilderness Alliance funded projects with other partners of the Alliance in order to promote collaborative work and share lessons learned.

All users should respect the integrity and the limitations of any given data set, and all uses of data should respect legal and intellectual property rights.

Recipients of data will accept data “as---is” and will not hold the owner responsible for the accuracy or correctness of the data. Data owner will specify to the best of their knowledge the accuracy and completeness of the data. The data user will acknowledge the level of accuracy in any resulting products and shall only use the data in ways appropriate to its level of accuracy.

Whenever possible, data will be shared at no cost to other Chicago Wilderness partners, excepting nominal service fees for reformatting or extracting selected data or for creating special service map products or other applications. The intent is not to burden partners but further help partners.

## **VI. MODIFICATIONS AND AMENDMENTS**

These Policies and Procedures may be modified or amended by a vote of a majority of all Executive Council partners. Proposed changes must be sent to all Executive Council partners at least one week prior to the meeting at which the changes are to be discussed. Ballots will be distributed electronically following the meeting, and must be returned by mail, e---mail, or fax within two weeks of distribution.

*Adopted by the Executive Council of the Chicago Region Biodiversity Council, March 20, 2002 with*

*clarification by the Partnership Committee, July 8, 2002*

*Further amended (partnership contribution structure) by Executive Council, December 18, 2002*

*Further amended (government and data sharing policies and language consistent with strategic plan) by Executive Council, November 16, 2005*

*Further amended (revised partnership contribution structure and seats on Steering Committee) by Executive Council, January 17, 2007*

*Further amended (partnership, structure, elimination of Steering Committee, adding and clarifying standing committees, establishing officers, partnership revocation, standing committee leadership, Trust functions, endorsement policy) by Executive Council, 2011*

*Further amended (team co--chair representation, standing committee chairs, Coordinating Group representation, Chicago Wilderness Chair candidate nomination process, governance, standing committees) by Executive Council, 2012*

*Further amended (endorsement policy, Partnership Committee, partner dues, Corporate Council) by Executive Council, 2013*

*Further amended (executive director appointment, honorary partners) by Executive Council, 2014*

*Further amended (fiscal year changes) by Executive Council, 2016*

*Further amended at Executive Council meeting to adopt the Chicago Wilderness Policies and Procedures on January 24, 2018.*

*Further amended at Executive Council Meeting on October 16, 2019.*



## EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

*(Applicant must be a member for one year prior to requesting Executive Council Membership)*

Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Representative to the Executive Council: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ *Have been a Chicago Wilderness Member in good standing for one or more years.*

\_\_\_\_\_ *Am committed to provide a voting quorum for the four executive Council meetings*

\_\_\_\_\_ *Our organization will be actively participating in CW work including Executive Council decisions, Corporate Council (If applicable), CW Teams, Committees, and Working Groups.*

*Why does your organization wish to move to Executive Council level?*

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*Please give a brief description of the CW work you have been involved in for the past years. Include any Committees, Working Groups or CW initiatives you have participated in.*

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Submit your completed application form to Chicago Wilderness Coordinator,  
[info@chicagowilderness.org](mailto:info@chicagowilderness.org) or mail application to Chicago Wilderness c/o Friends of the Forest  
Preserves | 411 S. Wells Street, Suite 300 | Chicago, IL 60607-3927

## Confirmation

| Group                                                                                         | Reservation:       | 4182                        |            |            |  |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|------------|------------|--|
| Laura Reilly                                                                                  | Event Name:        | Chicago Wilderness Congress |            |            |  |
| Chicago Wilderness                                                                            | Status:            | Tentative                   |            |            |  |
| 411 S. Wells                                                                                  | Phone:             | 312 282 0481                |            |            |  |
| Chicago, IL 60607-3927                                                                        | Event Type:        | Meeting                     |            |            |  |
|                                                                                               | Event Coordinator: | James Cherry                |            |            |  |
| Bookings / Details                                                                            |                    | Quantity                    | Price      | Amount     |  |
| <b><u>Thursday, November 3, 2022</u></b>                                                      |                    |                             |            |            |  |
| 8:00 AM - 6:30 PM Chicago Wilderness Congress (Tentative 4/2/2022) Dorin Forum DR 1           |                    |                             |            |            |  |
| Standard/ As Is for 1                                                                         |                    |                             |            |            |  |
| 8:00 AM - 6:30 PM Chicago Wilderness Congress (Tentative 4/2/2022) Dorin Forum DR2            |                    |                             |            |            |  |
| Standard/ As Is for 1                                                                         |                    |                             |            |            |  |
| 8:00 AM - 6:30 PM Chicago Wilderness Congress (Tentative 4/2/2022) Dorin Forum GRN            |                    |                             |            |            |  |
| Standard/ As Is for 1                                                                         |                    |                             |            |            |  |
| 8:00 AM - 6:30 PM Chicago Wilderness Congress (Tentative 4/2/2022) Dorin Forum Room D         |                    |                             |            |            |  |
| Reserved: 5:00 AM - 7:30 PM                                                                   |                    |                             |            |            |  |
| Custom for 800                                                                                |                    |                             |            |            |  |
| 8:00 AM - 6:30 PM Chicago Wilderness Congress (Tentative 4/2/2022) Dorin Forum Room E         |                    |                             |            |            |  |
| Reserved: 5:00 AM - 7:30 PM                                                                   |                    |                             |            |            |  |
| Custom for 126                                                                                |                    |                             |            |            |  |
| 8:00 AM - 6:30 PM Chicago Wilderness Congress (Tentative 4/2/2022) Dorin Forum Room F         |                    |                             |            |            |  |
| Reserved: 5:00 AM - 7:30 PM                                                                   |                    |                             |            |            |  |
| Custom for 126                                                                                |                    |                             |            |            |  |
| 8:00 AM - 6:30 PM Chicago Wilderness Congress (Tentative 6/24/2022) Dorin Forum Room G        |                    |                             |            |            |  |
| Reserved: 5:00 AM - 7:30 PM                                                                   |                    |                             |            |            |  |
| Custom for 126                                                                                |                    |                             |            |            |  |
| 8:00 AM - 6:30 PM Chicago Wilderness Congress (Tentative 4/2/2022) Dorin Forum Room H         |                    |                             |            |            |  |
| Reserved: 5:00 AM - 7:30 PM                                                                   |                    |                             |            |            |  |
| Custom for 126                                                                                |                    |                             |            |            |  |
| 8:00 AM - 6:30 PM Chicago Wilderness Congress (Tentative 4/2/2022) Dorin Forum Room I         |                    |                             |            |            |  |
| Reserved: 5:00 AM - 7:30 PM                                                                   |                    |                             |            |            |  |
| Custom for 126                                                                                |                    |                             |            |            |  |
| 8:00 AM - 6:30 PM Chicago Wilderness Congress (Tentative 4/2/2022) Dorin Forum SR 1           |                    |                             |            |            |  |
| Standard/ As Is for 1                                                                         |                    |                             |            |            |  |
| 8:00 AM - 6:30 PM Chicago Wilderness Congress (Tentative 4/2/2022) Dorin Forum SR2            |                    |                             |            |            |  |
| Standard/ As Is for 1                                                                         |                    |                             |            |            |  |
| 1:00 PM - 6:30 PM Chicago Wilderness Congress (Tentative 7/29/2022) Dorin Forum Main Hall ABC |                    |                             |            |            |  |
| Reserved: 12:00 PM - 7:30 PM                                                                  |                    |                             |            |            |  |
| Custom for 800                                                                                |                    |                             |            |            |  |
| Room Charge:                                                                                  |                    | 1                           | \$6,000.00 | \$6,000.00 |  |
| Event Staff:                                                                                  |                    |                             |            |            |  |
| 5:00 AM - 10:00 AM Set up                                                                     |                    |                             |            |            |  |
| Operations Supervisor (5 hours @ \$18.75/hr)                                                  |                    | 1                           | \$93.75    | \$93.75    |  |

## Bookings / Details

Quantity

Price

Amount

|                                                                                                                                  |     |          |          |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|----------|----------|
| Operations (5 hours @ \$17.41/hr)                                                                                                | 8   | \$87.05  | \$696.40 |
| Event Staff:                                                                                                                     |     |          |          |
| 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Load- in                                                                                                      |     |          |          |
| Event Staff:                                                                                                                     |     |          |          |
| 10:30 AM - 8:00 PM Day-of-Event                                                                                                  |     |          |          |
| Event Staff:                                                                                                                     |     |          |          |
| 11:30 AM - 7:30 PM Day-of-Event                                                                                                  |     |          |          |
| Usher(8 hours @ \$17.41/hr)                                                                                                      | 5   | \$139.28 | \$696.40 |
| Usher supervisor(8 hours @ \$18.75/hr)                                                                                           | 1   | \$150.00 | \$150.00 |
| Event Staff:                                                                                                                     |     |          |          |
| 1:00 PM - 6:30 PM Day-of-Event                                                                                                   |     |          |          |
| Event Staff:                                                                                                                     |     |          |          |
| 8:00 PM - 1:00 AM Tear Down                                                                                                      |     |          |          |
| Operations Supervisor (5 hours @ \$18.75/hr)                                                                                     | 1   | \$93.75  | \$93.75  |
| Operations (5 hours @ \$17.41/hr)                                                                                                | 5   | \$87.05  | \$435.25 |
| Inventory:                                                                                                                       |     |          |          |
| Chairs                                                                                                                           | 600 | \$1.00   | \$600.00 |
| Round Tables                                                                                                                     | 60  | \$10.00  | \$600.00 |
| Microphone (Wireless)                                                                                                            | 2   | \$150.00 | \$300.00 |
| Riser - Stage                                                                                                                    | 1   | \$300.00 | \$300.00 |
| Basic Lighting Package                                                                                                           | 1   | \$500.00 | \$500.00 |
| <i>Turn on and focus "stage wash" to light stage</i>                                                                             |     |          |          |
| Projector                                                                                                                        | 2   | \$150.00 | \$300.00 |
| Screen                                                                                                                           | 2   | \$100.00 | \$200.00 |
| Highboys or Lowboys                                                                                                              | 10  | \$10.00  | \$100.00 |
| Podium-Black                                                                                                                     | 1   | \$60.00  | \$60.00  |
| Microphone (Podium)                                                                                                              | 1   | \$75.00  | \$75.00  |
| <i>Which type?: Installed on podium, no boom</i>                                                                                 |     |          |          |
| Tables (6'X30")                                                                                                                  | 6   | \$10.00  | \$60.00  |
| <i>Registration</i>                                                                                                              |     |          |          |
| Tables (6'X30")                                                                                                                  | 31  | \$10.00  | \$310.00 |
| <i>Exhibit tables (19)</i>                                                                                                       |     |          |          |
| <i>Speed Mentoring (12)</i>                                                                                                      |     |          |          |
| Chairs                                                                                                                           | 62  | \$1.00   | \$62.00  |
| <i>Exhibit chairs</i>                                                                                                            |     |          |          |
| Easels                                                                                                                           | 15  | \$10.00  | \$150.00 |
| Coat Rack                                                                                                                        | 17  | \$25.00  | \$425.00 |
| <i>UIC does not provide coat tags or staff</i>                                                                                   |     |          |          |
| Internet-WIFI                                                                                                                    | 1   | \$250.00 | \$250.00 |
| <i>If you are connecting to the internet, do you need to have audio from your device connected to the room sound system?: No</i> |     |          |          |
| Table cloth                                                                                                                      | 27  | \$5.00   | \$135.00 |
| Table Skirts                                                                                                                     | 27  | \$5.00   | \$135.00 |
| Tables (6'X30")                                                                                                                  | 20  | \$10.00  | \$200.00 |
| <i>Catering, timeline, popcorn, compost station, bar for reception etc.</i>                                                      |     |          |          |
| Audio Line                                                                                                                       | 1   | \$50.00  | \$50.00  |
| <i>What is your source?: Laptop</i>                                                                                              |     |          |          |
| <i>Audio Line to be located Main Hall C Roosevelt side for camera.</i>                                                           |     |          |          |
| Personnel:                                                                                                                       |     |          |          |
| 10:30 AM - 8:00 PM Event Assistance                                                                                              |     |          |          |
| Personnel:                                                                                                                       |     |          |          |
| 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM Event Assistance                                                                                              |     |          |          |

## Bookings / Details

|                                                             | Quantity | Price    | Amount      |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------|-------------|
| Building Attendant(9 hours @ \$25.44/hr)                    | 1        | \$228.96 | \$228.96    |
| Production Engineer(9 hours @ \$53.56/hr)                   | 1        | \$482.04 | \$482.04    |
| Events Administrator (\$200.00 + 9 hours @ \$0.00/hr)       | 1        | \$200.00 | \$200.00    |
| Operations Manager(\$200.00 + 9 hours @ \$0.00/hr)          | 1        | \$200.00 | \$200.00    |
| Personnel:                                                  |          |          |             |
| 12:00 PM - 6:30 PM Event Assistance                         |          |          |             |
| Metal Detector Staff (6.5 hours @ \$25.82/hr)               | 5        | \$167.83 | \$839.15    |
| Metal Detector Supervisor(6.5 hours @ \$30.07/hr)           | 1        | \$195.46 | \$195.46    |
| Personnel:                                                  |          |          |             |
| 1:00 PM - 6:30 PM Event Assistance                          |          |          |             |
| Paramedic (5.5 hours @ \$52.00/hr, Minimum Charge \$312.00) | 1        | \$312.00 | \$312.00    |
| UIC Security(5.5 hours @ \$32.50/hr)                        | 1        | \$178.75 | \$178.75    |
| Personnel:                                                  |          |          |             |
| 3:30 PM - 7:30 PM Event Assistance                          |          |          |             |
| Personnel:                                                  |          |          |             |
| 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Event Assistance                          |          |          |             |
| Housekeepers(2 hours @ \$26.31/hr)                          | 2        | \$52.62  | \$105.24    |
| Subtotal                                                    |          |          | \$15,719.15 |
| Grand Total                                                 |          |          | \$15,719.15 |

The costs listed are an estimate based on information that you have provided. This is not an invoice. You will receive a final settlement after your event.