

Chicago Wilderness

A regional alliance dedicated to
protecting nature and enriching life

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Take Action Through the Chicago Wilderness Day of Service

Chicago Wilderness Corporate Council sponsors 5th annual volunteer day on September 28



Nature offers us many benefits: places to explore and enjoy with our families and opportunities for learning and discovery. On **Saturday, September 28**, the Chicago Wilderness Corporate Council annual Day of Service will enable families and individuals to experience these benefits while contributing to the health of nature.

Since 2009, the Corporate Council has coordinated a Day of Service to offer residents a chance to help protect and restore the region's natural areas that provide us with clean air and water, protect against flooding, filter pollutants, and provide habitat for wildlife. In five years, more than 860 volunteers have participated at 60 sites throughout the Chicago Wilderness region.

“The Day of Service is a terrific opportunity for people to take action—to get involved in helping make the region’s natural areas healthier,” said Melinda Pruett-Jones, Executive Director of Chicago Wilderness. “By organizing this annual event, our Corporate Council members lead by example, promoting individual action to improve community vitality and quality of life.”

Families, friends, youth and community groups are welcome to participate at the 23 volunteer sites all around the Chicago region, including Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry and Will counties in Illinois, and just over the border in Indiana and Wisconsin. Most events are scheduled from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm and include activities such as native seed collection, mulching, brush removal, trail building and more. These restoration activities help preserve our natural landscape and build the regional conservation effort that is central to the mission of the Chicago Wilderness alliance.

“The Chicago Wilderness Corporate Council carries on the rich legacy of business and civic leaders joining together to protect and sustain our natural region,” said Andi Cooper of WRD Environmental, a Corporate Council founding member. “We lend our passion and expertise on behalf of our regional natural areas - *and* the people and wildlife that depend on them. Our ‘Day of Service’ is just one way we give back.”

To view a list of volunteer sites and activities and to register, please visit www.chicagowilderness.org/dayofservice. Please register by September 20, 2013.

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About Chicago Wilderness

Chicago Wilderness is a regional alliance that connects people and nature. More than 300 public, private and corporate organizations work together to restore local nature and improve the quality of life for all who live here, by protecting the lands and waters on which we all depend. The four key initiatives of Chicago Wilderness—to restore the health of local nature, promote green infrastructure, combat climate change, and leave no child inside—reflect our commitment to using science and emerging knowledge, as well as a collaborative approach to conservation, to benefit all the region’s residents. For more information, visit www.chicagowilderness.org.