



Café

Conservation Opportunities with the Chicago Bears at Arlington Heights

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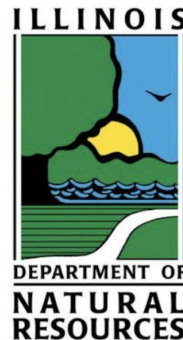
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Because trees are important to equity as well as to human health, this CWA Café is supported by the [US Forest Service](#) and the [Illinois Department of Natural Resources Urban and Community Forestry Program](#).

The funding supports workshops and trainings so the Alliance can help more communities improve urban tree canopy forests across the region, including through participation in [Tree City USA](#).

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- ▶ “This land is your land. This land is our land...”

“ This Land Is Your Land” By: Woody Guthrie

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► Objectives:

- 1) To obtain partnerships from the CWA to help with APR of CBFC mixed-use development. And with initial goal -to get reacquainted with the CWA from Congress in November '22.
- 2) To identify the Illinois groups since there are so many and not have duplicates in the efforts.
- 3) To obtain leaders and their staff & understand the number of (wo)manpower for various areas of: soil, water/hydro, air/wind, solar, landscaping and food waster/composting.
- 4) To obtain experts in their field of study - the ability to educate, train and be the SME in these specific areas throughout the duration of the project. Research capabilities are a plus especially in the ability 1) to understand and partner on and with the latest existing and energy transformations and technologies to help our mother Earth and 2) to translate the theories and methodologies into knowledgeable applications in the revitalization of the APR.

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- ▶ CWA - Timeframes & Generalities

Demolition (unofficial - Summer planning with Autumn 2023 impact)

Construction (unofficial - Planning ongoing with Construction 2024-2028 with Stadium Opening prior to Preseason early Autumn 2029)

Beautification - Open Space/Green Space (yeah, the CWA major impact!)

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Part 2 - Breakdown Per Area (or do as one big group initially, will eventually combine CWA mini-groups with non-CWA groups)

Soil - Retention/Allocation

Group Identification & Leader/Team Identification

Reuse & Filter - Demolition

“Old” vs. Fresh Soil -To Be Used ? Where Stored? Community garden, etc. for future?

Obtain Soil - I saw a pile of soil labeled in Rosemont area (exit near Balmoral) in late March/early April.

Soil-energy as a renewable resource?

Other Things to Know

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► Water - Drainage, Usage, Retention/Allocation

Group Identification & Leader/Team Identification

Water Usage Plans - Salt Creek, Pond(s), Fountain

Excess Rainwater & Overflow from Salt Creek- Utilization, Storage

Demolition - Better Capture of Clean Water/Reuse?

Other Water Sources - Manmade lakes, sewer systems, groundwater, other systems

Hydro-energy as a renewable resource?

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► Air/Wind - Usage, Retention/Allocation

Group Identification & Leader/Team Identification

Usage Plans - with that of pollution, etc.

Demolition & Construction - Better Time? Capture? Weather conditions?

Pollutants - such a thing as a huge air filter?

Wind-energy as a renewable resource? Wind Turbine - other? Air-capture energy?

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► Solar - Usage, Retention/Allocation

Group Identification & Leader/Team Identification

Usage Plans - with that of solar, etc.

Demolition & Construction - Better Time? Capture? Weather conditions?

Solar-capture energy other than solar panels? Willing to pair up- I have an idea on solar tech

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► Landscaping & Wildlife - Eradication, Usage, Retention/Allocation

Group Identification & Leader/Team Identification

Usage Plans -Open Space & Green Space throughout; Beautification

Demolition & Construction

Lawn-capture energy? Such a thing?

Other than solar panels? Willing to pair up- I have an idea on solar tech

Wildlife - Certain wildlife animals are attracted to certain landscaping (trees, water, bush)-groups to help, especially on “wildlife control” (nesting, duck, geese plop, etc.)

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Food Waste/Composting (this is later on but can be briefly spoken) - Usage, Retention/Allocation

Group Identification & Leader/Team Identification

Usage Plans - Concessions (technically, less waste and more recyclables, composting, reuse)

Compost-capture energy like Doc & McFly on “Back to the Future” - possible?

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Q & A

CREATE A CAFE!

Are you a Chicago Wilderness Alliance partner with a conservation success story you'd like to share or a topic to introduce and discuss with your peers? We'd love to have you create a Cafe session!

Cafes are conducted via Zoom and typically last 1 hour. Your session should relate to one or more of the [Chicago Wilderness Alliance Green Vision goals](#).

We'll help you decide on a format for your session and can provide template slides or other assistance as needed. We'll also promote your session on social media and in our monthly newsletter.

Download and complete this [Cafe Registration Form](#) to create and hold your CWA Cafe session or contact Laura Reilly to talk through your Cafe session idea. Thanks for sharing your expertise with the Chicago Wilderness network!

Questions?

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