Justice, Equity Diversity and Inclusion

Organizations and Businesses: Take the JEDI Roadmap Audit to help inventory and amplify this important work across the region.

The JEDI Cafe last month was a huge success and we got some amazing feedback from our breakout groups. To continue from discussion into action, we are launching the JEDI Partner Audit to be completed by each partner organization no later than Wednesday, January 18, 2023.

The Audit will help us inventory and amplify JEDI work across the CWA region and find ways to better support and connect folks to further this work. This Audit is also a useful tool to help your organization take stock of JEDI practices and identify areas for improvement.
Want to get involved? We need “audit ambassadors” as well as help with analytics and resource-sharing strategies. Email Dani Abboud to get connected.

Learn more at the Increasing Equitable Access to Nature Quarterly Meeting on Friday, December 9.

In solidarity,
Dani Abboud (they/them/theirs), JEDI Roadmap Co-Chair
Raquel Garcia-Alvarez (she/her/ella), JEDI Roadmap Co-Chair

Please complete JEDI Audit survey by January 18

Executive Council Meeting on January 18th

Please join us for the Chicago Wilderness Alliance Executive Council Meeting. All members are invited and welcome to participate, discuss and to ask questions on all topics. We will be welcoming new steering committee members-Mark Bouman and Ted Haffner, setting the course for activities in 2023, and highlighting the progress made advancing the Green Vision Initiatives.

January 18, 9:30 am -11:30 am via zoom.

Register for zoom link

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Register for CWA Cafe Zoom link
The City Nature Challenge is Coming, and Your Organization Should DEFINITELY Participate

The City Nature Challenge is just a few months away. It's the perfect time for your organization to get on board and help your members or local community do citizen science.

Last year more than 800 people contributed over 9,200 observations, using their phones and the [iNaturalist](https://www.inaturalist.org) app.

Whether you want to do an in-person event or a virtual one, it's an easy and impactful way to connect people with the plants and animals of our region.

Check out the [Organizer's Handbook](https://www.chicagowilderness.org/admin/email/view.aspx?jobId=4980772) for details, email cassi sari, or contact Laura Reilly to join a team call on the first Tuesday of the month.

Bats to Butterflies: Art that Shares and Supports the Chicago Wilderness Alliance

This holiday season, make your gifts count!

Bats to Butterflies, a series of paintings and prints by [Pamela Sloan](https://www.chicagowilderness.org/admin/email/view.aspx?jobId=4980772), based on the Chicago Wilderness list of 12 priority species, is on view at the [ARC Gallery](https://www.chicagowilderness.org/admin/email/view.aspx?jobId=4980772) in Chicago. 50% of all sales will be donated to the Chicago Wilderness Alliance.
The Green Vision Initiatives are a centralized framework to guide, track and implement progress toward a common vision and an inclusive approach to thriving nature for people and wildlife. Our Green Vision Initiatives include seven key thematic areas and are centralized using a mapping tool that empowers regional partners to visualize, share and track progress.

Each theme is brought to life by teams of leaders, experts, mid- and young-career conservation professional coming together to engage, contribute and collaborate on our shared goals for a thriving region. Click on each team icon to learn more. All teams welcome new partners and meetings are open to all. To join a meeting register below.

Managing Healthy Landscapes Team Quarterly Meeting

1/24/2023

Agenda coming soon! Join us virtually to learn more about work across the region and find out how you can get involved. Contact Pati Vitt with questions.
**Growing with Ag Team Meeting**  
12/13/2022

The team meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 1:00 pm CT. Join us via zoom.

**Corporate Council/Prioritizing Green Infrastructure Meeting**  
2/9/2023

Join partners for networking and highlight advances in the transformation of non-nature reserve lands on private, corporate, and public properties across the four-state region.

Contact [Cathy Geraghty](mailto:CathyGeraghty) to learn more.

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**Quarterly Meeting**  
12/9/2022

Join us for the community spotlight on the Sarrett Nature Center in Michigan.
(including Mighty Acorns! and Women in Nature! Learn about the JEDI Roadmap Audit and how your organization can participate.

**Taking Climate Action Meeting**
12/12/2022

The planning group of Taking Climate Action Teams meets every other Monday at 3:30 pm via zoom.

Contact [Matthew Santagata](mailto:Matthew.Santagata@chicagowilderness.org) to learn more.

The Green Vision Initiatives: The HUB Mapping team meets every other Monday at 3:30 pm via Zoom. Join us for the next meeting

**HUB Team Meeting**
12/19/2022
RESOURCES

CHECK OUT OUR JOB BOARD! Find and Share Jobs, Internships & Resources

Community Calendar

Meetings, Regional Events, Programs, Awards, and Funding Opportunities
Are you an Alliance partner organization with an issue you want shared with the region? Learn how we can help.

Contact Laura Reilly to talk through your Cafe session idea.

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