January Newsletter 2022

Happy New Year!

Kick off 2022 with us at the Executive Council meeting on January 19th

2021 was truly a momentous year and we look forward to celebrating our collective accomplishments at the upcoming Executive Council Meeting. In addition we will welcome our new Steering Committee member, Victoria Wittig, Save the Dunes and honor outgoing members, Dave Giordano, Root-Pike Watershed Network and Daniel Suarez from Audubon Great Lakes. Learn about the Green Vision and the CW Mapping Hub, Congress 2022, upcoming Chicago Wilderness cafes and workshops. Register below to receive zoom instructions.

We begin 202 with hope and excitement for ensuring a healthy and vibrant region that is accessible to all. There are many exciting opportunities to get involved with Chicago Wilderness. Please reach out to us with questions, suggestions, as we are eager to collaborate and learn from you. Thank you for being an important part of the Chicago Wilderness community.

Register for Zoom Link
Chicago Wilderness Equity Workshops with Cream City Continue

Reflective Leadership and Effective Communication on January 20 from 9-11:30 am

A reminder to those who have joined our Equity Workshop series and participated in the "Intro to Racial Equity and Environmentalism". The series with August Ball will resume on January 20 at 9 am. In this initial workshop, we will lay the foundation for effective communication by establishing mutual understanding across communication styles and leadership values. Participants from all levels of the organization will get clear on their unique communication style along with that of their peers. Participants will explore skills for communicating across differences, effective problem solving and empathy building.

With Appreciation

Because trees are important to equity as well as to human health, this work is supported by the US Forest Service and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources Urban and Community Forestry Program. The funding supports assessment workshops and training so Chicago Wilderness can help more communities improve urban tree canopy forests across the region, including through participation in Tree City USA. For more information, see the Tree City USA manual and this summary of Tree City USA. These institutions are an equal opportunity provider.
Collaboration for the 30x30 for America the Beautiful Campaign on Wednesday January 26 from 3 - 4:30 PM CST

Join the Illinois Environmental Council in discussing the international campaign to protect 30% land and water by 2030, and how Illinois can align with this ambitious goal. IEC has convened a coalition of conservation experts, community organizations, land trust, land and water management organizations, and more to develop a strategy for how Illinois can resolve its conservation issues in a comprehensive and equitable manner. We need Chicago Wilderness and its organizations to make this effort achievable.

Moderator: Tonyisha Harris
TEAM UPDATES: WORKING TOWARDS THE GREEN VISION

Join a CW Team or Working Group. Simply login to the CW Partner portal to join and learn how to participate. Watch this short training video for more information.

Add members of your staff to the CW portal so that they can get involved. Send Laura Reilly their name and email address.

Support the Green Vision: Renew your Membership, Become a Partner or Donate Today.
Upcoming CW Team, Meeting, Event Schedule

**CW Climate Team Meeting**  
1/10/2022  
Time: 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM CST

**CW Agriculture Team Meeting**  
1/11/2022  
Time: 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM CST

**CW Mapping Hub Team Meeting**  
1/17/2022  
Time: 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM CST

**Chicago Wilderness Executive Council Meeting**  
1/19/2022  
Time: 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM CST

**Chicago Wilderness Workshop with Cream City: Reflective Leadership & Effective Communication**  
1/20/2022  
Time: 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM CST

**CW Climate Team Meeting**  
1/24/2022  
Time: 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM CST

**CW Steering Committee & Goal Lead Meeting w/ Institute for Conservation Leadership**  
1/24/2022  
Time: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM CST

**CW Cafe: Collaboration for the 30x30 or America the Beautiful Campaign**  
1/26/2022  
Time: 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM CST

**CW Mapping Hub Team Meeting**  
2/7/2022  
Time: 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM CST

**CW Agriculture Team Meeting**  
2/15/2022  
Time: 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM CST

**Chicago Wilderness Workshop with Cream City: Foundations of Internalized Racism**  
2/17/2022  
Time: 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM CST
CW Steering Committee Meeting & Green Vision Coordination Meeting
2/28/2022
Time: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM CST

CW Resources

Please share your events, jobs, internships and opportunities with us so that we can help connect

CW Meetings, Regional Events, Programs, Awards, and Funding Opportunities
View full calendar below and add your opportunities here.

Career Center
Find and share job and career resources in the region.

Policy Action Request
Are you a CW partner organization with an issue you want shared with the CW community? Review our Government Relations Community Legislative Priorities and Principles and fill out this form for consideration or post directly to your SocialLink feed.
Equity and Inclusion Resources

These resources from Chicago Wilderness Partners and others can guide thinking and action on justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion in the conservation field. Contact us if you have resources or links you'd like us to include.

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