

PHOTOS (clockwise from top center): Bur oak acorn, *Openlands archives*; Nature at rest, *Maren Robinson*; Openlands logo from the 1960s–1970s, *Eric Peterson, photo*; The Illinois Prairie Path was the nation's first rails-to-trails conversion, *Openlands archives*; North Park Village Nature Center, 2001, *Openlands archives*; Recreation along Illinois' water trails, *Openlands archives*.

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Openlands:

# A Perennial Perspective

**In 1963,** the Welfare Council of Metropolitan Chicago launched a new initiative, the Open Lands Project, to protect nature while expanding access to nature for all. For over 60 years, this vision has persisted and thrived. Openlands is the Chicago region's preeminent conservation organization and one of the first of its kind in a major metropolitan area in the country. As a champion of people and nature, we advocate for the environment to be part of land use and planning decisions upfront, and not as an afterthought. From building green schoolyards to protecting large swaths of habitat, Openlands works at different scales to weave a web of green and blue across the region.

Especially as we celebrate our 60th anniversary, we have a view towards the future. Our long history and myriad of experiences prepare us to take advantage of opportunities ahead—one of which is partnering with others to create a once-in-a-lifetime greenway and climate corridor on land once planned for a highway. A linear park of this kind is a natural artery that links parks, forest preserves, wetlands, and communities to form life-sustaining channels for the migration of plants and animals.

The battle over the Illinois Route 53 Tollway Extension project in Lake County is as old as Openlands itself, and our long-term advocacy and persistence have led us to a major milestone in 2023. Proposed in 1962, the Route 53 extension was intended to run north from Lake-Cook Road to Grayslake, cutting through

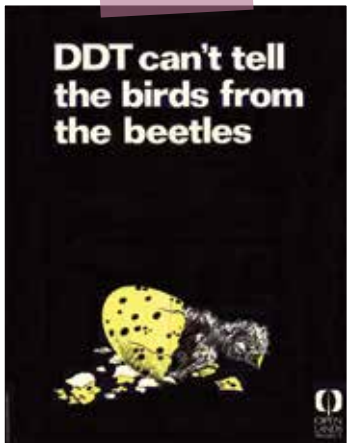
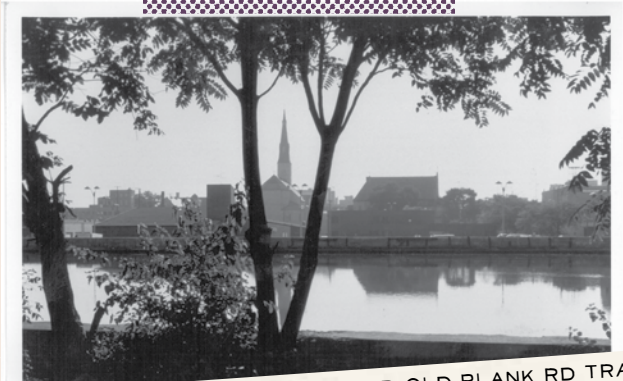
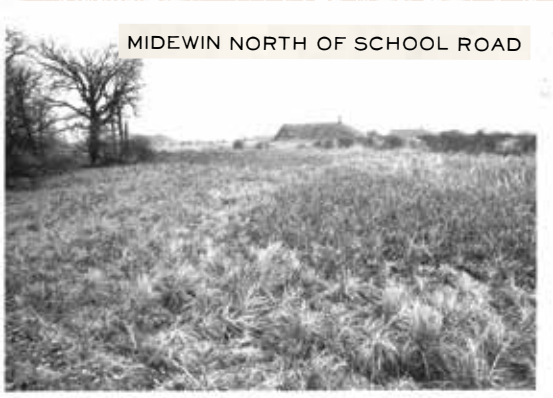
the heart of Lake County. This extension did not make transportation or economic sense and would have impacted rare species and ecosystems. Through decades of building coalitions, conducting environmental studies, educating elected officials, and proposing alternative land use plans, Openlands collaborated with numerous partners to stop the tollway extension across Lake County for future generations.

In the spring of 2023, the Lake County Board passed a resolution supporting the recommendation from the Illinois Route 53 Land Expansion Alternative Use Task Force to transfer land from the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) and form a working group to determine future land use with potential funding options. This is a major step towards preserving 1,100 acres of land and creating a future greenway and climate corridor. The vision will support native vegetation, offer vital connectivity for migrating wildlife, and maintain Lake County as a stronghold for climate change adaptation and mitigation in the region.

Since our founding, Openlands has advocated for smart planning that prioritizes balanced development over unchecked growth. This has meant challenging misguided highways that would cause irrevocable harm to the environment. Openlands' long-standing effort to develop alternatives to the Route 53 extension is an important example of our role as a perennial protector of nature, biodiversity, and quality of life.



A place-based organization



New models of conservation



Protecting biodiversity

ILLINOIS PRAIRIE PATH TRAIL GUIDE

UNCAPTIONED PHOTOS (clockwise from top right): Openlands has opposed harmful environmental practices, such as the use of DDT, throughout its history, *Openlands archives*; Sandhill cranes, Cheryl Keegan, Route 53 'Fields of Vision' Photo Contest; Local flora along the Illinois Prairie Path Greenbay Trail, Eric Peterson; Openlands staff visiting wetlands, *Openlands archives*.

Lake County: a priority landscape

Lake County is one of Openlands' four priority landscapes along with Cook County, Hackmatack National Wildlife Refuge, and Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie. Working at the scale of the region requires us to make strategic investments and develop long-term collaborations. Our priority landscapes are areas where our programs and projects can support communities and make a critical difference to the environment. Lake County is the most ecologically diverse county in Illinois and has the greatest number of rare plant and wildlife species. The county also features an uncommon number of oak groves, glacial lakes, streams, prairies, wetlands, and other rare ecosystems. In Lake County, much of Openlands work has been at the intersection of land preservation, land stewardship, and advocacy. We own land, hold conservation easements, help others to create and implement their property management plans, and have co-chaired the campaigns for each of the Lake County Forest Preserves' successful referendums. By representing nature at the table during policy and planning discussions, we help to impact large acreages in the county and serve as a trusted partner.

Spotlighting nature

As a place-based organization, Openlands has long recognized the key role of nature in the health of the Great Lakes region. The organization offers technical, strategic, and planning expertise to spotlight the value of nature. Communication and education are also vital tools that Openlands wields to inform and strengthen public sentiment to protect threatened ecosystems.

Wetlands are a key type of ecosystem in northeastern Illinois and especially in Lake County. More than 90% of the wetlands in Illinois and 50% in Lake County have disappeared since the 1800s due to agricultural and urban development. Openlands has been a long-term supporter of wetlands research and restoration. In 1983, the organization formed **Wetlands Research Inc.** as a joint venture with the Lake County Forest Preserves which brought together researchers, entrepreneurs, and government agencies. Openlands was instrumental in the Des Plaines River Wetlands Demonstration Projects in Wadsworth, Illinois of northern Lake County. This unprecedented 500-acre living laboratory provided scientists an opportunity to research real-time wetland restorations on degraded habitat. Data collected on these wetlands added to the broader scientific understanding of how wetlands support biodiversity, improve water quality, mitigate floodwaters, and sequester carbon to combat climate change.

Wetlands and other open spaces also provide significant benefits to people who live close to them including economic and recreational opportunities. In 1992, Openlands and the Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission

published the **Northeastern Illinois Regional Greenways Plan**. This visionary plan outlined how a regional greenway network is a critical part of the regional infrastructure and opportunities for future trail and greenway development. The Greenways Plan is part of a family of plans including the **21st Century Open Space Plan** produced by Openlands to provide a comprehensive view of open space and nature that spans across the region and political boundaries.

The Greenways plan identified the Des Plaines River Greenway and the West Lake County Loop Trail, now Millennium Trail, as priority greenways. In 1994, Openlands issued a report titled, **Lake County Extension of Il Route 53: Analysis of Potentially Impacted Wetlands**. This report exposed the devastating impact on the county's wetlands from road construction. If built, the proposed Route 53 extension would have impacted nine wetlands and eight streams including Buffalo Creek, Indian Creek, Bull Creek, Squaw Creek, and other water courses. Several wetland systems of high quality and priority greenways along the proposed highway corridor provide habitat for threatened and endangered bird and plant species and must be protected.

Convening for smart growth

Openlands has always been a key convener of people and organizations who want to protect and restore our environment. The battle against Route 53 was no different. In the mid-1990s, Openlands supported a grass-roots coalition called **Citizens Organized for Sound Transportation (C.O.S.T.)**, which consisted of community groups opposed to the Route 53 extension project. Part of Openlands' ongoing advocacy work was examining smarter transportation alternatives and finding better ways of alleviating traffic congestion in Lake County. These alternatives included improving the county's existing road network, evaluating Metra rail as a viable option, and developing walkable communities connected to public transportation. Openlands further opposed the Route 53 extension project because of concerns that the extension would stimulate sprawl in rural areas of Lake County and could have far reaching effects on regional land use.

In that vein, Openlands pursued regional initiatives to stem unchecked development in Northeastern Illinois. In 1998, Openlands made history by launching the region's first smart growth coalition, **Campaign for Sensible Growth**, to coordinate regional planning efforts, improve development practices, and restrain sprawl. The coalition included Openlands, the Metropolitan Planning Council (MPC), Regional Transportation Authority (RTA), Business Professional People for the Public Interest (BPI), American Lung Association, the Urban Land Institute—Chicago (ULI—Chicago), and Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission. This coalition would eventually grow to over 100 organizations and 2,000 individuals. Members created tools and approaches





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to educate elected and appointed officials on responsible and ecologically sensitive development practices that could sustain our environment.

In order to examine the Route 53 extension in detail, Illinois Tollway established a **Blue Ribbon Advisory Council** in 2011. Jerry Adelman, the President and CEO of Openlands, served as a council member. The purpose of the Blue Ribbon Advisory Council was to find solutions with the goal of achieving greater mobility and relieving congestion in the county while balancing environmental sensitivity and design innovation and transparency. The council developed a conceptual plan that called for a boulevard-style tollway with extensive environmental safeguards. It soon became apparent that this proposed approach would not be financially or politically feasible. Years later in 2019, the Illinois Tollway finally ended work on the Tri-County Access project, including Route 53 extension.

### Planning for the long haul

The demise of the Route 53 highway extension still left the question of what to do with land that had been acquired by the State for its construction. Openlands and fellow members of the Green Corridor Coalition, vocal advocates for the establishment of a greenway along the corridor, quickly became key stakeholders on the **Route 53 Expansion Land Alternative Use Task Force**, established by the Illinois General Assembly through legislation adopted in June 2021. The task force released its final report in December 2022, presenting an inspiring vision for a new state park in Lake County. This vision aligns with existing plans and policies, including the Lake County Forest Preserve's 100-year vision, green infrastructure mapping efforts, and the America the Beautiful initiative to protect 30% of the nation's lands and waters by 2030. The establishment of a greenway along the Illinois Route 53 corridor would not only provide environmental benefits but also bring about positive economic and social impacts for local communities in Lake County. The Lake County Board's passage of the resolution in March, 2023, in support of the task force's recommendation, is another positive step forward.

Leveraging six decades of experience in the region, Openlands is well-equipped to contribute political and planning strategies towards turning this vision into a reality and leveraging this key opportunity. We are committed for the long haul and filled with hope as we embark on the next chapter in Lake County, where communities, our well-being, and nature are cherished and celebrated.

PHOTOS (top to bottom): The mighty oak, Mike Trahan; A walk in fall colors, Carter Conrad, both from Route 53 'Fields of Vision' Photo Contest. (at right, clockwise from top left): Wild lupine, Sarah Sarroz; Liberty Prairie Reserve, 1991, Donnelley Family; Prairie Wind Family Farm at Prairie Crossing, Jen Miller, Route 53 Photo Contest; Restoration workday at the Liberty Prairie Reserve, Openlands archives.



## Liberty Prairie Reserve: community activation in the protection of nature

*The Liberty Prairie Reserve is an ecologically significant area in central Lake County. Facing threats from unchecked suburban development, the reserve has emerged as a remarkable success story and case study on public and private partnerships in the protection of nature.*

In 1973, developers envisioned over 3,000 homes on 675 acres near the villages of Libertyville and Grayslake. In response, local residents, including Gaylord and Dorothy Donnelley and George and Vicky Ranney, long-time Openlands supporters, took legal action to oppose this extensive suburban development. Eventually, in 1986, a resolution known as the "Heartland Agreement" was reached, leading to the establishment of Prairie Crossing, the region's first conservation community. Prairie Crossing became a national example of sustainable communities, featuring low-density housing, eco-friendly principles, and a working farm.

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Openlands participated with Libertyville Township, Lake County Forest Preserves, and Lake County community groups led by the Donnelleys, in the establishment and creation of the Liberty Prairie Reserve in 1991. The Reserve, which includes Prairie Crossing, spans over 5,000 acres of land, of which over 3,000 have permanent legal restrictions on development, with Lake County Forest Preserves and Libertyville Township Open Space District as major landowners. 60% of the Reserve is dedicated to open space, and the Reserve is home to 28 threatened wildlife species.

Over the years, Openlands actively participated in conservation efforts within the Reserve, including planning, ecological restorations, and the development of public access. As the largest conservation easement holder in the Reserve, Openlands has preserved nearly 1,300 acres to date through conservation easements and fee simple ownership. Additionally, three Illinois State Nature Preserves now safeguard nature within the Reserve and 155 properties within the Reserve have participated in Openlands' Lands in Harmony program to implement conservation-friendly practices. Openlands was a key stakeholder in the collaborative planning process led by Conserve Lake County, the Lake County Forest Preserves, Libertyville Township Open Space District, and the Liberty Prairie Foundation, resulting in an updated 2013 master plan for the Reserve. This plan outlined shared objectives of effective protection and expansion of core habitats, land management, sustainable farming, and local food production.

In 2018, Conserve Lake County, a conservation organization originally founded in 1995 as the Liberty Prairie Conservancy, merged into Openlands, providing enhanced capacity and resources to address various challenges in Lake County, including the preservation of land formerly proposed for the Route 53 extension. Openlands remains dedicated to the ongoing protection and stewardship of the Liberty Prairie Reserve and other natural landscapes in our region. *To learn more about the importance of conservation easements in protecting open spaces, visit [Openlands.org/land](https://Openlands.org/land)*

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# Welcome new Openlands Board Members



**LYNN BUHL** has dedicated her career to regulatory compliance, eco-business innovation, and environmental advocacy in the public and private sectors.

*What brought you to Openlands?* I retired from a career as an environmental attorney, the last 20 in policy positions either with US EPA or with the state of Maryland. The key lesson I learned from those positions is that good initiatives do not happen or endure without the support of the local community. To me, that's where Openlands stands out—recognizing the importance of collaboration & teamwork with and between representatives of local residents in any given neighborhood. The Space to Grow: Greening Chicago Schoolyards is awesome.

*Where is your favorite place to get outside in the region?* I have the privilege of living near the lake in Evanston and totally enjoy walking the lakefront paths, enjoying the breezes and the constancy of the lake.



**CAREY ROBERTS** serves as Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Ethics & Compliance Officer at Ventas.

*What brought you to Openlands?* A love of wild places and a desire to help protect the natural world and address climate change challenges. Openlands has been at the forefront of that kind of work for decades, and I'm looking forward to learning from the talented staff and supporting their efforts.

*Where is your favorite place to get outside in the region?* I love the area around Sleeping Bear Dunes in Michigan. I was there early in the pandemic, just a few months after having moved to Chicago from New York, and loved the light, the water, and all of the birds!



**ANNE TUCKER** is a Founding Principal of Melcher+Tucker Consultants, a marketing and communications firm that serves nonprofit and for profit clients.

*What brought you to Openlands?* I first got involved in the mid-90s through a family friend. Since then, I've been involved in various capacities—serving on committees, volunteering, offering communications counsel, whatever I can do to support Openlands' work.

*Where is your favorite place to get outside in the region?* When I was young, growing up in the suburbs, I loved the Cook County Forest Preserves and going to the Chicago Botanic Garden—and still do. Now, living in the city with a dog, I love the lakefront, any time of year. And Chicago's parks, including Lincoln Park and Olive Park, which are great for dogs!



## Save the Date

**Tuesday, October 17, 2023**  
**Hilton Chicago**

**JOIN US** for the Openlands 2023 Annual Luncheon in honor of outgoing President and CEO Jerry Adelman's unparalleled legacy and celebrating Openlands' 60th anniversary. For over 40 years Adelman provided

critical direction to countless environmental initiatives resulting in some of our region's most profound environmental protection successes. Consistently the largest gathering of the conservation community in the state of Illinois, the Openlands Annual Luncheon recognizes the achievements of environmental leaders in our region and celebrates the importance of conservation and environmental stewardship locally, nationally, and internationally.

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# Openlands 2023 Annual Luncheon

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of Openlands'  
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Chicago Region



Biking along the Illinois Prairie Path, Openlands archives.



# Ways in which Openlands protects nature for all

Over the past 60 years, Openlands has played a pivotal role in conserving land and water throughout the Chicago metropolitan region. We believe clean water, clean air, and open spaces should be accessible for everyone. Our extensive work has left a lasting difference on the landscape and people. This Get Outside Map showcases a sampling of 60 locations where Openlands has made an impact as an environmental champion with a region-wide perspective. From large landscapes to small city gardens, Openlands work at different scales in the region to bring people closer to nature. We invite you to get outside and discover the natural wonders of this place we call home.

## 1. Advocating for the protection of nature

The Chicago region is known for its complex political landscape, spanning three states and having more local governments than any other metropolitan area. Openlands actively works with governments, policymakers, and regional planning initiatives to advocate for land preservation. Our goal is to influence policies that prioritize conservation, encourage sustainable land use practices, promote smart growth, and ensure the protection of vital natural areas. Through collaboration with stakeholders and decision-makers, Openlands strives to create a supportive environment for land preservation and foster a culture of environmental stewardship. Our advocacy efforts have resulted in significant achievements, including the establishment of the first rails-to-trails conversion and the first National Tallgrass Prairie in the country.

## 2. Protecting public and private land

Another important aspect of Openlands' work is land preservation through the acquisition of properties, and conservation easements. Openlands purchases key properties, creates and expands protected areas, and ensures their permanent preservation as open spaces, wildlife habitats, and trails. By acquiring land and transferring them to public entities such as Forest Preserve Districts and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Openlands actively prevents the conversion of natural areas into developments that would compromise their ecological integrity. Additionally, we offer support to private landowners in safeguarding the significant natural features of their properties through conservation easements. Openlands has been a member of the Land Trust Alliance since 1983 and an accredited land trust for the region since 2013.

Openlands understands the significance of restoring degraded land to its natural state and takes a proactive role in leading and monitoring restoration projects. These projects may involve the removal of invasive species, reintroduction of native vegetation, re-establishment of natural

waterway patterns, and implementation of ecologically sound land management practices. Through these efforts, Openlands aims to enrich biodiversity, enhance ecosystem health, mitigate the impacts of climate change, create resilient habitats for native plants and wildlife, and provide increased recreational opportunities for the public to enjoy.

Openlands collaborates with partners and offers valuable technical assistance to landowners, communities, and public agencies. This assistance includes guidance on land use planning, effective land management practices, and the implementation of restoration research and projects. By sharing our extensive expertise and knowledge accumulated over 60 years, Openlands empowers stakeholders to make well-informed decisions in land conservation. Through collaboration and training, we foster a collective commitment to preserving and revitalizing our natural landscapes.

## 3. Protecting nature from ongoing threats

Openlands remains vigilant in protecting land, water, and wildlife from ongoing threats, including infrastructure projects that could have detrimental impacts. Many of these efforts are ongoing and span decades. One example is the proposed Peotone Airport, which could lead to the loss of valuable open space and disrupt important ecosystems close to Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie. Openlands actively advocates against such projects and works with partners to find alternatives that prioritize conservation and minimize environmental impacts.

Additionally, Openlands addresses threats posed by road infrastructure, such as the Route 53 expansion project and the Illiana Expressway. We analyze the potential environmental consequences of such projects and advocate for better transportation solutions. Educating the public and elected officials about these pressing issues is also a crucial aspect of our work. Through raising awareness and sharing knowledge, Openlands emphasizes the balance between sustainable growth and the preservation of our invaluable natural resources.



Openlands has conserved more than 70,000 acres of land across northeastern Illinois. Get outside and explore our region. To see more, visit [Openlands.org/GetOutside](https://openlands.org/GetOutside).

PICTURED: Dedication of Historic Market at the I&M Canal in 1966. / Openlands archives

Visit [Openlands.org/GetOutside](https://openlands.org/GetOutside) for more details on these locations and hundreds of other places to enjoy in the region with Openlands Get Outside Map.





Get Outside Map:  
60 Years  
of Openlands' Impact in the  
Chicago Region

Openlands works closely with partners to protect and restore land across our region. This map represents our work from land acquisition to green infrastructure development. These locations include land owned by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Forest Service, Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Conservation Districts, Forest Preserve Districts, Park Districts, NeighborSpace Chicago Public Schools, and others. Learn more at [Openlands.org/GetOutside](https://openlands.org/GetOutside)

Map key

- 1 **Glacial Park Conservation Area**  
6705 State Rte 31, Ringwood, IL 60072
- 2 **Chain O'Lakes State Park**  
8916 Wilmot Rd, Spring Grove, IL 60081
- 3 **Nippersink Canoe Base Conservation Area**  
400 US-12, Spring Grove, IL 60081
- 4 **Historic Petersen Farm**  
4112 McCullom Lake Rd  
McHenry, IL 60050
- 5 **Sedge Meadow Forest Preserve**  
15615 W Wadsworth Rd  
Wadsworth, IL 60083
- 6 **Illinois Beach State Park**  
1 Lake Front Dr, Zion, IL 60099
- 7 **Volo Bog State Natural Area**  
28478 W Brandenburg Rd  
Ingleside, IL 60041
- 8 **Nippersink Forest Preserve**  
900 W Belvidere Rd  
Round Lake, IL 60073
- 9 **John Gage Park (Liberty Prairie Reserve Trails Access)**  
US-45, Grayslake, IL 60030
- 10 **Black Crown Marsh State Natural Area**  
30848 N Darrell Rd, McHenry, IL 60051
- 11 **Singing Hills Forest Preserve**  
30700 S Fish Lake Rd  
Round Lake, IL 60073
- 12 **Ray Lake Forest Preserve**  
23275 W Erhart Rd, Mundelein, IL 60060
- 13 **Deer Grove Forest Preserve (West)**  
1393 W Dundee Rd, Palatine, IL 60067
- 14 **Deer Grove Forest Preserve (East)**  
1599 Pepper Tree Dr, Palatine, IL 60067
- 15 **Ryerson Woods Conservation Area**  
21950 N Riverwoods Rd  
Riverwoods, IL 60015
- 16 **Tyler Creek Forest Preserve**  
401 Davis Rd, Elgin, IL 60123
- 17 **Kennicott's Grove Nature Preserve**  
1421 Milwaukee Ave, Glenview, IL 60025
- 18 **Peacock Prairie/James Woodworth Prairie Preserve**  
9845 N Milwaukee Ave, Glenview, IL
- 19 **James Pate Philip State Park (formerly Tri-County State Park)**  
2050 W Stearns Rd, Bartlett, IL 60103
- 20 **Garfield Farm**  
3N016 Garfield Rd, La Fox, IL 60147
- 21 **North Park Village Nature Center**  
5801 N Pulaski Rd, Chicago, IL 60646

- 22 **Bowmanville Gateway Garden**  
5346 N Ravenswood Ave  
Chicago, IL 60640
- 23 **Bromann Park**  
5400 N Broadway, Chicago, IL 60640
- 24 **Navy Pier (Grand Illinois Trail Access)**  
600 E Grand Ave, Chicago, IL 60611
- 25 **Lincoln Marsh Natural Area**  
Harrison Ave &, Pierce Ave  
Wheaton, IL 60187
- 26 **Salt Creek Greenway Forest Preserve**  
500 Ogden Ave  
Western Springs, IL 60558
- 27 **Praire Path Park (Illinois Prairie Path Access)**  
620 W Park Ave, Wheaton, IL 60189
- 28 **Kedvale Park**  
4134 W Hirsch St, Chicago, IL 60651
- 29 **Pulaski Park**  
1419 W Blackhawk St, Chicago, IL 60642
- 30 **Genevieve Melody STEM Elementary School (Space to Grow)**  
3937 W Wilcox St, Chicago, IL 60624
- 31 **Nathan S. Davis Elementary School (Space to Grow)**  
3014 W 39th Pl, Chicago, IL 60632
- 32 **McKinley Park**  
2210 W Pershing Rd, Chicago, IL 60609
- 33 **Xochiquetzal Peace Garden**  
1903 W 23rd St, Chicago, IL 60608
- 34 **Ping Tom Memorial Park (Chicago River Access)**  
1700 S Wentworth Ave  
Chicago, IL 60616
- 35 **Sherwood Park**  
5701 S Shields Ave, Chicago, IL 60621
- 36 **John W. Cook Elementary School (Space to Grow)**  
8150 S Bishop St, Chicago, IL 60620
- 37 **Chicago Ridge Prairie Nature Preserve**  
5824 107th Ct Way  
Chicago Ridge, IL 60415
- 38 **Marian R. Byrnes Park**  
2200 E 103rd St, Chicago, IL 60617
- 39 **Eggers Grove (Burnham Greeway Trail Access)**  
11201 S Avenue B, Chicago, IL 60617
- 40 **Indian Ridge Marsh**  
11800 S Torrence Ave, Chicago, IL 60617
- 41 **Forty Acres Woods**  
119th St, east of S La Grange Rd  
Cook County, IL 60464
- 42 **Beaubien Woods**  
1757 E 134th St, Chicago, IL 60633

- 43 **Lake Renwick Heron Rookery Nature Preserve**  
2303 S Renwick Rd, Plainfield, IL 60586
- 44 **Theodore Marsh**  
Fox Meadow Dr, Crest Hill, IL 60403
- 45 **Lockport Prairie Nature Preserve**  
Broadway St, Lockport, IL 60441
- 46 **I&M Canal Visitor Center (I&M Canal Trail Access)**  
754 First Street LaSalle, IL 61301
- 47 **Hadley Valley Preserve**  
18304 Gougar Rd, Joliet, IL 60432
- 48 **Messenger Woods Nature Preserve**  
13800 Bruce Rd, Homer Glen, IL 60491
- 49 **Paintbrush Prairie Nature Preserve**  
Markham, IL 60428
- 50 **Wentworth Prairie Forest Preserve**  
800 Pulaski Rd, Calumet City, IL 60409
- 51 **Green Lake Woods (Burnham Greeway Trail Access)**  
1100 River Oaks Dr  
Calumet City, IL 60409
- 52 **Hickory Creek Preserve (Old Plank Road Trail Access)**  
10537 W La Porte Rd, Mokena, IL 60448
- 53 **Tinley Creek-Bartel Grassland**  
Central Ave & Flossmoor Rd  
Tinley Park, IL 60477
- 54 **Thorn Creek Woods Nature Preserve**  
247 Monee Rd, Park Forest, IL 60466
- 55 **Goose Lake Prairie State Natural Area**  
5010 N Jugtown Rd, Morris, IL 60450
- 56 **Grant Creek Prairie Nature Preserve**  
24001 Lorenzo Rd, Wilmington, IL 60481
- 57 **Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie**  
30239 S State Rte 53  
Wilmington, IL 60481
- 58 **Hitts Siding Prairie Nature Preserve**  
Wilmington, IL 60481
- 59 **Beall Woods State Park**  
9285 Beall Woods Ave,  
Mount Carmel, IL 62863
- 60 **Indiana Dunes National Park**  
1100 N Mineral Springs Rd  
Porter, IN 46304