



## The Conservation Foundation

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### Join Today!

People who love nature just like you support The Conservation Foundation. Every day our members enable us to preserve rapidly disappearing natural areas and clean up our rivers and streams. Your membership will provide results you can see. Note that donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

#### Membership Levels:

- \$50
- \$100
- \$250 \*
- \$500
- \$1,000\*\*
- Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\* This is the requested amount for business and organizational memberships.  
\*\* This contribution qualifies for a membership in our Prairie Oak Society.

- I'd like to volunteer
- Sign me up for your email newsletters

#### How did you hear about us? (check all that apply)

- Website/online
- Newspaper or radio
- Received a mailing
- From a friend or associate
- Attended an event or class
- Other

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Check enclosed made payable to "The Conservation Foundation"

Charge my membership to my credit card  Visa  MC  AmEx

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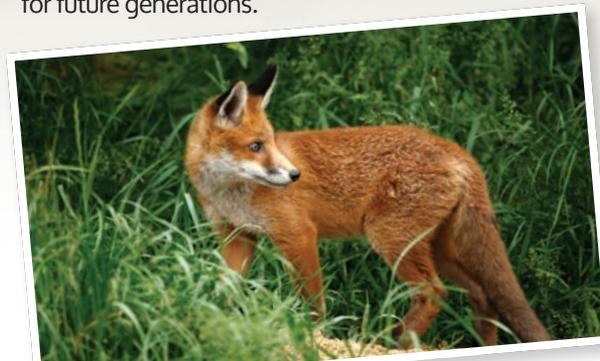


McDonald Farm, Naperville

### Become a Member

The Conservation Foundation invites you to join the more than 4,000 members and donors who help safeguard our natural resources. Here are just a few of the benefits of membership:

- Discounted rates for The Conservation Foundation's events, including our educational luncheons, classes and programs, as well as an invitation to our Earth Day Benefit Dinner in April.
- A subscription to our magazine, called *The Heron*, featuring our land and watershed conservation successes, updates on local environmental issues, and tips to improve your own conservation efforts.
- The opportunity to meet other members with similar environmental interests and to join them to pursue issues of importance to you.
- The satisfaction of knowing you have contributed to a cause that continues to grow in importance in our region, and helps protect land and water resources for future generations.



"The landscape belongs to the person who looks at it."

- Ralph Waldo Emerson



### Learn about The Conservation Foundation

- Established in 1972 by civic and business leaders.
- One of the oldest and largest environmental organizations in northeastern Illinois.
- A nonprofit organization with more than 4,000 members and donors.
- A reasoned voice for conservation with a balanced approach to development and preservation.
- Source for classes, programs and events focusing on environmental topics.



### OUR MISSION

"We preserve and restore open space and natural lands, protect rivers and watersheds, and promote stewardship of our environment."

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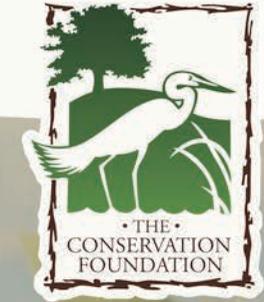
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We're working in  
*your neighborhood*  
to save nature, preserve land  
and keep our water and air  
clean and healthy



Established in 1972 by business and community leaders who share your love of the environment, The Conservation Foundation is a private, nonprofit, 501(c)(3) charitable organization dedicated to preserving natural areas, restoring water quality, and promoting positive environmental initiatives. We work throughout northeastern Illinois with a focus on DuPage, Kane, Kendall and Will counties, as well as portions of DeKalb, Grundy and LaSalle counties. Member support has been the foundation of our success and we have become a well-respected, reasoned, and sought-after voice on conservation issues.

As residents of northeastern Illinois, we recognize the beauty of the prairies, forests and rivers as our heritage and believe these natural areas deserve the same care as redwood forests and mountain landscapes. Add your voice to the partnership of others to protect our vanishing forests, farms, and natural areas.

Become a member today.



"Treat the Earth well. It was not given to you by your parents. It was loaned to you by your children."

- Kenyan Proverb

### Preserving Natural Areas

Since our founding, The Conservation Foundation has helped to preserve more than 30,000 acres of open space and natural lands. To accomplish this, we focus on acquiring valuable land, facilitating land transactions between private property owners and public land preservation agencies, and working with private landowners to place conservation easements on their property to protect it from development forever.



### Protecting Rivers and Streams

The Conservation Foundation protects and enhances rivers and streams and the watersheds in which we live. Water quality is improved through municipal and citizen efforts, including the annual DuPage River Sweep in which hundreds of volunteers improve water quality by collecting thousands of pounds of debris. We increase citizen awareness through our storm drain stenciling program where volunteers paint educational messages near storm drains to discourage pollution.



### Promoting Sustainable Development

Conservation and development are not mutually exclusive – they can work in tandem to improve communities. The Conservation Foundation works with local citizens, elected officials and developers to encourage practical, cost-effective, sustainable development practices that ensure a high quality of life while our communities grow.



### Educating the Public

From teaching conservation to local school groups through the "No Child Left Inside" initiative, to leading nature discovery days for families, to providing classes for adults on water conservation and the benefits of native plants, we share our expertise with the community every day. Classes are offered at The Conservation Foundation's farm in Naperville, at park districts and libraries, schools and colleges...anywhere concerned citizens are eager to learn about ways to preserve our land and rivers.

"Conservation is a state of harmony between people and land."

- Aldo Leopold



We launched the Conservation@Home and Conservation@Work programs as a way to educate and recognize homeowners, municipalities and corporations who take care of their property in a way that enhances our environment. Whether you create a butterfly or rain garden, preserve a woodland or creek or install a rain barrel, we want your success to set an example for others. Join the nearly 1000 property owners already onboard with Conservation@Home and get your property certified as eco-friendly.