UPCOMING EVENTS

March 26th
- Water Conservation Workshop

April 27th
- Earth Day Benefit Dinner

May 7th
- Spring at the Dickson-Murst Farm

May 13th
- McDonald Farm Native Plant Sale

May 20th
- DuPage River Sweep
- Dayton Bluffs Preserve Grand Opening

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Letter from the President

Here we are in 2017, The Conservation Foundation’s 45th Anniversary year! We are entering this year with an unprecedented momentum, thanks to everyone who supported our 45th Anniversary Matching Challenge. I’m thrilled to say we exceeded our $70,000 goal by over $10,000! And we’ve received the matching gifts from our three anonymous donors, meaning we enter this year with $150,000 to accelerate our conservation programs. So the first thing I need to say is THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to this match!

I’ve had the good fortune of being around for quite a few of these milestone years, and I always enjoy taking a little time to reminisce and look back at all this organization has become, not by chance or by luck, but by the generosity, dedication and hard, focused work of a whole bunch of people over four and a half decades. Some of the best people I know. But this time, my reminiscence was heavily tinged with some personal revelations. Looking back, I am really seeing how much working for nature as a part of The Conservation Foundation has changed me as a man, clarified who I am, what is important to me, and why the mission of The Conservation Foundation is so vital.

I’m a bugs and bunnies guy – my college studies were on biology, geology, ecology – the plants, the rocks, and the critters that put together make up what we know to be nature. And when I started this work, that’s what it was about for me. Yes, I understood a healthy environment that supported the species that so fascinated me would also support human life, but at the time I don’t think I quite grasped how a life lived with and for nature can hold so many more personal implications. I now understand better, both through my own experiences and through the ways I have seen others change and respond, how this good work of The Conservation Foundation is about helping PEOPLE. And it’s about more than helping people survive. It’s about helping them – helping you – helping me – thrive.

When I hear from the residents of Greenfields of Geneva Senior Living how much they enjoy watching the birds and butterflies that visit their Conservation@Work-certified prairie, I know this work matters. When a teacher at Johnson Elementary School in Warrenville shares how she has seen students who are struggling academically just light up when they find their place in nature during our Mighty Acorns® stewardship program, I know this work matters. When I see families enjoying our local waterways on my frequent kayaking trips, I know this work matters. When I hear from our volunteers (who are all incredible, by the way) how by helping us they really feel like they are making a difference, I know this work matters. It matters to people. In connecting with nature, we connect more deeply with ourselves, with each other, and with what it means to live a fulfilling, deliberate life.

I know, this is pretty heady stuff. If you want to see some more concrete examples of The Conservation Foundation’s impact, I welcome you to visit the 45th Anniversary blog article on our website. The members of The Conservation Foundation have made all of the accomplishments you will see there, and all of the more touchy feely stuff I’ve talked about here, possible. I know our members take pride in each of our conservation success stories, but instead of basking in the glow, they are always looking forward, always pushing us to preserve that next parcel of threatened natural land, clean up that next stretch of river, partner with another school to teach its students about the wonders of nature and how they can care for them. I feel that momentum. I feel energized and inspired. I feel there are big things ahead in the coming year, in the next 45 years, and for many years beyond that! I hope you will be part of the celebration, and part of the good work that is ahead of us!

By: Brook McDonald
President/CEO

My daughter Sage and I have shared some of our best moments together in nature. I want all dads and daughters to be able to do that for generations to come!
Fox River in the Spotlight

Thanks to the generous support of the Hamill Family Foundation, the Fox River has been thrust into our organizational spotlight and we have launched the Fox River Education & Outreach Initiative. We have long worked in Fox River communities and preserved land along its banks, but this opportunity to focus more deeply while simultaneously addressing the watershed as a whole is an exciting one to say the least!

More than 1 million people live in the Fox River watershed. Those who grew up in a Fox River town, have enjoyed fishing or canoeing its waters, or have just appreciated the view as they cross its bridges in their daily comings and goings have found kindred spirits in The Conservation Foundation and the Hamill Family Foundation. The Hamill siblings, Betsy, Jonathan and Nancy, spent their childhood days with their toes in the Fox and its tributaries, and by funding this initiative through The Conservation Foundation, they are hoping to educate and instill in others the same love and respect for the Fox River ecosystem and the many values – cultural, social, economic and ecological – that it provides.

Trish Beckjord of St. Charles has joined our staff as Program Manager of the Fox River Initiative, and she has already been quite busy laying the foundation for the Initiative’s three pillars:

- Broad-Based Public Education
- Conservation In Our Community
- Art of the Fox

We’ll pretty much be all over Kane, Kendall and LaSalle Counties over the course of this 5-year initiative, addressing the care of the river that defines our communities on all levels. There are already a host of governmental and non-profit organizations doing wonderful work on behalf of the Fox and we are looking to support their efforts, facilitate partnerships, expand our programs, and fill in any gaps. This will truly be a collaborative initiative, and our hope is to bring together the residents, municipalities, counties and everyone who loves the Fox. Together we will work to improve its water quality, preserve the lands it nourishes, create and restore habitat for the pollinators and wildlife species that call it home or depend on its resources for successful migration, manage its flood waters, provide for it in our ordinances and the way we use the land around it, and help people enjoy its abundance and beauty.

Stay in touch for lots of ways to get involved, and feel free to contact Trish Beckjord anytime if you have questions or thoughts about the Fox River Education & Outreach Initiative. Let’s go show the Fox some love!

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By: Jill Johnson
Communications Manager

Meet our Artist in Residence

Our Art of the Fox artist-in-resident’s love of the natural world shines brightly through his paintings. Meet Joel Sheesley, Artist-in Residence for the Art of the Fox pillar of the Fox River Education and Outreach Initiative you just read about. Joel is a beautifully talented plein air (outdoors) painter, and through Art of the Fox he will capture the beauty and personality of the Fox River, in all of its moods and meanders and seasons, in 50 to 60 original paintings. Joel is a retired art professor from Wheaton College, and we are hoping that by appreciating his art and learning from him how to create their own, Fox River Valley residents and artists (experienced and not!) will be able to appreciate the Fox River more deeply.

You can learn more about Joel and see some of his work at www.joelsheesley.com. We thank Joel for partnering with us and look forward to experiencing the Art of the Fox!

By: Trish Beckjord
Fox River Initiative Program Manager

Art must be an expression of love or it is nothing.
~ Marc Chagall

Fox River, Yorkville
Heritage Quarries: A Rags to Riches Story

On October 15th more than 200 people joined us for the third restoration work day we have held at Heritage Quarries Recreation Area, a previously neglected abandoned quarry along the I&M Canal that is making its way back to beauty and balance with a little help from its friends, its community members, The Conservation Foundation and the CITGO Lemont Refinery.

The yellow dolomite mined from Heritage Quarries between 1850 and 1900 was used to build such regional landmarks as the Chicago Water Tower and Holy Name Cathedral. Though it was mined out, Heritage Quarries has other kinds of riches to provide, and is one of the Lemont community’s best resources for outdoor recreation such as fishing, boating, hiking and picnicking. For students from nearby Lemont High School, it provides a dynamic outdoor classroom with much to teach to its pupils, who are not just observing but are participating in its journey from ecological degradation to restored biodiversity and beauty.

This particular workday entailed brush clearing, improving trail access and planting native tree species. Another workday is planned for Saturday, April 29th, 2017. Heritage Quarries may not be a pristine untouched wilderness, but it is a vital connection to the natural world for the people of Lemont, a story of nature’s resilience and the way human hands can restore to the land what a previous generation’s hands took from it. And who doesn’t love a rags to riches story like that?

By: Jill Johnson
Communications Manager

Stormwater & BEYOND: Beyond the Basics 2016

While we can all do our part on a small scale to conserve water and reduce the pollutants we use, the real impact to our waterways, whether positive or detrimental, happens at the larger scale. Our county and community ordinances, building and zoning requirements, wastewater treatment regulations and the many other arenas of stormwater management are where the tide can be turned toward improved water quality in our region. There are many great minds doing many great things across our landscape already, but we know we can and must do better.

Discovering how we can all do better is the goal of our Beyond the Basics Stormwater Management conference series, and more than 150 of the best minds in stormwater management joined us for this past fall’s event, “The Devil’s In The Details”. Beyond the Basics has become the premier educational event for stormwater management in the region, and my own energy and optimism are continually buoyed by the enthusiasm for increased learning and creativity I see in my fellow stormwater professionals and community leaders at every Beyond the Basics event.

The two-day conference kicked off with a day-long coach bus tour of exemplary stormwater management projects in western DuPage County and eastern Kane County, highlighting permeable pavements, bioswales and rain gardens on both public and private properties. The second day of the conference began with a keynote address from Dan Christian of TetraTech Detroit, who shared his thoughts on what it takes for stormwater management projects to be successful long term. Marcus Quigley from OptiRTC of Boston followed with his knowledge of up and coming technologies of use to the stormwater management industry, and how the internet can help communities better manage stormwater projects.

We must thank our sponsors, without whom this cutting edge conference could not happen: Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd., Bedrock Earthscapes, LLC, ENCAP, Inc., DuPage County, The Pizzo Group, V3Companies, Chicago Wilderness, Day, Robert & Morrison, PC, Geosyntec Consultants, Ice Miller Legal Counsel and Bluestem Communications.

By: Jennifer Hammer
Ecological Restoration and Watershed Coordinator
Partnering for Pollinators

Adelaide Johnson, daughter of Communications Manager Jill Johnson, marvels at the beauty of a Monarch she raised from a caterpillar before releasing it into the wilds of her backyard native prairie planting.

Northern Illinois residents and organizations, including The Conservation Foundation, are rolling out the welcome mat for our imperiled pollinators this year. We are focused on the following two projects in particular, and are incredibly excited about them both!

Fox Valley Monarch Corridor Project
We are so grateful to be the recipients of a $250,000 grant from the US Fish & Wildlife Foundation, which has allowed us to bring together 11 other local public and private agencies in an historic partnership. Over the next two years, The Conservation Foundation has the honor of leading this coalition as together we carry out the Fox Valley Monarch Corridor Project, aimed at preserving and restoring existing monarch habitat, creating additional habitat and getting more milkweed on the landscape along the Fox River.

The Fox Valley Monarch Corridor extends over 975 acres and will include the establishment and restoration of 10 multi-acre natural areas and hundreds of “stepping stone” sites on private land that will connect the breeding and migration habitats of monarch butterflies and other pollinators. While these larger natural areas are obviously key, another vital component of our effort is linking the bigger tracts together through the creation of pockets of habitat. That’s what The Conservation Foundation’s Conservation@Home and Conservation@Work programs are all about. We will be working diligently to engage more residents, business owners and organizations in these programs by encouraging them to use

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Dan Lobbes, Director of Land Preservation
native plants, reduce their mowing, watering and chemical use, and especially to plant milkweed! Milkweed is essential for monarch survival as their main food source and where they lay eggs.

“We’re very happy to bring all these organizations together to do such important work,” says Dan Lobbes, our Director of Land Preservation and Project Manager of the Fox Valley Monarch Corridor Project. “It takes all of us working together to make a significant, lasting difference for the monarchs and for us all.”

Illinois Department of Natural Resources Partnership

The Conservation Foundation’s programs to encourage native landscaping will also be accelerated throughout Northern Illinois, particularly in Will County, through a partnership with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

Working with our Conservation@Home staff, IDNR Northern Illinois Coordinator Lynn Boerman will focus primarily in Will County by encouraging landowners and businesses to become environmental stewards through the use of the sustainable landscaping practices encouraged by our Conservation@Home and Conservation@Work programs. And in the case of large corporate, church, and education campuses, she will be encouraging turf-to-prairie conversions using The Conservation Foundation’s Pollinator Meadow Mix, turning their lawn areas into functional landscapes for the benefit of people, pollinators and other wildlife.

In addition to the earth-friendly outcomes of this partnership, both of our organizations are benefitting as well. At The Conservation Foundation, we have struggled to find the resources to carry our Conservation@Home program into Will County as much as we would like, so we are very grateful having Lynn on board to fill that niche. For the IDNR, carrying out our Conservation@Home program is a way of reviving an initiative they had to help homeowners to put conservation measures in place on their properties without having to reinvent the wheel.

Our President/CEO Brook McDonald said this partnership makes perfect sense and is a great example of conservation organizations using each other’s strengths to have more impact, rather than competing with each other and duplicating efforts. “We both share the vision to conserve and protect natural resources in Illinois for future generations.”

It is our hope these programs and partnerships will help set our landscape ablaze with the fiery fluttering wings of our beloved monarchs and other precious pollinator species. After all, their survival depends on us, and ours on them.

By: Jill Johnson  
Communications Manager

Sandy Kaczmarski  
Communications Assistant

FOX VALLEY MONARCH CORRIDOR PROJECT PARTNERS

- The Conservation Foundation (Lead organization)
- Forest Preserve District of Kane County
- Campton Township
- Dundee Township
- Fermilab Natural Areas
- Fox Valley Park District
- Barrington Area Conservation Trust
- Conserve Lake County
- Forest Preserve District of DuPage County
- Kendall County Forest Preserve District
- Land Conservancy of McHenry County
- Oswegoland Park District
Mighty Acorns® are Sprouting!

Like the proverbial squirrel dispersing acorns, The Conservation Foundation has spread our Mighty Acorns® program in DuPage and Kane Counties. Thanks to the additional support of our donors, we are DOUBLING our reach over just last year through Mighty Acorns®. If you have dug a little deeper to make an extra donation in the last year or two, I hope you will enjoy reading about the mighty results of your contribution. You are truly making a difference!

Seventeen! That seems like a special number going into 2017. That is how many oak saplings the Mighty Acorns® students at West Chicago’s Wegner School counted after they had cut invasive honeysuckle at Prestonfield Park. What a way to illustrate how removing invasives gives acorns the sunlight, space, and nutrients they need to germinate; they were so proud to see this proof that their restoration efforts were having an impact in their adopted natural area! The Conservation Foundation has been providing the Mighty Acorns® program to Wegner School 4th graders continuously for 15 years, and not only are the oaks growing in their adopted park but we have expanded the program to include 5th graders.

Starting with one classroom 5 years ago our partnership with Hillcrest School and Hawthorne Hill Nature Center in Elgin has grown to seven classrooms of 4th and 5th graders. Another strong partnership is our long collaboration with Johnson School and the Warrenville Park District. After a two year hiatus due to lack of funding, 5th grade Mighty Acorns® from Currier School were able to experience nature in Blackwell Forest Preserve again. Beginning in 1998, Currier School was our first Mighty Acorns® school so it is incredibly exciting to be able to support the program for the students again.

Two new programs have also begun this year. Fifth graders from Meadow Glens School in Naperville have been the first school to use our McDonald Farm headquarters for exploration and stewardship. And we are mentoring educators at Red Oak Nature Center in Batavia to begin their own Mighty Acorns® Program. Despite a very rainy day last fall, 3rd graders from Allen School in Aurora learned about bird beak adaptations and got to explore a real cave along the Fox River.

Thanks to two private family foundations, we have also been able to establish two Mighty Acorns® Boys & Girls Club programs. Our Elgin Boys & Girls Club Mighty Acorns® have been funded for two years by the Nayar Family Foundation, and the Schmidgall Family Foundation has enabled us to start up a similar program with the Dundee Boys & Girls Club with their commitment of funding for two years.

In Elgin the boys and girls do a “Day Off School” program where they spend a morning once a month at Hawthorne Hill Nature Center hosted by Maura Neuffer, naturalist and Mighty Acorns® partner. The kids have been able to explore the woodlands and wetlands surrounding the center, observing frogs, turtles, egrets and wood ducks, most of which they have never seen before. They have also planted a number of native plants as part of their stewardship activities. I’ll never forget one little girl who exclaimed during our hike in particularly glorious weather, “Isn’t this the best day ever?”

In Dundee the Boys and Girls Club members participate in an after school program once a month at Library Springs Natural Area. Not only do they get to explore this natural area blocks from their school, they have been involved in improving habitat adjacent to the Dundee Library that will become a natural play area. One day Kirby Dowait and his crew from Dundee Township got involved to lead unique and fun stewardship activities, like throwing seed bombs into the prairie. A major highlight of this winter afternoon in the woods was the discovery of a full deer skeleton. Several of the children spent much of their time assembling the skeleton as the others added invasive buckthorn to the roaring fire. The culmination of the year was a special summer field trip for each Boys and Girls Club, the Dundee group to Jelke Creek Bird Sanctuary and the Elgin group to Illinois Beach State Park, where they were in awe of the vastness of Lake Michigan, which many had never seen until that day.

Through Mighty Acorns®, these children have been able to experience nature in their neighborhood and support conservation efforts in their community. I firmly believe we are giving them much more than pleasant memories. We are helping them understand that they have a place in nature and a responsibility to care for it, and that will serve us all in the future as they grow to be good stewards of our resources. Like the old English proverb says, “Great oaks from little acorns grow.”

By: Carolyn Wagner
Mighty Acorns® Program Coordinator
Dundee Boys and Girls Club participants got their hands dirty throwing seed bombs into the prairie, planting oak trees (opposite page top) and clearing invasive buckthorn and honeysuckle at Library Springs Natural Area (opposite page bottom).

Mighty Acorns® students from Johnson School in Warrenville receive Conservation@Work certification for planting oak trees and stewarding the natural area adjacent to their school.
Remembering Four Mighty Oaks

The Conservation Foundation and the conservation world in general have lost four mighty oaks in recent months. All four of these people have been an integral part of this organization’s history, have had a profound impact on their communities, and will always mean a great deal on a personal level to myself and my staff.

**Paul Mooring**
I first met Paul and Jean Mooring when I worked at the Lincoln Marsh in Wheaton. The Illinois Prairie Path, which runs through Lincoln Marsh, was their baby – they were instrumental in its creation. In my time with The Conservation Foundation, I worked with the Moorings on our Trails Committee and also served with them on the DuPage Environmental Commission and the DuPage Trails Task Force. They always came as a pair – a two for one deal. While Jean, who passed away a few years ago, was very outspoken, Paul was much more reserved, a true scientist. It’s hard to believe that with Paul’s recent passing they are both gone, that we will no longer see them holding hands as they walk up to the registration table at one of our events.

**Jack Sheaffer**
Jack Sheaffer, noted regional expert in water quality, passed away just before Christmas. He was a frequent speaker at our summits and conferences, and even invented his own model for wastewater treatment, called The Sheaffer System. Jack also helped pass the Clean Water Act of 1972. As knowledgeable as he was and as much as I learned from him, the thing I will miss most about Jack was his quick smile. He was one of those people who smiled with his eyes, and even amongst his many accomplishments, accolades and abilities, including having worked at the Pentagon as Science Advisor to the Secretary of the Army, his kindness was one of his brightest qualities.

**Tony Tynzni**
Tony Tynzni was one of the most talented landscape architects I have ever known. He worked as The Morton Arboretum’s landscape architect for 40 years and after retirement, he began doing design work at the Planter’s Palette, his son’s nursery and garden center in Winfield. For many years, Tony graciously put together the flower centerpieces for our Earth Day Benefit Dinner, and he also designed the native butterfly garden in front of the office at our McDonald Farm headquarters in Naperville. I absolutely loved Tony’s drawings of trees. He saw deeply into nature and its most beautiful details, and lucky for us was given the talent to capture it in his art.

**Stephenie Todd**
Stephenie “Stevie” Todd was a little woman with a giant amount of energy and knowledge, and she had a servant’s heart. She gave her time to so many community groups and causes, I don’t know how she ever got any sleep. The Conservation Foundation was incredibly fortunate to be the recipient of Stevie’s service on our Kendall County Advisory Council, as a volunteer at our Dickson-Murst Farm, and as the leader of historic barn tours and other member events. She and her husband Tom helped plan and carry out our Earth Day Benefit Dinner and Harvest Moon Social for many years, even enlisting their children to help press fresh apple cider to sell at our fall event. Stevie had an incredibly rich historical knowledge of the area, especially Kendall County, and a gift for storytelling that brought the past to life. I could listen to her for hours.

On behalf of myself and my staff, our most heartfelt condolences go out to all who knew and loved these four outstanding individuals. We will dearly miss each one of them.

By: Brook McDonald
President/CEO

PERENNIAL CIRCLE SPOTLIGHT: Eugene Pomerance

Eugene Pomerance of Elmhurst was a longtime member and Volunteer of The Conservation Foundation. Before his passing in 2014 at the age of 92, Eugene was a volunteer of The Conservation Foundation, and was a very active conservationist and supporter of environmental projects in the area.

Though he lived his whole life as an advocate of local conservation, Eugene didn’t want his support to stop when his life was finished. He remembered The Conservation Foundation in his will, and the disbursements we have received from his estate have already financed several conservation projects in Elmhurst and other local communities.

We are so grateful to Eugene’s thoughtfulness and generosity, and are proud to carry on his conservation legacy through our work to save land and rivers in northeastern Illinois. If you would like to learn more about incorporating The Conservation Foundation into your estate plans, feel free to contact Scott LaMorte at 630-428-4500, Ext. 142 or email slamorte@theconservationfoundation.org.
A Trustee Trifecta

The new year has brought three refreshing new faces to The Conservation Foundation’s Board of Trustees.

D. "Dewey" Pierotti, former president of the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County, may be a new face on our Board but not to our organization, or the preservation of open space in Illinois. Dewey brings more than 20 years of dedication to the preservation of natural areas for future generations and a reputation as a fierce supporter of conservation and environmental protection. Dewey says The Conservation Foundation’s similar commitment is what drew him to joining our board after his retirement from the forest preserve district.

“We have the unique ability in whatever we accomplish to leave a legacy for generations to come,” Dewey said. “Every piece of property now preserved will be there for my children, my children’s children, and their children for as long as it exists. That’s a heck of a legacy to leave.”

While her legal knowledge will be invaluable to us, attorney Patricia Tauchert of Dundee sees her new position on The Conservation Foundation’s Board of Trustees as a way to practice her passion for ecological restoration.

Pat is also a familiar face to the organization, having served on our Planned Giving Committee. A partner with Pluymert, MacDonald, Hargrove & Lee, Ltd., in Hoffman Estates, Pat has a budding interest in native plants and habitat restoration projects and even raises Monarch butterflies on her back porch during the summer.

“I love the work The Conservation Foundation does,” Pat said. “The restoration of native plants is extremely important and I think we need to use them everywhere both to replace what we’ve lost…and because they’re the most beautiful.”

We are honored to have Ken Holmstrom of Oswego join The Conservation Foundation’s Board of Trustees, bringing years of community service and a strong commitment to preserving open space.

Ken is senior vice president at Allied First Bank in Oswego, who have been wonderful supporters of our Dickson-Murst Farm in Montgomery. “I’m hoping to contribute time and energy to The Conservation Foundation in preserving open space,” says Ken. “When I have time to get away, I run to nature. I retreat to our small lake home in Wisconsin. Nothing is more peaceful and relaxing than sitting and looking at the lake and surrounding trees. I’m grateful to have this space to share the wonders of nature with my grandchildren.”

By: Jill Johnson
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Meet our New Worker Bees

The holes in our McDonald and Dickson-Murst Farm hives are filling up as we welcome three new staff members to our colony.

Trish Beckjord of St. Charles is the Program Manager of the new Fox River Initiative you read about on Page 4. She works out of the Dickson-Murst Farm in Montgomery and can be reached at 630-428-4500, Ext. 206 or tbeckjord@theconservationfoundation.org.

Jamie Viebach of New Lenox joins our Environmental Education staff as Youth Programs Manager. She can be reached at 630-428-4500, Ext. 128 or jviebach@theconservationfoundation.org, and works in the Clow Education Center at our McDonald Farm headquarters in Naperville.

Deanna Doohaluk of Naperville is our new Watershed Project Manager and is supporting the work of the DuPage River Salt Creek Workgroup, to whom we provide staff. Deanna works out of the ranch house at McDonald Farm and can be reached at 630-428-4500, Ext. 133 or ddoohaluk@theconservationfoundation.org.

By: Jill Johnson
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2017 Earth Day Benefit Dinner

Save the Date!

The Conservation Foundation’s annual Earth Day Benefit Dinner is our most important fundraiser of the year!

April 27, 2017 | Bobak’s Signature Events, Woodridge

Following are ways you can support this event:

• $5,000 Platinum, $2,500 Gold or $1,500 Silver Sponsorship (Includes Table of 8)
• Silent Auction Donation • Attend—Individual Tickets are $100

This evening is one of the highlights of our year, especially since this year we will be celebrating our 45th anniversary! You can register anytime at www.theconservationfoundation.org/benefitdinner and we will be sending formal invitations in March.

If you are interested in making a contribution to the 2017 Earth Day Benefit Dinner, please contact Chere Hayes, Director of Advancement at 630-428-4500, Ext. 117 or chayes@theconservationfoundation.org.

Be part of this memorable and impactful evening!