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Appendix 2 City Agency Programs

Chicago Park District

Junior Earth Team

Helps young people develop an awareness and connection to the natural environment by encouraging teens to perform stewardship projects in local parks and providing work experience and exposure to environmental careers.

Nature Oasis

Helps residents experience nature within an urban environment by offering nature-based science activities, restoration work, fishing, kayaking, nature crafts, campfires, after-school programs and overnight camping. As of summer 2005, Nature Oasis sites were at Gompers, Humboldt, Jackson and Washington parks.

Outdoor and Environmental Education Initiative

Incorporates programs in every park in the city to serve toddlers through seniors. The programs develop awareness, appreciation, knowledge and stewardship of natural resources.

Mayor Daley's Fish 'N Kids

Provides summertime fishing instruction for 6- to 16-year-olds. Rods, reels, bait, fishing locations and instructors are provided free of charge.

Bird Habitat

A preservation policy program that works toward bird habitat development and support.

Calumet Stewardship Initiative

Provides stewardship and programming opportunities to help people get involved in comprehensive ecological rehabilitation efforts within the Calumet Open Space Reserve.

Greencorps Chicago

Provides horticultural instruction, materials and employment as part of a community landscaping and job training program.

Outdoor Explorers

Introduces outdoor and environmental activities to 8- to 12-year-olds during the school year. Children record weather patterns, use compasses, read maps, and study geology, urban wildlife and other aspects of nature in city parks.

Stewardship Days

Emphasizes the exploration of city parks by engaging young people in hands-on, daylong learning experiences in the parks.

Urban Campers

Introduces 9- to 12-year-olds to nature, teaches technical outdoor skills and provides an opportunity to apply the knowledge during a 24-hour camping experience in a local park.

Under Illinois Skies

Provides participants with a rustic camping experience and immersion in nature through a three-day camping trip to an Illinois state park. Operated in conjunction with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

Green Roof/Green Buildings

Provides information on sustainable development techniques for developers, architects and building owners and managers.

Stormwater Management

An educational campaign that produces and distributes publications such as "Plant a Rain Garden in Your Yard" and "Guide to Stormwater Best Management Practices."

Chicago Department of Environment

Appendix 3 Volunteer Opportunities

Calumet Stewardship Initiative For more information call the City of Chicago Department of Environment at 312. 744.5959

Chicago Audubon/Wilderness Habitat Project www.habitatproject.org, or call Chicago Wilderness at 847.965.1150, ext. 12

- Calling Frog Survey
- Bird Conservation Network census
- Woodland Audit
- Butterfly Monitoring Network
- Dragonfly Monitoring Network

Chicago Bird Collision Monitors and Rescue www.birdmonitors.net, or call 773.988.1867

Chicago Botanic Garden

www.chicagobotanic.org, or call 847.835.5440 — Plants of Concern

Chicago Department of Environment www.cityofchicago.org/environment, or call 312.744.7606

Chicago Park District

www.chicagoparkdistrict.com, or call 312.742.PLAY

- Volunteer Stewardship Program
- Nature Oasis

Chicago Wilderness

www.chicagowilderness.org, and www.chicagowilderness.org/involve/volunteer/index.cfm

- Volunteer Stewardship Network
- Citizen Scientist Programs

Alliance for the Great Lakes *www.lakemichigan.org*

Chicago Herpetological Society www.chicagoherp.org

Chicago Mycological Society www.ilmyco.gen.chicago.il.us/

Chicago Ornithological Society www.chicagobirder.org Forest Preserve District of Cook County www.fpdcc.com, or call 708.771.1008 — Preserve Keepers Corps

Friends of the Chicago River www.chicagoriver.org, or call 312.939.0490

Illinois Department of Natural Resources http://dnr.state.il.us/orep/ecowatch - EcoWatch program

The Nature Conservancy

www.nature.org/wherewework/northamerica/states/ illinois/volunteer, or call 312.580.2100 or 866.876.5463

- Volunteer Stewardship Network
- Mighty Acorns

North Branch Restoration Project www.northbranchrestoration.org, or call 773.631.1790

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Openlands

www.openlands.org, and www.openlands.org/ volunteer.asp, or call 312.427.4256

- TreeKeepers
- Stewardship Teams

Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum

www.naturemuseum.org, or call 773.755.5100

Shedd Aquarium

www.sheddaquarium.org, and www.sheddaquarium.org/volunteering, or call 312.939.2438

Sierra Club

http://illinois.sierraclub.org/chicago, and http://illinois.sierraclub.org/chicago/volunteer, or call 312.251.1680

The Field Museum of Natural History www.fieldmuseum.org

Fort Dearborn chapter of Illinois Audubon Society www.illinoisaudubon.org/chapters

Chicago Audubon Society www.chicagoaudubon.org

Midwest Ecological Landscape Association www.melaweb.org Organizations that recruit and train volunteers to work on biodiversity restoration projects in Chicago

Other Groups

Government agencies, nonprofit organizations, community organizations and other groups developed the following plans. The plans laid the groundwork for the city's current habitat restoration activities and the development of the *Nature and Wildlife Plan*.

1977

Illinois Natural Areas Inventory is published by the Natural Land Institute and the State of Illinois. It determines that only .07 percent of the state remains in its natural condition.

1980

Illinois Natural Areas Plan to Preserve and Protect Our Heritage is published by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources in advance of other documents involving the management of grasslands, forests, and wetland birds, amphibian conservation, and control of invasive plants.

1989

Life Along the Boulevards is published by the City to increase awareness of and improve the use of the city's historic boulevards. The plan finds that one out of every six Chicagoans lives within three blocks of the 28-mile system.

1992

Northeastern Illinois Regional Greenways Plan is published by Openlands Project and Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission. The plan lays out an initial network of 1,593 miles of existing and potential greenways and trails throughout the Chicago region, later expanded to include 4,169 miles.

1993

CitySpace, a plan to increase the amount of public open space in Chicago, is initialed by the City. In finding that two of every three residents live in areas that fall short of citywide open space minimums, the report provides a catalyst for creation of the Campus Parks Program, NeighborSpace, the Chicago River Corridor Development Plan, Calumet Area Land Use Plan, and creation of the Calumet Open Space Reserve (Published and adopted in 1998).

1994

Land Acquisition Plan for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County is printed and released. The plan sets the stage for natural area and open space acquisition throughout the county.

1995

Lincoln Park Framework Plan, the city's first comprehensive plan for natural resources within Chicago's largest park, is published by the Chicago Park District. Framework plans for other large parks follow, including Garfield Park, Jackson Park, South Shore Cultural Center, Grant Park, Washington Park, and Burnham Park.

1996

Campus Park Program, an initiative to transform paved schoolyards into playgrounds, parks and gardens, is launched. More than 100 schools benefit from the program as of 2005.

1997

Natural Landscapes for Public Officials: A Source Book is published by the Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission. It provides background on the benefits of natural landscaping and specific information and sources for implementation by municipalities and other government agencies.

1998

Restoring and Managing Stream Greenways: A Landowners Handbook is published by the Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission with funding from Chicago Wilderness.

1999

Chicago Wilderness Biodiversity Recovery Plan is published by the Chicago Region Biodiversity Council. It identifies the ecological communities for the Chicago region, assesses their condition, and provides recommendations for restoration and protection. Chicago River Corridor Development Plan and the Chicago River Corridor Design Guidelines and Standards are adopted by Chicago Plan Commission. The documents provide goals to improve the river as a natural habitat and its banks as a valuable source of open space for people.

Handbook of Bank Restoration Designs for the Chicago River and other Urban Streams by Friends of the Chicago River, Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission, and City of Chicago Department of Planning and Development is released. It presents property owners, developers and city planners with concept designs for landscaping river edges.

2000

Urban Conservation Treaty for Migratory Birds is signed between City of Chicago and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. It commits the city to incorporate bird habitat in its parks and to launch a campaign to educate homeowners about improving back yard habitat.

Protecting Nature in Your Community: A Guidebook for Preserving and Enhancing Biodiversity is released by the Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission and Chicago Wilderness as a tool to help local governments protect and enhance regional biodiversity.

Chicago Habitat Inventory, a Geographic Information System-based database of existing city habitat, is initiated by the City with funding from a grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service. The project represents the first comprehensive effort to identify habitat sites in the city.

Lakefront Bird Habitat Guidelines, are adopted by the Chicago Park District Board of Commissioners. The guidelines identify and map existing bird habitat areas and recommends special management practices. Birds of the Windy City, a booklet describing Chicago's birds, their habitat needs and how residents can help protect birds, is published by the City of Chicago Department of Environment, Chicago Audubon Society, and U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

2002

Chicago River Master Plan: Connecting People to the River, a plan created by the Chicago Park District, is released. The plan reviews each of the six reaches of the river within the city, and provides recommendations for improving lands along the Chicago River for nature and people.

Calumet Area Ecological Management Strategy is produced by the City of Chicago Department of Environment, Chicago's Environmental Fund, and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. It lays out a unified strategy for land managers to rehabilitate properties within the Calumet Open Space Reserve.

Calumet Area Land Use Plan, a comprehensive plan developed for the Southeast Side, is adopted by the Chicago Plan Commission. It calls for a 4,000-acre open space reserve and design guidelines for industry that make businesses compatible neighbors with nature.

2004

Migrant Bird Habitat Study, a research study conducted by Audubon Chicago Region in conjunction with other partners collected data on which trees and shrubs were used most by migrating birds in Chicago.

Appendix 5 Bird, Mammal and Fish Species

This is not an inclusive list of all wildlife species that are found within the City of Chicago. Some are non-native species that are considered nuisances.

Birds

Acadian flycatcher Alder flycatcher American avocet American bittern American black duck American coot American crown American golden plover American goldfinch American kestrel American pipit American redstart American robin American tree sparrow American white pelican American wigeon American woodcock Baird's sandpiper Bald eagle Baltimore oriole Bank swallow Barn swallow Barred owl Bay-breasted warbler Bell's vireo Belted kingfisher Black scoter Black tern Black-and-white warbler Black-bellied plover Black-billed cuckoo Blackburnian warbler Black-capped chickadee Black-crowned night heron Black-legged kittiwake Blackpoll warbler Black-throated green warbler Blue jay Blue-gray gnatcatcher Blue-headed vireo

Blue-winged teal Blue-winged warbler Bobolink Bonaparte's gull Broad-winged hawk Brown creeper Brown thrasher Brown-headed cowbird Buff-breasted sandpiper Bufflehead Canada goose Canada warbler Canvasback Cape may warbler Carolina wren Caspian tern Cattle egret Cerulean warbler Chestnut-sided warbler Chimney swift Chipping sparrow Chuck-will's- widow Clay-colored sparrow Cliff swallow Common goldeneye Common grackle Common loon Common merganser Common moorhen Common nighthawk Common redpoll Common snipe Common tern Common yellowthroat Connecticut warbler Cooper's hawk Dark-eyed junco Dickcissel Double-crested cormorant Downy woodpecker Dunlin Eared grebe Eastern bluebird Eastern kingbird Eastern meadowlark Eastern phoebe Eastern screech owl

Eastern towhee Eastern wood-pewee Eurasian wigeon European starling Field sparrow Forster's tern Fox sparrow Franklin's gull Gadwall Glaucous gull Golden-crowned kinglet Golden-winged warbler Grasshopper sparrow Gray catbird Gray partridge Gray-creeked thrush Great black-backed gull Great blue heron Great crested flycatcher Great egret Great horned owl Greater scaup Greater white-fronted goose Greater yellowlegs Green heron Green-winged teal Hairy woodpecker Harlequin duck Henslow's sparrow Hermit thrush Herring gull Hooded merganser Hooded warbler Horned grebe Horned lark House finch House sparrow House wren Iceland gull Indigo bunting Killdeer King rail Lapland longspur Laughing gull Le Conte's sparrow Least bittern Least flycatcher

Least sandpiper Lesser black-backed gull Lesser scaup Lesser yellowlegs Lincoln's sparrow Little blue heron Little gull Loggerhead shrike Long-billed dowitcher Long-eared owl Louisiana waterthrush Magnolia warbler Mallard Marbled godwit Marsh wren Merlin Monk parakeet Mourning dove Mourning warbler Mute swan Nashville warbler Nelson's sharp-tailed sparrow Northern bobwhite Northern cardinal Northern flicker Northern goshawk Northern harrier Northern mockingbird Northern parula Northern pintail Northern rough-winged swallow Northern saw-whet owl Northern shoveler Northern shrike Northern waterthrush Oldsquaw Olive-sided flycatcher Orange-crowned warbler Orchard oriole Osprey Ovenbird Palm warbler Pectoral sandpiper Peregrine falcon Philadelphia vireo Pied-billed grebe Pileated woodpecker

Pine siskin Pine warbler Piping plover Prairie warbler Prothonotary warbler Purple finch Purple martin Purple sandpiper Red crossbill Red knot Red-bellied woodpecker Red-breasted merganser Red-breasted nuthatch Red-eyed vireo Redhead Red-headed woodpecker Red-necked grebe Red-shouldered hawk Red-tailed hawk Red-winged blackbird Ring-billed gull Ring-necked duck Ring-necked pheasant Rock dove Rose-breasted grosbeak Rough-legged hawk Ruby-crowned kinglet Ruby-throated hummingbird Ruddy duck Ruddy turnstone Ruff Rusty blackbird Sanderling Sandhill crane Savannah sparrow Scarlet tanager Sedge wren Semipalmated plover Semipalmated sandpiper Sharp-shinned hawk Short-billed dowitcher Short-eared owl Snow bunting Snow goose Snowy egret Snowy owl Solitary sandpiper

Song sparrow Sora Spotted sandpiper Stilt sandpiper Surf scoter Swainson's hawk Swainson's thrush Swamp sparrow Tennessee warbler Thayer's gull Tree swallow Tufted titmouse Tundra swan Turkey vulture Upland sandpiper Veery Vesper sparrow Virginia rail Warbling vireo Western grebe Western meadowlark Western sandpiper Whimbrel Whip-poor-will White-breasted nuthatch White-crowned sparrow White-eyed vireo White-rumped sandpiper White-throated sparrow White-winged scoter Wild turkey Willet Willow flycatcher Wilson's warbler Winter wren Wood duck Wood thrush Worm-eating warbler Yellow warbler Yellow-bellied flycatcher Yellow-bellied sapsucker Yellow-billed cuckoo Yellow-breasted chat Yellow-crowned night heron Yellow-headed blackbird Yellow-throated vireo

Yellow-throated warbler

Appendix 5

Bird, Mammal and Fish Species* (continued)

Mammals

Beaver Big brown bat Black rat (common rat) Common vole Coyote Deer mouse Eastern chipmunk Eastern cottontail rabbit Eastern mole **Evening Bat** Fox squirrel Franklin's ground squirrel Gray fox Gray squirrel Hoary bat House mouse Keen's myotis Least weasel Little brown bat Long-tailed weasel Masked shrew Mink Muskrat Norway rat Pipistrelle Prairie vole Raccoon Red bat Red fox Short-tailed shrew Silver-haired bat Southern flying squirrel Striped skunk Thirteen-lined squirrel Virginia opossum White-footed mouse White-tailed deer Woodchuck

Fish

Alewife American eel Bigmouth shiner Black buffalo Black bullhead Black crappie Bluegill Bluntnose minnow Bowfin Brassy minnow Brook silverside Brook stickleback Brook trout Brown trout Bullhead minnow Carp Central stoneroller Channel catfish Chinook salmon Coho salmon Creek chub Emerald shiner Fathead minnow Freshwater drum Gizzard shad Golden shiner Goldfish Grass carp Grass pickerel Green sunfish Hornyhead chub lowa darter Johnny darter Lake trout Largemouth bass Longnose dace Madtom catfish Mosquitofish Mottled sculpin Mudminnow Ninespine stickleback Northern pike Orangespotted sunfish Oriental weatherfish Pugnose minnow Pumpkinseed Quillback Rainbow smelt Rainbow trout Rock bass Round goby Sand shiner Smallmouth bass

Spotfin shiner Spottail shiner Threespine stickleback Trout-perch Warmouth White bass White crappie White perch White sucker Yellow bullhead Yellow perch

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