

Celebrating



Leadership Through the Years: Board of Trustees

As we reflect on the past fifty years, we want to especially give a grand thank you to those who stepped up and served on McHenry County Conservation District's Board of Trustees!

Throughout the years, this list of individuals have helped to advance the mission of the District through engaging conversations, robust debates and thoughtful decision-making. Throughout the years, trustees have come from all walks of life, providing their specific knowledge and expertise to positively affect the advancement of the District. They have lived and worked in a county where they are passionate about seeing the protection of its natural resources and wild open spaces preserved for future generations.

Dedicated volunteer board members have helped chart strategic direction, establish policy and develop the District's long-range plans for the preservation, education and recreational use of the county's natural and cultural resources. They have served the taxpayers as guardians of public funds, while demonstrating a sincere commitment to protect and preserve the flora and fauna entrusted to the District by the citizens of McHenry County.

To date, 60 individuals have served a term as a trustee, 12 of those served two terms or 10 years; and going above and beyond, Bill Howenstine and Everett Thomas volunteered for three terms totaling 15 years on the Board of Trustees. In addition, many of these trustees have also gone on to serve as Directors of McHenry County Conservation Foundation, continuing their support and advocacy of the District.



NAME CONSERVATION OFFICERS -- The new McHenry County Soil Conservation District is functioning with the election of officers and determination of first plans to activate the newly-treated group. Officers were elected at last week's first meeting. From left: Dr. George Buehler, Marengo, treasurer; Arthur Baker, Crystal Lake, president; Frank Fabbri, Woodstock, Secretary; William Howenstine, McHenry; and Robert Frits, Harvard.
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Conservationist welcomed by Board
AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR for the newly formed McHenry County Conservation District, Kenneth V. Fiske, third from left, is welcomed by Board of Trustees President Arthur Baker. Also welcoming the newly employed Director are William Howenstine with Fiske and Baker; from left Robert Frits, Frank Fabbri, Jr., Secretary, and Dr. George Buehler, treasurer. Fiske is officially begin his duties on Jan. 1, 1972. He was one of the persons instrumental in the formation of the District, one of five in the State.
(Staff photos)



Kunde Woods opens

McHENRY COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT officially opened Kunde Woods Sunday to the public. The area is located approximately a mile and a half north of Marengo with an entrance on the east side of Illinois Route 23. The area was purchased by the district because of its location within a

unique geological formation known as the Marengo Ridge. Left to right: George Buehler, conservation district treasurer; Dr. Emerson Kunde, former owner; William Howenstine, district president; and Kenneth Fiske, executive director.



TRUSTEE BURTON ATWOOD, Joyce Palmer, and Everett Thomas congratulate Ranger Bill Rudolph on the entrance design for the new "Nippersink Canoe Base."



Robert Fritz
1971-1972, 1972-1977

Dr. George Buehler
1971-1973, 1973-1977

William Howenstine, PhD.
1971-1974, 1974-1979,
1996-2001

Arthur Baker 1971-1975

Frank Fabbri 1971-1975

Burton Atwood
1974-1975, 1975-1980

Everett Thomas
1975-1976, 1976-1981,
1983-1988

Walter Lamprecht, Jr.
1977-1978, 1976-1981

Joyce Palmer 1977-1982

Louis Hartman 1979-1981

Myron Reichardt
1981-1984, 1984-1989

Richard Walrath 1980-1985

William Wingate 1981-1986

G.F. Herkes 1982-1987

Robert Kloempken, M.D.
1985-1987

Terry Clarke 1987-1990

Joyce Perbix 1986-1991

J. Larry Lane 1987-1992

Jim Albright 1988-1993

Dave Gardner 1989-1994

Brain Cory, D.V.M. 1990-1995

Preston Rea 1991-1996

Craig Krandel
1992-1997, 2002-2007

LeAnne Kitterer 1993-1998

Ken McCreary 1994-1999

Tim Scottellaro
1997-1999, 1999-2004

Ken Koehler 1995-2000

Dennis Beaver 1997-2002

Robert Barkei 1997-2002

Nancy Ellison 1998-2001

Chris Mordi 1999-2001

Hank Fleming 2000-2005

Mary McCann 2001-2004

Martha Carver
2001-2006, 2007-2012

Kathleen Reiland 2002-2003

Joseph Gottemoller 2002-2007

Bonnie Leahy
2003-2008, 2009-2014

Kimberly O. Hankins
2004-2009

John Green 2004-2009

David LaGue 2005-2010

Nancy Williamson 2006-2011

Kevin Ivers 2007-2012

Thomas O'Donnell 2008-2013

Mathew Ewertowski 2009-2014

Dave Brandt

2010-2015, 2016-2021

Stephen Barrett
2010-2013, 2013-2018

Kent Krautstrunk 2011-2016

Bona Heinsohn 2012-2017

Brandon Thomas 2012-2017

Peter Merkel 2014-2019

David Kranz 2014-2019

Vernon M. Scacci 2015-2020

John P. Henning 2017-2022

Carolyn "Lyn" Campbell
2017-2022

Benjamin Washow 2018-2019

Patrick Fritz 2019-2024

William Cook 2019-2023

Linda Thomas 2019-2024

Christopher Dahm 2020-2025

Reynaldo Gaytan, Jr. 2021-2026

Thank You!