



The Foundation Board of Directors Welcomes New Board Member

The McHenry County Conservation Foundation Board of Directors recently welcomed Pamela Althoff to her board appointment. A McHenry County resident for more than 38 years, Pamela currently represents District 4 on the McHenry County Board. Prior to her election as a County Board member, Pamela served as an Illinois state senator from 2003-2018 and was Mayor

of McHenry from 2001-2003. She also lends her voice and leadership to a number of local nonprofits, most recently serving as a board member for the United Way of Greater McHenry County and as an active volunteer with JourneyCare.

Pamela's commitment to conservation and her involvement with the McHenry County Conservation Foundation are long-standing. She served as a co-chair on both the Foundation's 2001 and 2007 Open Space Referendum committees. The hard work of those committees ultimately resulted in \$141.5 million in funds to purchase open space throughout the county. She is also a long-time supporter of the Fox Waterway Agency, having served both on their board and advisory committee.

"We are all pleased to welcome Pamela to the McHenry County Conservation Foundation board," said Board President, Brad Semel. "As the Foundation works to increase philanthropic support of the Conservation District and their programs, we are always looking to bring new and diverse voices to the table who have a passion for our water, wildlife, and way of life. Pamela is bringing years of experience and dedicated community involvement, as well as talent, expertise, and energy to the organization. We are very fortunate to have her join our board, helping to guide the direction of the Foundation well into the future."

Pamela joins the Foundation's seven other sitting directors. We are grateful and excited to have Ms. Althoff join the board and bring her unique talents, expertise and perspectives to the Foundation's efforts to further our mission to support, sustain, and advance the work of the McHenry County Conservation District and its partners.



Join us on our Adopt-A-Trail Segment: Volunteer on the Prairie Trail

Join the McHenry County Conservation Foundation to help maintain a small segment of our extensive county trail system this fall and winter! As part of the District's Adopt-A-Trail program, once a month from September–December McHenry County Conservation Foundation volunteers and staff will meet at the Prairie Trail Meyer Rd. parking lot in Algonquin to help keep a one-mile stretch of the trail free of debris and litter.

Take a morning stroll down the Prairie Trail, meet new people, and help beautify the area.

Dress for the weather. Bring gloves, face masks and hand sanitizer. Long-handled trash pickers provided. Visit www.mchenryconservation.org or email info@mchenryconservation.org to sign up.

Clean-Up Dates:

Saturdays 9 a.m.–11 a.m.

September 26

(National Public Lands Day!)

October 24

November 21

December 12



Gifts to the McHenry County Conservation Foundation bridge the gap between public funding and the increasing cost of maintaining public lands and providing people with quality programs and recreational opportunities. Your support ensures the District can continue protecting the spaces we depend on and enhancing the quality of life for all McHenry County residents and visitors.

Thanks to donor support, the McHenry County Conservation Foundation has transferred more than \$3.2 million to conservation entities in McHenry County. These contributions help strengthen the work of the Conservation District and its many partners, while also enhancing the health and vibrancy of our community and its residents.

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