

## McHenry County Conservation District is Here for You

*Sometimes out of stress and uncertainty comes an opportunity to reflect on what we value and are fortunate to have in our lives. During our current uncertain times, we are exceptionally aware that access to open space is a rare gift. A gift that allows our children to keep playing and learning outside, offers plenty of space to exercise and stay physically fit, and gives us lush landscapes and woodlands so we can bask in the beauty and power of nature even in the darkest of times.*

*As global circumstances evolve, we hope that you are able to continue using nature as a resource to take care of yourself and your family. Study after study shows every aspect of our health is only improved by spending time in nature. It is our hope that through it all, you find yourself better connected to the water, wildlife, and way of life made possible by the planet we all inhabit.*

*Despite the challenges we face, the work necessary to steward the land of our Conservation District goes on, and, with your help, so does the Foundation's work to sustain and protect this environmental treasure—your Conservation District.*

*Stay healthy and well.*

Shawna Flavell

Executive Director, McHenry County Conservation Foundation



### New Website Launched—Check us out online

We are excited to announce the launch of the McHenry County Conservation Foundation's newly designed website. Visit us at [www.McHenryConservation.org](http://www.McHenryConservation.org). After five months of hard work and collaboration with the District's Marketing Department, our new site is has officially launched and we are excited to have you check out our fresh, new look! The new site should provide our visitors and supporters an easier way to learn about the Foundation's work and the impact donors are having on McHenry County Conservation District sites and programs. We hope you find the new website faster, easier to navigate, and more user-friendly. We would love to hear your thoughts on the new website. For any questions, suggestions, feedback or comments, please email us at [info@McHenryConservation.org](mailto:info@McHenryConservation.org).

## THANK YOU!

### Glacial Park Stewardship Challenge HAS BEEN ACHIEVED!

#### 18-month challenge completed in just 10 months!

Thanks to the hard work and support of hundreds of people throughout McHenry County and beyond, the McHenry County Conservation Foundation's Glacial Park Stewardship Challenge has come to a tremendous close.

The Foundation had until October 2020 to raise \$7,000 and record 400 hours of volunteer stewardship at Glacial Park in order to receive a total of \$25,000 from an Illinois Clean Energy Community Stewardship grant. Your response to this challenge was so immense that both funding and volunteer hour goals were reached eight months ahead of schedule!

The funds raised through this challenge will make a direct impact on Glacial Park and the volunteer efforts held in the conservation area. They will continue to be used to purchase native plant species, as well as protective equipment and hand tools our volunteers need to get their important stewardship work done. We are beyond grateful for the outpouring of support. Again, Thank You for your contributions to and promotions of this challenge.

While this initiative is fully funded, there are still other ways to give back to the Conservation District through the Foundation.



**Register to Volunteer and Help put the Illinois Clean Energy Funding to Good Use.** Contact Volunteer Coordinator Jackie Bero at [JBero@MCCDistrict.org](mailto:JBero@MCCDistrict.org), (815) 338-6223 ext 1201 to be alerted about Glacial Park volunteer opportunities.

**Sign Up as a Monthly Donor at [www.McHenryConservation.org](http://www.McHenryConservation.org).** For as little as \$5 a month, you can sustain the conservation, education, and recreation efforts of the Conservation District every day of the year.

**Rescheduled!!**

## Pedal-Paddle-Saddle through the Prairie

**Sunday, September 20 • Glacial Park**

**Registration is temporarily closed.  
It will re-open in July.**

If you already registered for the event and are no longer able to attend this new date, please reach out to [info@McHenryConservation.org](mailto:info@McHenryConservation.org).

We deeply appreciate your support of this event and thank everyone for your past participation. We look forward to hosting everyone again for a fall color ride and paddle! Check the website for updated information.