

**MCHENRY COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
RESOLUTION #14-12**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING USE OF THE
CHICAGO WILDERNESS GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE VISION**

WHEREAS, the McHenry County Conservation District (hereinafter referred to as the "District"), is a conservation district organized and existing under the laws of the State of Illinois (70 ILCS 410); and

WHEREAS, the District "exists to preserve, restore, and manage natural areas and open spaces for their intrinsic value and for the benefits to present and future generations"; and

WHEREAS, the District was a founding member and is an active participant in Chicago Wilderness, a coalition of over 300 government, non-profit, educational and grass roots groups working together to preserve and improve nature preservation in our metropolitan region; and

WHEREAS, McHenry County adopted a countywide Green Infrastructure Plan in July 2012; and

WHEREAS, a major initiative of Chicago Wilderness is creation and promotion of a Green Infrastructure Visions (the "GIV"), for the Chicago Region, a bold concept of a network of protected and managed open space across the southern rim of Lake Michigan, including McHenry County, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the primary purposes of the GIV, a copy of the introduction to which is attached as "Exhibit A", are to identify and refine a regionally important network of land and water that is critical to protect and restore, and to put this information into a useful Geographic Information System tool for decision-making about land planning and conservation; and

WHEREAS, the GIV was used by the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, as a foundation for its GO TO 2040 regional plan; and

WHEREAS, Chicago Wilderness and its member organizations, including the District, intend to continue investing in the GIV as a tool to guide land protection and restoration efforts and to improve its accuracy, resolution, and usefulness; and

WHEREAS, the GIV provides a useful reference and framework for the District's Trustees and staff members to consider when making decisions about land acquisition, habitat restoration and other initiatives in pursuit of the District's long range planning goals;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the McHenry County Conservation District, McHenry County, Illinois, that the District supports the Chicago Wilderness GIV and the use of the Chicago Wilderness GIV to supplement other information when making land conservation decisions.

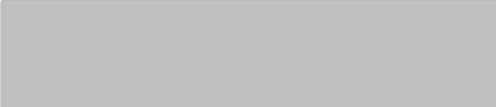
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Resolution #14-12 has been executed this 17th day of April, 2014, by the President and attested by the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the District.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0



**MATTHEW EWERTOWSKI, PRESIDENT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**



**BONA HEINSOHN, SECRETARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**