

**MCHENRY COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
RESOLUTION #15-33**

**CALLING TO CONVENE A CONSERVATION CONGRESS IN 2016
FOR THE PURPOSES OF PROVIDING CONSTITUENTS
AND THE LARGER CONSERVATION COMMUNITY,
A FORMAL PROCESS TO PROPOSE AND ADVOCATE FOR ACTIONS THAT CAN BE
TAKEN BY THE MCHENRY COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT TO PROTECT AND
CONSERVE NATURAL RESOURCES AND PROVIDE COMPATIBLE EDUCATIONAL AND
RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES ON PUBLIC LANDS IN MCHENRY COUNTY.**

WHEREAS, the McHenry County Conservation District (hereinafter referred to as the "District"), was created in 1971 by voter approved referendum as a conservation district organized and existing under the laws of the State of Illinois (70 ILCS 410); and

WHEREAS, regardless of an individual's interest in the outdoors, an ecologically healthy, easily accessible and permanently protected system of public lands is a cornerstone to that interest; and

WHEREAS, the legacy of public lands bequeathed to us by far-sighted individuals is to continue to be that cornerstone, all interest groups within the conservation community must come together to speak with one voice; and

WHEREAS, the District wishes to provide both constituents and the larger conservation community a formal process to propose and advocate for actions that can be taken by the McHenry County Conservation District to protect and conserve natural resources and provide compatible educational and recreational opportunities on public lands in McHenry County; and

WHEREAS, a Conservation Congress Steering Committee will be established to plan the event, establish protocols, shape the conversation and determine delegate organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Conservation Congress Steering Committee will be comprised of the following members: President of the Board of Trustees (1), Chairman of the Outreach & Advocacy Committee (1), County Board Liaison or delegate (1), McHenry County Conservation Foundation President or delegate (1), Trustees Emeritus (3-5), Executive Director (1), and Executive Leadership Team (5); and

WHEREAS, the inaugural Conservation Congress will be held in February/March 2016 and will be entitled The Fourth Wave: The Future of Conservation on McHenry County Public Lands - The Next 50 Years!; and

WHEREAS, it is envisioned that delegates from varied organizations will meet bi-annually to participate and discuss issues that affect the future of McHenry County's natural resources for present and future generations through open, impartial, and broad-ranging congress activities including workshops, knowledge cafes and both formal and information meetings.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of the District that it is necessary, desirable, and in the best interest of the District, its Board of Trustees and staff to Call to Convene a Conservation Congress in February/March 2016.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Resolution #15-33 has been executed this 16th day of July, 2015, by the President and attested by the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the District.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0



**PRESIDENT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**



**SECRETARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**