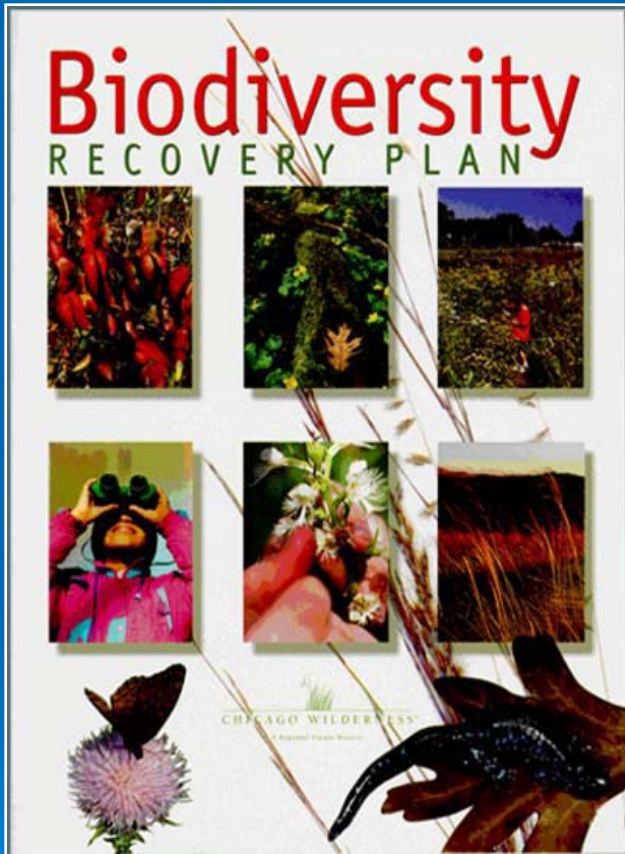


Chicago Wilderness And its Corporate Council



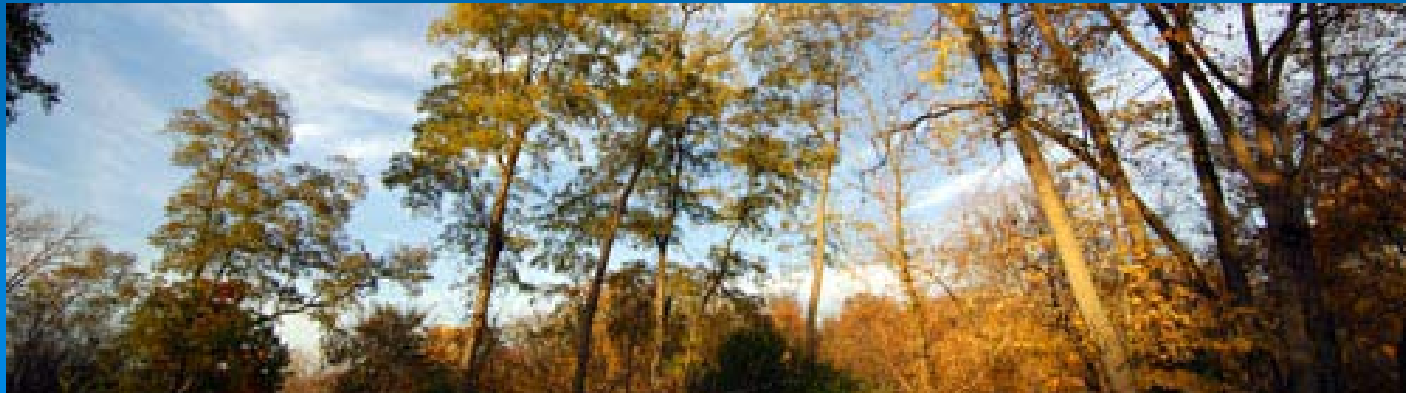
Chicago Wilderness



- A powerful alliance of public and private organizations and corporations
- A nature reserve in a massive metropolis
- A collaborative effort of biodiversity conservation goals and strategies
- A regional force, and an international model

Formation of the Consortium

- **Chicago Wilderness launched with 34 founding members in 1996**
- **An unincorporated, loose network with regional focus**
- **Leveraging resources: the whole is greater than the sum of the parts**
- **Corporate Council established by Chicago Wilderness in 2002**



Chicago Wilderness

The Mission....

To protect, restore, study and manage the precious natural ecosystems of the region for the benefit of people and nature.



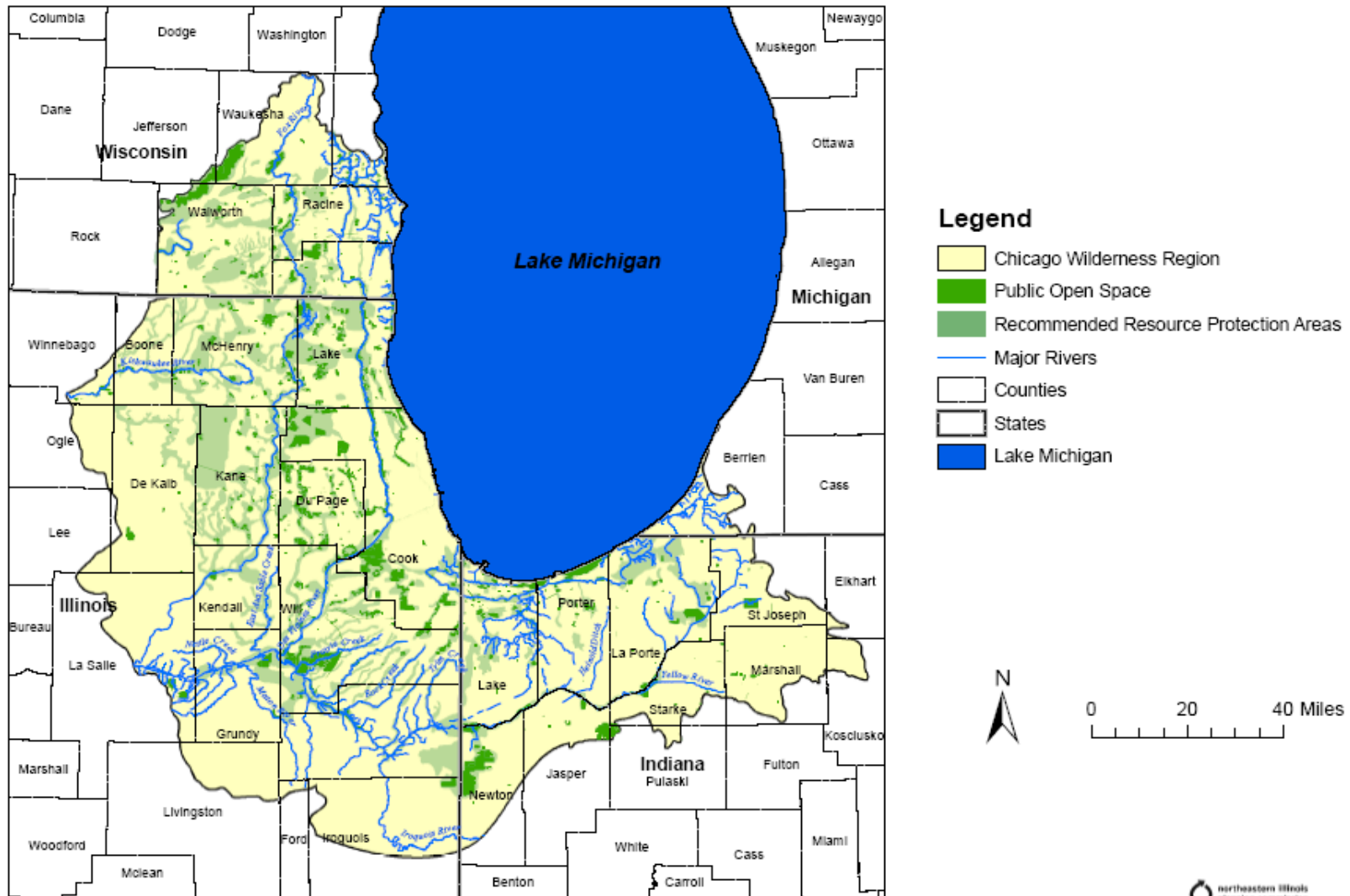
A Powerful Alliance for Regional Conservation

- *Our Members are:*
 - Land owners and resource managers
 - Local, state, and federal agencies
 - Research and education institutions
 - Conservation NGOs, large and small
 - Regional Planning Agencies
 - Faith-based groups
 - Advocacy groups
 - **Corporate Council**

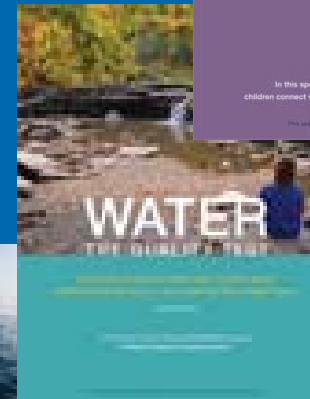
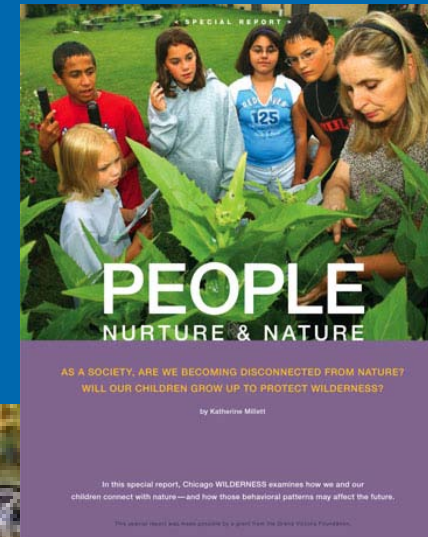
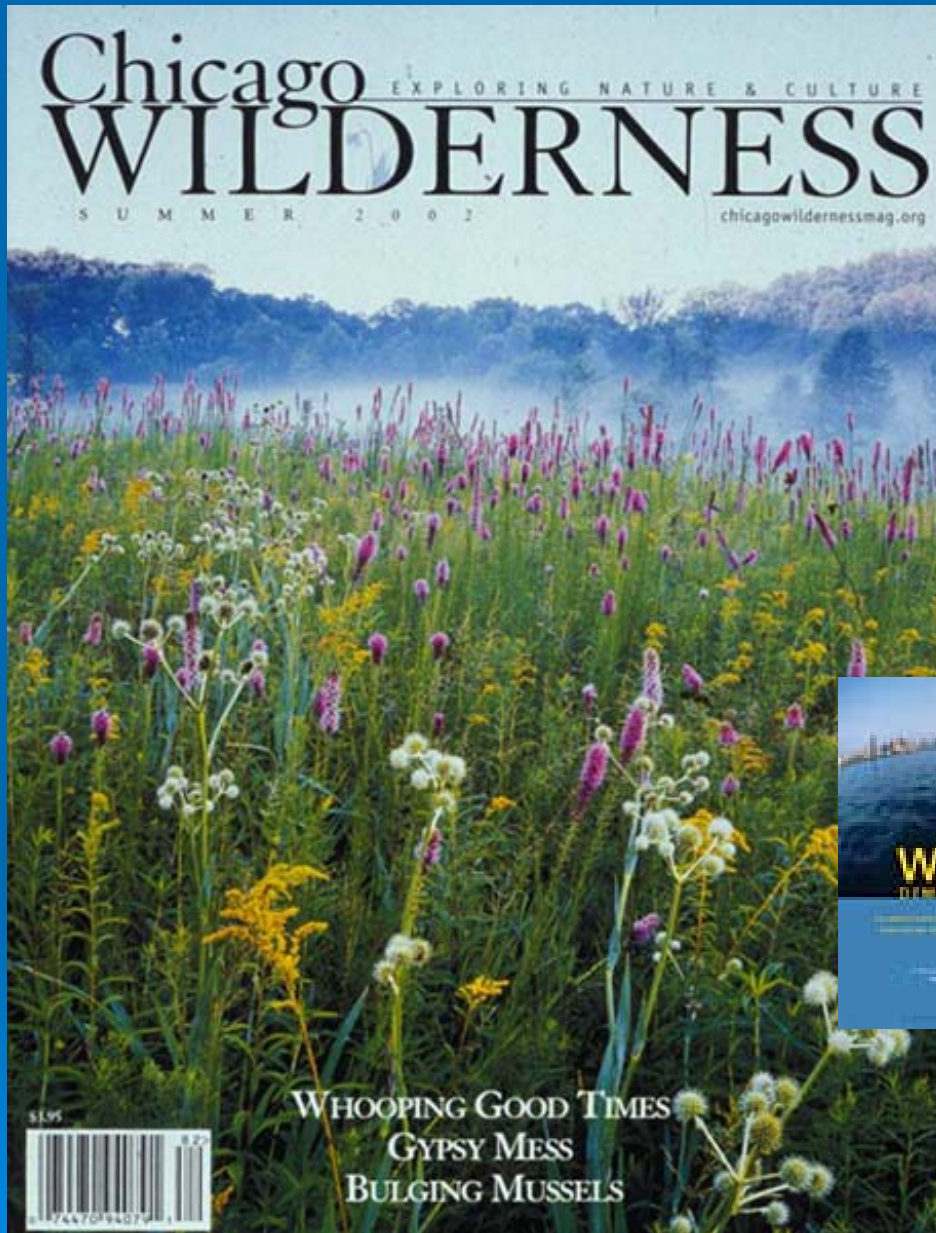
235* Members



Chicago Wilderness: the Region







CW's Public Face
and Voice

The Corporate Council

- Recognizes that the business community has a profound influence on the ecological health and biological diversity of the Chicago region through its people, land development practices, management practices, political activity and philanthropy.
- By joining the Corporate Council, businesses are making a commitment to improving our local environment.

Corporate Council Members

*representing energy/utilities, ecological consulting/contracting, banking,
restoration/management, engineering, environmental law, printing, planning,
home building, design, landscaping, parks & recreation, water resource solutions,
and plant producers*

Applied Ecological Services

Ball Horticultural Co.

BP America, Inc.

Camp, Dresser & McKee Inc.

Cantigny Park

The Care of Trees

Chicago Press Corporation

Christopher Burke Engineering

Com Ed

Cowhey Gudmundson Leder, Ltd.

Enginex

Futurity, Inc.

Graef, Anhalt, Schloemer & Associates, Inc.

Hey and Associates, Inc.

Hitchcock Design Group

HSBC

JF New

The Kirk Corporation

Land Resource Management Group

McGinty Brothers, Inc.

Midwest Generation EME, LLC

Nicor Gas

NiSource

Pizzo and Associates, Ltd.

Seyfarth Shaw, LLP

Tallgrass Restoration, LLC

Unilever

V3 Companies

WRD Environmental



Benefits of Council Membership

- Contribute to quality of life and economic vitality of the region
 - Promote employee and family participation in local conservation
 - Share technical expertise, build capacity
 - Participate, network, build strategic alliances
 - Benefit from advertising and sponsorship opportunities
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Corporate Council Activities

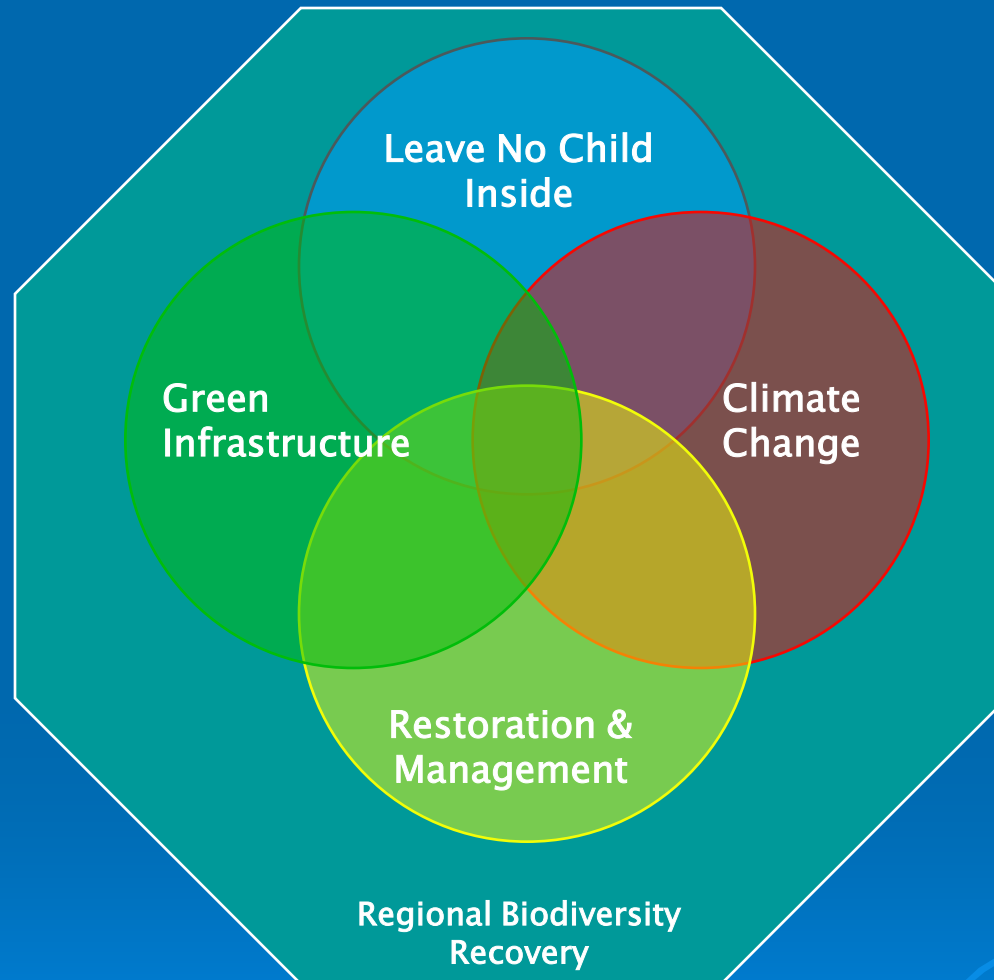
- Member Meetings
 - Business issues
 - Networking and sharing ideas
- Project collaboration & interaction among member corporations
 - Interstate 355 Extension
 - Ball Horticultural Co. prairies
 - Settler's Hill
- Land Stewardship
- Networking with community leaders in multifaceted industries
- Outreach to attract organizations committed to environmental sustainability

Corporate Council Contributions

- Primary sponsor:
 - Chicago Wilderness Biennial Congress
 - Chicago Wilderness Annual Autumn Benefit Dinner
- Financial support of research & educational programs
 - Integrating Conservation in Our Communities
 - Leave No Child Inside initiative
- Presentations to foster interest & involvement in sustainability
 - American Institutes of Architecture
 - The Conservation Foundation
 - Midwest Home Builders Association



Engaging CW Members and the Corporate Council



leave no  child inside
a chicago wilderness initiative



Connecting Kids to Nature

Climate Change

- Establishing a regional action plan for climate change impacts to natural systems
- Resource Protection Areas as opportunities for carbon sequestration
- Incorporating climate change in CW's research agenda



Engaging your employees in restoration



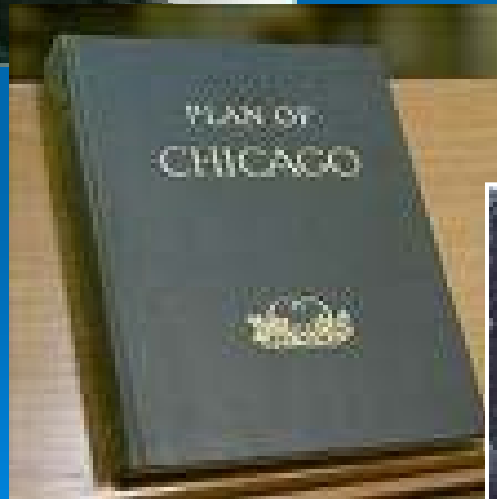
Green Infrastructure Recommendations

- Continuing natural area acquisition
- Expanded restoration
- Greenway connections
- Private conservation easements
- Conservation development
- Farmland preservation



***“Make no small plans. They have no magic
to stir men's blood.”***

Daniel Burnham, 1909



What Can Corporations Do?

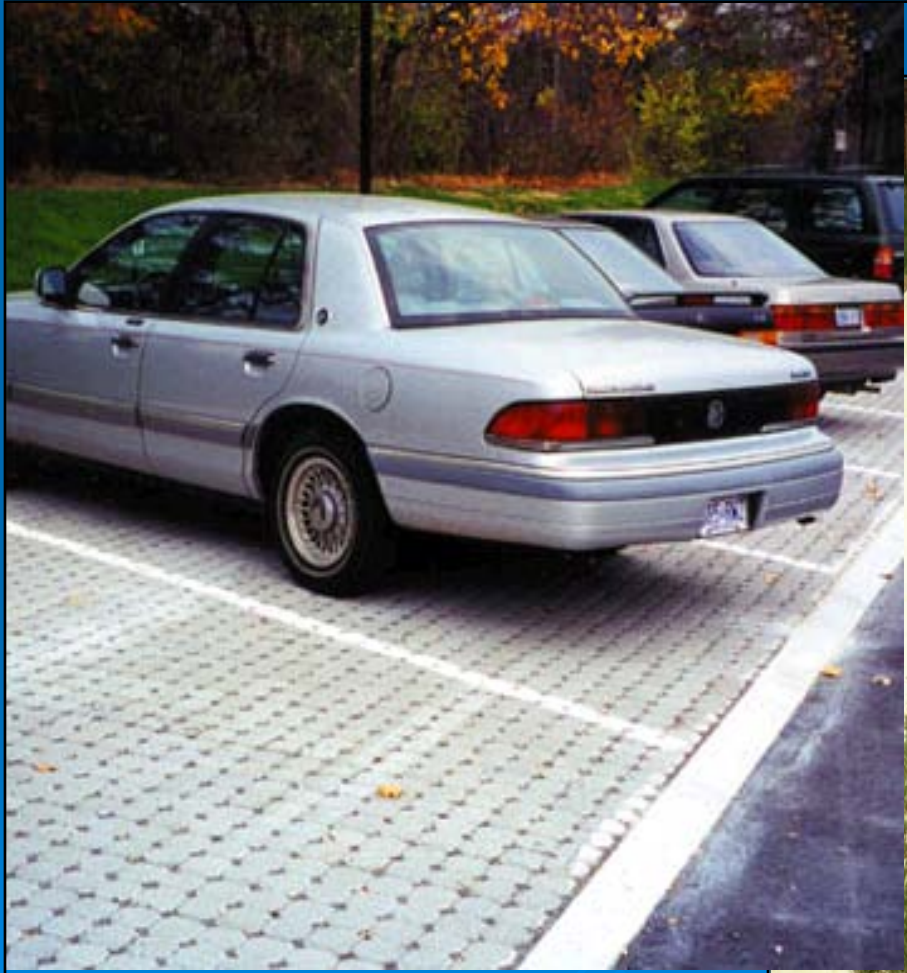
- Make sustainable land use decisions
- Develop sustainably
 - Use natural landscaping
 - Treat water as a resource
 - Enhance habitat
 - Increase economic benefits



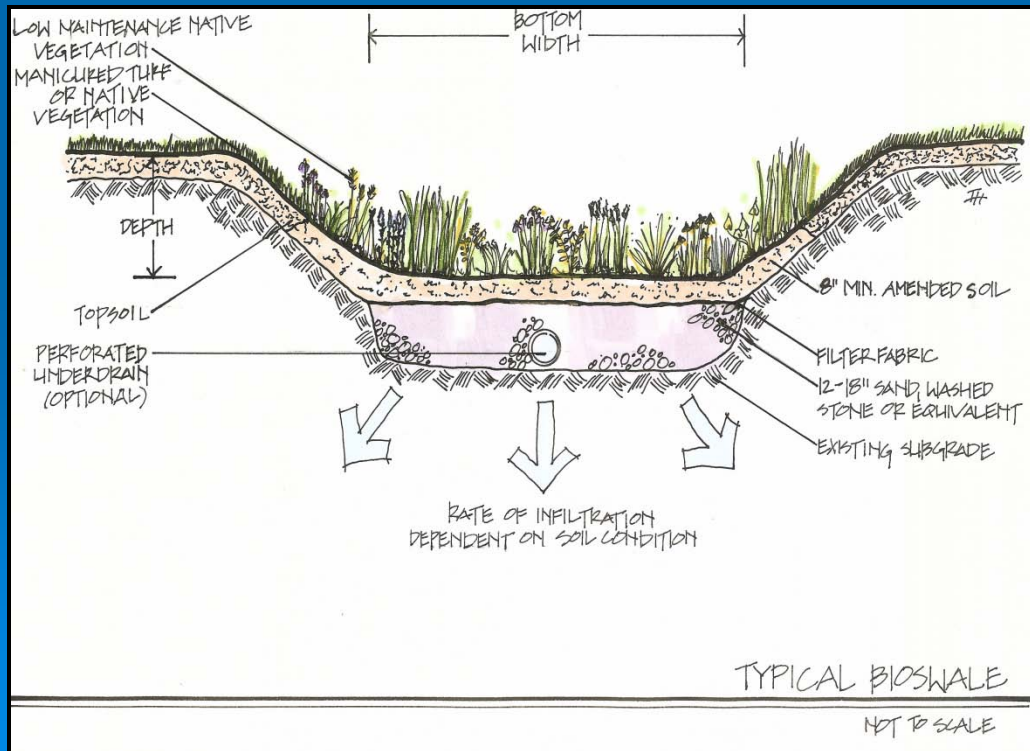
Utilize Natural Landscaping



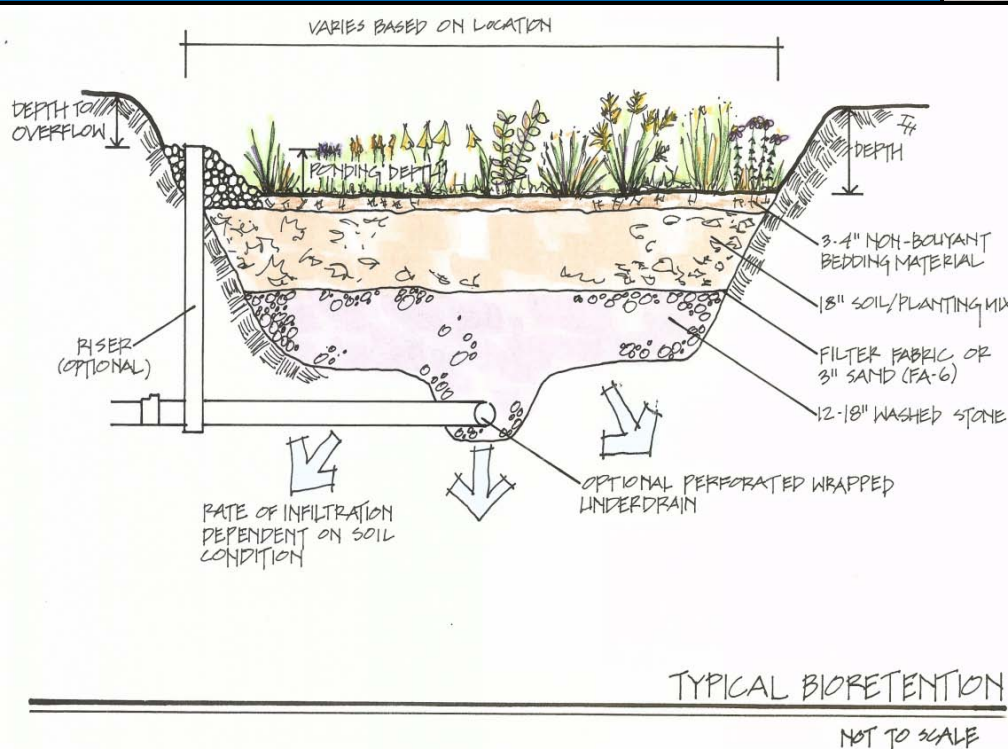
Reduce Imperviousness: Permeable Paving



Utilize “Bio-swales” to Cleanse Stormwater Runoff



Rain Gardens to Soak up Runoff



Naturalized Detention Basins to Store and Filter Runoff



Green Roofs

Reduce runoff and save energy



The Chicago Wilderness Vision:

It's about nature *and* people.

Imagine a region...filled with life...

Where the evening air is rich with bird calls
and the scent of flowers...



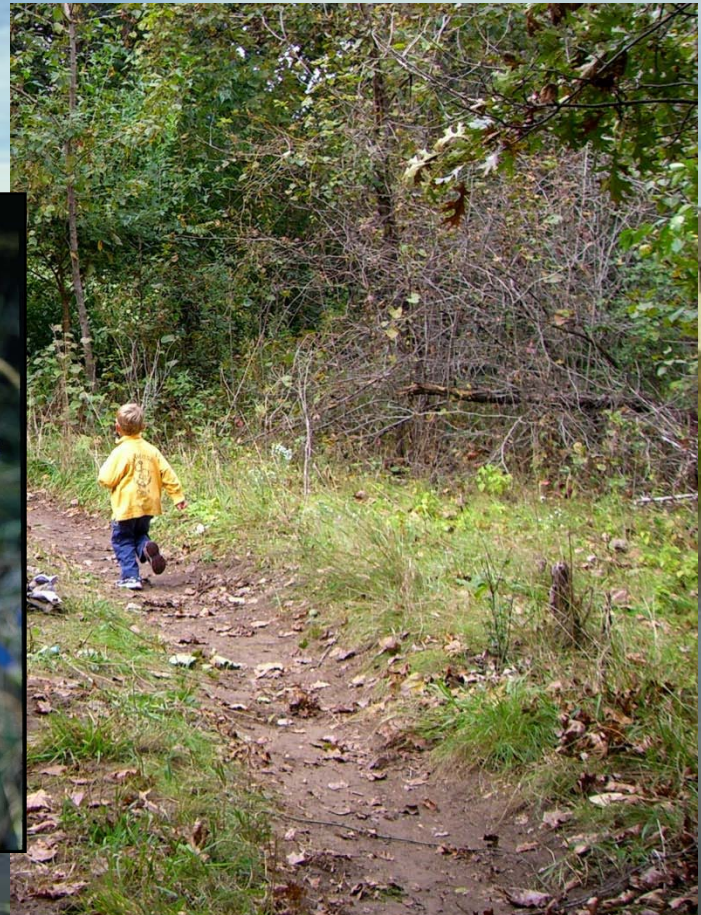
*Where children splash and play in our creeks,
and peer below the surface of the water
at fish and other aquatic creatures...*



Where people learn to enter back into a positive relationship with the nature that surrounds them...



*And where rare plants, animals and natural communities
are nurtured back to health and offered a permanent
home next to our own...*




To the benefit of our health and our economy – in preserves large enough to sustain them forever.





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Autumn Benefit Dinner

- November 11 – 1st Annual Benefit Dinner
 - The Field Museum
 - Honoring the Mayor and Mrs. Daley
 - 6pm – 9:30pm (Dinner at 7:00; Live auction at 8:15)
 - Sponsored by the Corporate Council (RSVP by Nov. 1st)
 - Private reception for Corporate Council guests
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Chicago Wilderness Congress

➤ November 13 – University of Illinois at Chicago

- 6th Biennial Conference of the Chicago Wilderness Consortium
- **Congress 2008** will feature the strategic initiatives of Chicago Wilderness: Green Infrastructure, Leave No Child Inside, Restoration & Management, and Climate Change.
- www.regonline.com/cwcongress.

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