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ESOURCE REFERENCE LISTINGS

VOLUNTEERING

A few of Chicago area organizations involved in various river improvement activities.

Environmental Education, River Clean-Ups and Restoration Activities

FRIENDS OF THE CHICAGO RIVER
407 South Dearborn Street, Suite 1580
Chicago, IL 60605
(312) 939-0490
E-mail: friends@chicagoriver.org

Environmental Volunteer Work Clearinghouse

CHICAGOLAND ENVIRONMENTAL NETWORK
c/o Brookfield Zoo
3300 Golf Road
Brookfield, IL 60513
(708) 485-0263, extension 396

Habitat Restoration

FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF COOK COUNTY
536 N. Harlem
River Forest, IL 60305
(708) 366-9420

LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVES
2000 N. Milwaukee Avenue
Libertyville, IL 60201
(847) 367-6640

THE NATURE CONSERVANCY - VOLUNTEER STEWARDSHIP NETWORK (includes the NORTH BRANCH PRAIRIE PROJECT)
8 South Michigan Avenue, Suite 900
Chicago, IL 60603
(312) 346-8166
(312) 878-3877 — North Branch Prairie Project

Habitat Restoration, Environmental Education

LAKE FOREST OPEN LANDS
272 Market Square, Suite 2726
Lake Forest, IL 60045
(847) 234-3880

LAKE BLUFF OPEN LANDS
P.O. BOX 449
Lake Bluff, IL 60044
(847) 735-8137

Park Improvement Activities

FRIENDS OF THE PARKS
407 S. Dearborn
Chicago, IL 60605
(312) 922-3307

Stream Monitoring & Streambank Restoration

ILLINOIS RIVER WATCH (statewide)
c/o Nature of Illinois Foundation
208 LaSalle, Suite 2055
Chicago, IL 60604-1104
(312) 201-0650

ILLINOIS ECOWATCH NETWORK (Chicago area)
Oakton Community College
1600 East Golf Road
Des Plaines, IL 60016
(847) 635-6450

OPENLANDS PROJECT
220 S. State Street, Suite 1880
Chicago, IL 60604
(312) 427-4256, extension 242

Trail Enhancements, Debris and Litter Removal

I&M CANAL STATE TRAIL
Illinois Department of Natural Resources
P.O. Box 272
Morris, IL 60450
(815) 942-0796

CALUMET ECOLOGICAL PARK ASSOCIATION
12932 S. Escanaba Avenue
Chicago, IL 60633
(312) 881-4903

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

The following organizations provide a range of services which may include educational materials, resource publications, and hands-on project assistance.

Rivers, Greenways and Urban Open Space

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE, RIVERS, TRAILS AND CONSERVATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
310 W. Wisconsin Ave. Suite 100-East
Milwaukee, WI 53203
(414) 297-3617 or 1053

COALITION TO RESTORE
URBAN RIVERS
Izaak Walton League's Save
Our Streams Program
707 Conservation Lane
Gaithersburg, MD 20878
1-800-BUG-IWLA
Website: <http://www.iwla.org/iwla/>

In Chicago, contact:
Friends of the Chicago River
407 S. Dearborn, Suite 1580
Chicago, IL 60605
(312) 939-0490
E-Mail: friends@chicagoriver.org

Aid in Finding Federal Agency Resource Assistance in the Chicago Area

URBAN RESOURCES PARTNERSHIP
IN CHICAGO
c/o U.S. Department of Housing and
Urban Development, 24th floor
77 W. Jackson
Chicago, IL 60604
(312) 353-2473

Wildlife Habitat Wetlands and Migratory Birds

U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
1000 Hart Road, Suite 180
Barrington, IL 60010
(847) 381-2253

Wetland Permits

U.S. ARMY CORP OF ENGINEERS,
CHICAGO DISTRICT
111 North Canal Street
Chicago, IL 60606-7206
Leesa Beal (312) 353-6464,
extension 4028
E-mail: leesa.beal@lrc01.usace.army.mil

Urban Forestry

USDA FOREST SERVICE
845 Chicago Avenue, Suite 225
Evanston, IL 60202-2357
Gina Childs (847) 866-9311,
extension 14
E-mail: child007@tc.umn.edu

Soil Erosion, Water Control Structures and Streambank Stabilization

NATURAL RESOURCES
CONSERVATION SERVICE
Chicago Metro Urban and Community
Assistance Office
603 E. Diehl Road, Suite 131
Naperville, IL 60563-1476
(630) 505-7808
E-mail: nvillekent@atlas.il.nrcs.usda.gov

NATURAL RESOURCES
CONSERVATION SERVICE
1143 N. Seminary Avenue
Woodstock, IL 60098
(815) 338-0049
(Lake, McHenry and North Cook
Counties)

NATURAL RESOURCES
CONSERVATION SERVICE
1201 South Gougar
New Lenox, IL 60451
(815) 462-3106
(Kendall, South Cook and Will Counties)

NATURAL RESOURCES
CONSERVATION SERVICE
545 Randall Road
St. Charles, IL 60174
(630) 584-7961
(DuPage and Kane Counties)

LAKE COUNTY SOIL AND WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT
100 N. Atkinson Road
Suite 102-A
Grayslake, IL 60030
(847) 223-1056

NORTH COOK COUNTY SOIL AND
WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
P.O. Box 407
Streamwood, IL 60107
(847) 468-0071

WILL-SOUTH COOK COUNTY SOIL
AND WATER CONSERVATION
DISTRICT
1201 South Gougar
New Lenox, IL 60451
(815) 462-3106

Water Quality and Dumping Issues

METROPOLITAN WATER
RECLAMATION DISTRICT OF
GREATER CHICAGO
100 E. Erie
Chicago, IL 60611
(312) 751-6633 (Public Information
Office)
(800) 332-DUMP (3867) (24-hour service
to report dumping)

Water Quality Monitoring Techniques

ILLINOIS RIVER WATCH
c/o Nature of Illinois Foundation
208 LaSalle Suite 2055
Chicago, IL 60604-1104
(312) 201-0650
Website:
<http://dnr.sta2te.il.us/inringif.htm>

Public Involvement

FRIENDS OF THE PARKS
407 S. Dearborn
Chicago, IL 60605
(312) 922-3307
Lease, easements, and purchasing of
river-edge property for local groups
to manage.
(Also provides liability insurance.)

NEIGHBORSPACE
220 S. State, Suite 1880
Chicago, IL 60604
Kathy Dickhut (312) 431-9406

Environmental Education

CHICAGO ACADEMY OF SCIENCES
(Administrative office address)
2060 N. Clark
Chicago, IL 60614
(773) 549-0606

PUBLICATIONS

PLANNING AND DESIGN

A Citizen's Guide to Community Open Space Planning.

Available from: Openlands Project,
Urban Greening Program.
Phone: (312) 427-4256
(\$2.00 + shipping and handling)

A Citizen's Streambank Restoration Handbook and Restoring the Range Supplement.

Available from: SOS Program —
The Izaak Walton League of America.
Phone: (800) BUG-IWLA
(\$15.00 + shipping and handling)

Building Communities From the Inside Out...A path toward finding and mobilizing a community's assets.

By John P. Kretzmann & John L.
McKnight
Available from: ACTA Publications.
Phone: (800) 397-2282
(\$18.00 + shipping and handling)

Controlling Urban Runoff: A Practical Manual for Planning and Designing Urban Best Management Practices.

By T. Scheuler
Available from: Metropolitan
Washington Council of Governments.
Phone: (202) 962-3256
(\$40.00 includes shipping and handling)

Economic Impacts of Protecting Rivers, Trails and Greenway Corridors. 1992.

Available from: The Conservation Fund, Greenways coordinator.
Phone: (703) 525-6300.
(\$5.50 + shipping and handling)

Floods, Floodplains, and Folks: A Casebook in Managing Rivers for Multiple Uses.

Available from: National Park Service.
Phone: (414) 297-1053
(FREE at this time).

Greenways: A Guide to Planning, Design and Development. 1993.

Available from: The Conservation Fund, Greenways coordinator.
Phone: (703) 525-6300
(\$29.95 + shipping and handling)

Greenways for America. 1990.

A planning manual for communities that has many examples of river corridor projects and a good bibliography.
Available from: The Conservation Fund, Greenways coordinator.
Phone: (703) 525-6300
(\$18.95 + shipping and handling)

National Directory of Urban Watershed Restoration Efforts. 1994.

Descriptions of fifty urban watershed restoration efforts.
Available from: Center for Watershed Protection.
Phone: (301) 589-1890
(\$8.00 includes shipping and handling)

Riparian Buffer Strategies for Urban Watersheds. 1996.

Available from: Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments.
Phone: (202) 962-3200
(\$20.00 includes shipping and handling)

Site Planning for Urban Stream Protection. 1996.

Available from: Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments.
Phone: (202) 962-3200
(\$35.00 includes shipping and handling)

Streambank Protection Guidelines for Landowners and Local Governments. 1983.

Available from: National Technical Information Service, U.S. Commerce. Reference No. ADA19302.
Phone: (703) 487-4650
(\$27.00 + shipping and handling)

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Organizing Outdoor Volunteers.

Available from: The Appalachian Mountain Club.
Phone: (800) 262-4455
(\$4.95 + shipping and handling)

The Simple Act of Planting a Tree.

This book outlines organizing a first-time community project, from idea to implementation. While the focus is tree planting, the step-by-step principles apply to river projects.
Available From local library
(No longer in print)

Community Outreach Manual.

This manual outlines organizing a first-time community project, from idea to implementation. While the focus is tree planting, the step-by-step principles apply to river projects.
Available from: Tree Trust.
Phone: (612) 920-9326
(\$30.00 + shipping and handling)

Waterworks: Your Neighbors Share Ideas on Working in Partnership for Clean Water.

A how-to guide which explains the step-by-step process of community organizing to protect water resources.
Available from: Tennessee Valley Authority.
Phone: (410) 849-2975
(FREE at this time)

MATERIALS

Chicago Greening Pages; A Resource Directory.

A listing of materials and technical assistance for neighborhood greening and community gardening projects.
Available from: CitySpace, Chicago Department of Planning and Development.
Phone: (312) 744-8003
(No cost at this time)

WATER

A Guide to the Study of Fresh-Water Biology. May 1988.

Available from: Reiter's Scientific and Professional Books.
Phone: (202) 223-3327
(\$22.50 + shipping and handling)

A Monitor's Guide to Aquatic Macroinvertebrates. 1992.

Available from: Izaak Walton League of America, Save Our Streams Program.
Phone: (800) BUG-IWLA
(\$5.00)

Citizen's Monitoring Manual. 1993.

Instructs volunteers about measuring air and water temperature, dissolved oxygen, nitrates, and water clarity.
Available from: Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay.
Phone: (410) 377-6270
(no charge)

Clean Water in Your Watershed; A Citizens Guide to Watershed Protection. (Item number H7)

Available from: TERRENE Institute's Order Department.
Phone: (703) 661-1582
(\$19.95 + shipping and handling)

People Protecting Rivers: A Collection of Lessons from Grassroots Activists. By Neil Schulman

Available from: River Network, Publications.
Phone: (503) 241-3506
(\$10.00 including shipping and handling)

Pond Life. 1988.

A children's guide to species and habitats found in the pond ecosystem.
Available from: Michael Kesend Publishing.
Phone: (212) 249-5150
(\$5.95 + shipping and handling)

Streamkeeper's Field Guide: Watershed Inventory and Stream Monitoring Methods. 1996.

Available from: The Adopt-A-Stream Foundation
Phone: (206) 316-8592
(\$29.95 + shipping and handling)

The Monitor's Handbook. For watershed surveys.

Available from: LaMotte Co.
Phone: (800) 344-3100
(\$8.75)

The Stream Protection Approach: Guidance for Developing Effective Local Nonpoint Source Control Programs in the Great Lakes Region.

By Thomas Schueler (Item number M1)
Available from: TERRENE Institute's Order Department.
Phone: (703) 661-1582
(\$16.96 + shipping and handling)

Urbanization and Water Quality: A Guide to Protecting the Urban Environment. (Item number H9)

Available from: TERRENE Institute's Order Department.
Phone: (703) 661-1582
(\$12.95 + shipping and handling)

Watershed Protection Techniques.

A quarterly journal with summaries on the latest research and experience with urban best management practices, stream restoration, environmental planning, wetland creation/restoration, and watershed research.

Available from: Center for Watershed Protection.

Phone: (301) 589-1890

(Annual subscription \$48.00)

RECREATION

Universal Access to Outdoor Recreation Design Guide.

Available from: MIGCommunications.

Phone: (510) 845-0953

(\$44.95 + shipping and handling)

LANDSCAPING

Aquascaping, A Guide to Shoreline Landscaping. 1993.

Available from: Hennepin Conservation District.

Phone: (612) 544-8572

(\$3.00 + shipping and handling)

Clearing and Grading Strategies for Urban Watersheds. 1996.

Available from: Information Center, Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments.

Phone: (202) 962-3200

(\$25.00 + shipping and handling)

VIDEOS

Environmental Films. A list of environmental films and fees.

Available from: National Audiovisual Center, National Technical Information Service.

Phone: (703) 487-4650

(Free)

Restoring America's Streams.

1966. Explains stream process and shows how to restore streambanks and habitat using vegetation and other non-traditional approaches.

Available from: Izaak Walton League of America, Save Our Streams.

Phone: (800) BUG-IWLA

(\$20.00)

SOS for America's Streams.

1990. Recognizing stream pollution problems, conducting a biological monitoring project, and adopting a stream. Available from: Izaak Walton League of America, Save Our Streams.

Phone: (800) BUG-IWLA.

(\$20.00)

Stream Doctor Video.

Explains stream processes and shows how to restore streams and stream habitat using vegetation and non-traditional approaches.

Available from: SOS Program—The Izaak Walton League of America.

Phone: (800) BUG-IWLA

(\$25.00 + shipping and handling)

The Streamkeeper.

1996. Introduces the hydrologic cycle, watershed boundaries, monitoring streams and how to take action.

Designed to pique the interest of students and community groups.

Available from: The Adopt-A-Stream Foundation.

Phone: (206) 316-8592

(\$19.95 + shipping and handling)

EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS

Hands On Save Our Streams—Save Our Streams Teachers Manual.

Curriculum for grades one through twelve.

Available from: Izaak Walton League of America, Save Our Streams.

Phone: (800) BUG-IWLA

(\$18.00)

Aquatic Project WILD.

Curriculum for kindergarten through grade 12.

Available from: Project WILD.

Phone: (301) 493-5447

(price varies)

Community Sustainability: A Mini-Curriculum for Grades 9-12.

Available from: Carrying Capacity Project, Izaak Walton League of America

Phone: (301) 548-0150

(\$2.00)

EnviroScape II Model.

Interactive, portable model of a watershed that demonstrates water pollution and its prevention.

Available from: EnviroScape Models, c/o JT and A Inc.

Phone: (202) 833-3380

(\$829 with carrying case, \$629 without case plus shipping and handling)

Save Our Streams Kit.

Kit contains information and materials on how to adopt, monitor and protect streams.

Available from: SOS Program—The Izaak Walton League of America.

Phone: (800) BUG-IWLA

(\$8.00 + shipping and handling)

Teachers Guide for Creating a Water Monitoring Program. 1994.

Available from: Center for Watershed Protection.

Phone: (301) 589-1890

(\$12.00 including shipping and handling)

GRANT INFORMATION

Donors Forum of Chicago

Operates a reference library on philanthropy and funding sources.

208 S. LaSalle, Suite 735

Chicago, IL 60604

Phone: (312) 578-0175

Urban Resources Partnership in Chicago

c/o U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

24th floor

77 W. Jackson

Chicago, IL 60604

Phone: (312) 353-2473

Directory of Funding Sources for Grassroots River and Watershed Conservation Groups.

Available from: River Network, Publications.

Phone: (503) 241-3506

(\$35.00 including shipping and handling)