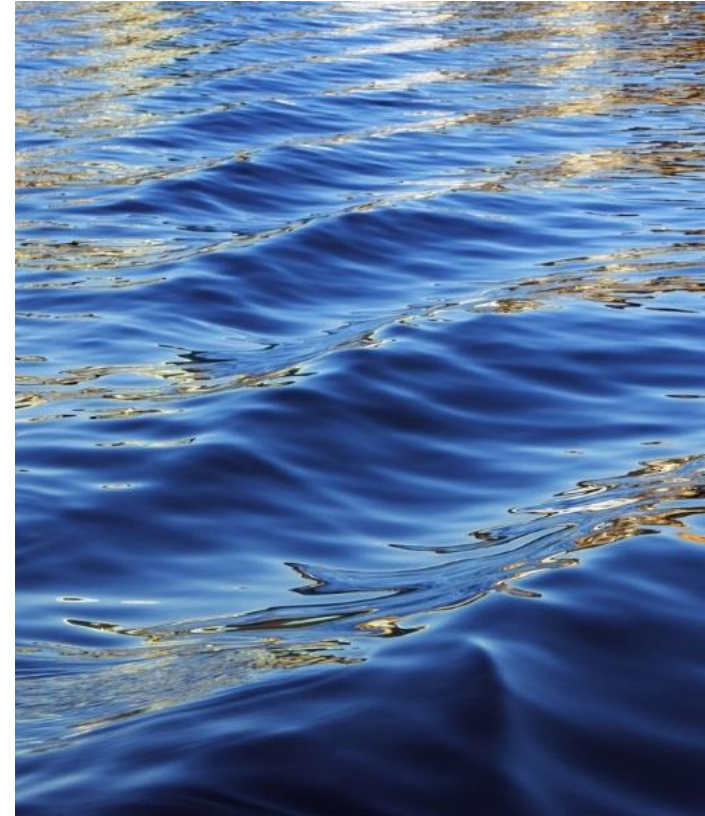


Private and pass
through funding
opportunities

Flint Creek/Spring Creek Watersheds Partnership

Jim Anderson, Citizens for Conservation



Private Funding Opportunities

There are many private funding opportunities

MacArthur Foundation

The Conservation Fund

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

Chicago Regional Tree Initiative

Chicago Metropolitan Area for Planning (CMAP)

Chicago Community Trust



Environmental Law and Policy Center of the Midwest

Chicago, Illinois

www.elpc.org



Environmental Law and Policy Center of the Midwest was awarded **\$11,294,000** between 1994 and 2021, including **13 grants in Climate Solutions, Conservation & Sustainable Development and Human Rights.**



Programs



Business Partnerships
Positive Impact Together



Conservation Acquisition
Land, Water & Wildlife Protection



Conservation Leadership Network
Collaborative Solutions



Conservation Loans
Finance & Expertise



Freshwater Institute
Aquaculture & Water Quality



Mitigation Solutions
Infrastructure Mitigation



Resourceful Communities
People, Places, Opportunities



Cities
Green Infrastructure



Working Farms Fund
Taking Action for America's Local Food



Working Forest Fund
Forestry

The logo for The Conservation Fund, featuring the text "THE CONSERVATION FUND" in white, uppercase letters on a dark blue rectangular background. The word "THE" is smaller and positioned above "CONSERVATION FUND".

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- OUR ROLE
- The Conservation Fund launched the partnership in direct response to the varied farmland, habitat and water quality needs in Illinois. Serving as lead partner, The Fund works with project and funding partners – including Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation, the Gaylord and Dorothy Donnelley Foundation and Kinship Foundation and the Searle Funds at Chicago Community Trust – to prioritize and implement key projects.
- With an investment of \$8.1M from USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service through the Regional Conservation Partnership Program, the project will use permanent agricultural land easements to build protected habitat corridors along targeted stream segments in Illinois. The project will also support diversified farm operations transitioning to organic, agroforestry and other perennial systems, and use of continuous living cover such as cover crops.

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation awards competitive grants through our programs to protect and conserve our nation's fish, wildlife, plants and habitats. The Foundation works with public and private partners in all 50 states and U.S. territories to solve the most challenging conservation problems. Explore our programs below to learn about their conservation goals and strategies, and the species and landscapes they support.



Conservation Partners Program

Using Regenerative Practices to Improve Water Quality and Habitat (IL)

Grantee: Ducks Unlimited

Grant Amount:..... \$264,000

Matching Funds:..... \$264,000

Total Project Amount:..... \$528,000

Hire Agriculture Conservation Specialist to meet with private landowners, identify suitable regenerative agriculture practices, and promote and implement the Fall Covers for Spring Savings program throughout Illinois. Project will work with 600 agricultural producers and landowners to implement 100,000 acres of regenerative agriculture-focused practices, including cover crops, reduce nitrogen and phosphorous runoff, reduce soil erosion, improve water quality, and provide new wildlife habitat.



Farmers for Soil Health

In partnership with the **Farmers for Soil Health** collaboration and with pending support from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Partnerships for Climate Smart Commodities, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) anticipates awarding competitive grants to accelerate the voluntary adoption of cover crops on corn and soybean farms in 20 states.

Farmers for Soil Health is a collaboration of National Corn Growers Association, the United Soybean Board, the National Pork Board, and other partners, with a goal of encouraging farmers to expand their adoption of cover crops to 30 million acres nationwide by 2030.

Farmers for Soil Health will accelerate long-term cover crop adoption by creating a platform to incentivize farmers through a marketplace that efficiently quantifies, verifies, and facilitates the sale of ecosystem benefits. FSH will create a new transition program that will build cover crop capacity nationwide.

Through this funding opportunity, FSH will support and expand technical assistance, enrollment, and education programs in its targeted states. This funding opportunity is limited to the 20 states targeted in the Farmers for Soil Health Partnership: Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Tennessee, Virginia, and Wisconsin.



Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration Program

Implementing Green Infrastructure to Reduce
Stormwater Runoff from Schoolyards in Milwaukee (WI)

Grantee: Milwaukee Board of School Directors dba Milwaukee
Public Schools

Grant Amount: \$49,996

Matching Funds: \$589,300

Total Project Amount: \$639,296

Support the detailed design, permitting, and construction of green infrastructure at five high-need urban schools. Project will: 1) address Milwaukee's stormwater needs and provide education and outreach with local nonprofit water-focused programming; 2) provide support for the development of outdoor classrooms, enhanced recreational facilities and STEAM curricular connections; and 3) plant 90 stormwater trees with educational signage to identify plantings and build awareness.



2022–2024 Urban and Community Forestry Grant

The Morton Arboretum administers a program to offer urban and community forestry grants.

Funding is available for local units of government in Illinois, including municipalities, townships, county governments, tribal governments, forest preserves, conservation districts, and park districts. The funding is provided by the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service through the direction of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources Urban and Community Forestry Program.

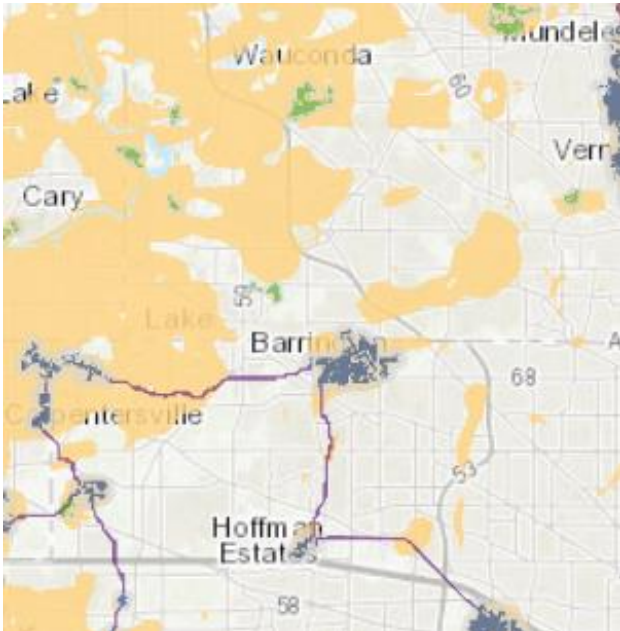
Grant awards are typically available for a minimum of \$5,000 and a maximum of \$25,000.



Oak Ecosystems Recovery Project

Oaks are vitally important to the Chicago region, and they need our protection.

The goal of the project is to implement the recommendations of the Oak Ecosystems Recovery Plan, developed by Chicago Wilderness, through regional collaboration.



Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning Local Technical Assistance (LTA)

The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning's (CMAP) technical assistance program supports communities by offering planning and implementation assistance, providing interagency expertise, leverage the region's transit network, and building local government capacity. This work aligns with the comprehensive plan for the region, ON TO 2050.



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