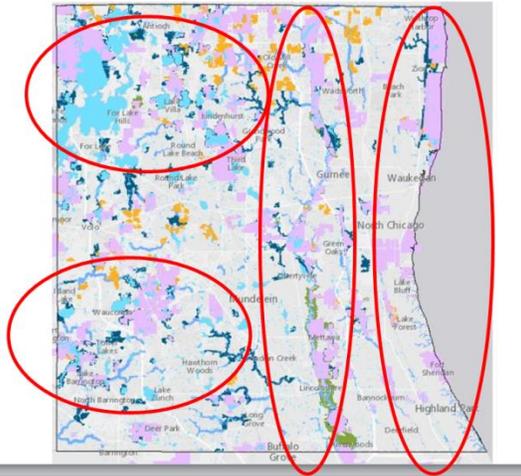




Natural Resource Department
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Green Infrastructure Model and Strategy

There will be a presentation to the Committee of the Whole by the Conservation Fund on February 4th to present the Green Infrastructure Model and Strategy to Commissioners and partners.

We will be talking about the 10,000 acre ecological complexes, large scale wetland, prairie and woodland habitats, Lake Michigan opportunities, water resources and ecosystem services valuation.

The February 4th will be our final review before completion of the project.

Deer Management Program: Removals began on Monday, November 30, 2015 and as of December 17, 2015 we have removed 157 deer at seven (7) preserves.

Fort Sheridan Great Lakes Fish and Ecosystem Restoration Program



Habitat restoration of the bluffs and ravines is being conducted by Conservation Land Stewardship (Davey Resource Group) and will proceed to March 2016.

Some debris removal along the lakeshore may occur if weather conditions permit.

Native Seed Nursery: Native seed nursery is being winterized and seed cleaning is proceeding.

Volunteer Stewardship activities.

We held a chainsaw training class for Volunteers.

We have a new Steward at Greenbelt as part of the grant funded project. This is also a new Stewardship site.

We have a new Co-Steward at Rollins Savanna: Meredith Churchman.

We had 40 Volunteers renew their Herbicide Licenses.

We had 4 Volunteer qualify and sign up to help with our prescribed burn program.

We had 37 Stewardship Workdays (not including nursery).

We planted shrubs at Grainger, Gander, Ryerson, Grassy Lake and Ela Prairie.



2015/16 Winter Clearing Efforts Scheduled

Contractor

Greenbelt	Trees "R" Us
Singing Hills/Kettle Grove	ENCAP
Southern Des Plaines Woodland Restoration Sites Captain Daniel Wright Woods	Clean Cut Tree Service Tallgrass Restorations
Edward L Ryerson Conservation Area MacArthur Woods	ILM ILM
Grassy Lake	Homer Tree
Spring Bluff	Tallgrass Restoration
Van Patten Woods	In-House Staff
Grant Woods	Applied Ecological Services
Cuba Marsh	Inland Landscape Group
Lakewood Preserve Boundary Enhancement Schreiber Bog Area	Trees "R" Us Trees "R" Us
Wadsworth Savanna	Clean Cut Tree Service

