

LAND CONSERVATION

An * (asterisk) indicates affiliation with the Illinois Environmental Council

AGRICULTURE WATERSHED INSTITUTE

Concerned with conservation related to agricultural watersheds in Illinois.

Mailing Address: 7 Ewing Place Decatur, IL 62522

Phone: (217) 877-5640

Email: info@agwatershed.org

Website: <https://agwatershed.org>

ASSOCIATION OF ILLINOIS SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Promotes "Clean Water, Healthy Soils" in Illinois.

Mailing Address: 4285 North Walnut Street Road Springfield, Illinois 62707

Phone: (217) 744-3414

Email: info@aiswcd.org

Website: <http://www.aiswcd.org>

CLEAN SOIL

This a coalition of Southern Illinoisans who are bringing together nature enthusiasts, educators, elected officials, local government entities, social and service clubs, businesses, tourism advocates, and others to clean up Southern Illinois in pursuit of a litter-free future.

Website: cleansoil618.org/

Email: cleansoil618@gmail.com

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CleanSoil618/>

THE CONSERVATION FUND*

The Conservation Fund's "Illinois Working Lands, Water and Wildlife Partnership is a new alliance formed to accelerate the pace of working land conservation in Illinois." The organization's work in Illinois "seeks to achieve regional and science-based planning goals embedded in the Illinois Wildlife Action Plan and Illinois Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy (NLRs)." Specifically, they aim to "establish a new model of conservation...connecting statewide efforts to address water quality goals embedded in the NLRs...[and] addressing vulnerable aquatic species while simultaneously building alliances between the conservation and agricultural communities."

For most inquiries, contact the National Office:

Mailing Address: 1655 North Fort Myer Drive, Suite 1300 Arlington, Virginia 22209

Phone: (703) 525-6300 Fax: (703) 525-4610

Email: webmaster@conservationfund.org

Website: www.conservationfund.org

For Illinois-specific inquiries, contact Elizabeth Brawley, Illinois State Director: Phone: (303) 669-0390

Email: ebrawley@conservationfund.org

FRIENDS OF ILLINOIS NATURE PRESERVES*

Fosters land donation for nature preserves and nature preserve maintenance.

Mailing Address: 224 Concord Drive DeKalb, IL 60115

Email: connect@friendsilnature.org

Website: <https://friendsofillinoisnaturepreserves.org>

FRIENDS OF THE SHAWNEE NATIONAL FOREST

This organization is dedicated to supporting the Shawnee National Forest “by promoting land stewardship, environmental education, and responsible outdoor recreation.”

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 612 Carbondale, IL 62903

Email: friendsoftheshawnee@gmail.com

Website: <https://www.shawneefriends.org>

HEARTLANDS CONSERVANCY

Focused on southwestern Illinois, the group aims to, “act, advocate, and collaborate for the protection of important places and for community growth strategies that balance a healthy ecosystem and cultural heritage with economic vitality and human well-being.”

Mailing Address: 29 East Main Street Belleville, IL 62220

Phone: (618) 566-4451

Website: <https://heartlandsconservancy.org>

First Presbyterian Church Contact: Ann Warner

ILLINOIS CLIMBERS ASSOCIATION

This a 501(c)3 charitable organization created to promote and support conservation and preservation of both rock climbing and bouldering areas, and their respective natural resources in Illinois.

Website: ilclimbers.org/

Phone: 612-730-3907

Email: info@climbers.org

ILLINOIS CONSERVATION FOUNDATION

Aims to preserve and enhance Illinois natural resources.

Mailing Address: One Natural Resources Way Springfield, IL 62702

Phone: (217) 785-2003

Email: info@ilconservation.org

Website: www.ilcf.org

ILLINOIS FARM BUREAU

This organization has various interests and activities related to environmental protection, especially pollination and bees. Basic interest in food supply. Some positions may be counter to a healthy environment, especially regarding pesticide use and pollution.

Mailing Address: c/o Illinois Agricultural Association P.O. Box 2901
Bloomington, IL 61702-2901
Phone: (309) 557-2111 Fax: (309) 557-2559
Website: <https://www.ilfb.org>

ILLINOIS FORESTRY ASSOCIATION*

The Illinois Forestry Association is driven by the “belief that forestry is good for our state and country and that healthy forests must survive for future generations.”

For most inquiries, contact the main office:
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 224, Chatham, IL 62629
Website: <https://www.ilforestry.org>
For Southern Illinois inquiries, contact local Region 4 Director:
Phone: (270) 704-2687 (Landon Satterfield, SIU / Benton, IL)
Email: lsatter@siu.edu

ILLINOIS NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY, SOUTHERN CHAPTER*

Mailing Address: P.O.Box 271 Carbondale, IL 62901
Email: southernillinoisplants@gmail.com
Website: <https://illinoisplants.org/southern-chapter/>

THE LAND CONNECTION*

The mission of The Land Connection is to “preserve farmland in Illinois and connect sustainably-minded farmers with available farmland.” It “trains farmers in resilient, restorative farming techniques; informs the public about the sources of our food and why that matters” and thus, one goal of the organization is promote farmers’ markets.

Mailing Address: 206 North Randolph Street, Suite 400 Champaign, IL 61820
Phone: (217) 840-2128
Website: <https://thelandconnection.org>

LET THE SUN SHINE IN

This conservation program focuses on oak ecosystems in southern Illinois by connecting “federal, state, local, nongovernmental partners, and private landowners with the goals of addressing threats to woodland and forest communities, maintaining biodiversity, and reducing forest fragmentation.”

Mailing Address: 41 State Highway 146 West Golconda, IL 62938

Email: info@letthesunshinein.life

Website: <https://www.letthesunshinein.life>

MIDWEST GROWS GREEN

This group advocates for sustainable turf management in Illinois and the Midwest. It aims to reduce the use of synthetic pesticides and fertilizers in order to reduce their impact on the health of people, pets and, the environment. It provides information on working to improve point-of-sale options and develop pesticide-free parks.

Mailing Address: 211 South Paterson Street, Suite 380 Madison, WI 53703

Phone: (773) 878-8245

Email: info@letthesunshinein.life

Website: <https://midwestgrowsgreen.org>

THE MISSOURI PRAIRIE FOUNDATION

Their mission is to protect and restore prairie and other native grassland communities through acquisition, management, education, and research.

Website: moprairie.org

Phone: 888-843-6739

Email: info@moprairie.org

MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN

They protect and conserve plants and their ecosystems. They seek to inspire and educate all members of our local region about the benefits of being good environmental stewards through responsible and sustainable use of natural resources.

Website: missouribotanicalgarden.org

Phone: 1-800-642-8842

Gardening questions: plantinformation@mobot.org

Resources: greenresources@mobot.org

THE NATURE CONSERVANCY IN ILLINOIS*

For general inquiries, please contact the main Illinois offices.

Mailing Address: The Nature Conservancy in Illinois

400 North Michigan Avenue, Suite 1100 Chicago, Illinois 60611

Phone: (312) 580-2100

Email: illinois@tnc.org

Website (US): <https://www.nature.org/en-us/>

Website (IL): <https://www.nature.org/en-us/about-us/where-we-work/united-states/illinois/contact-the-nature-conservancy-in-illinois/>

For southern Illinois-specific information, please contact the Southern Illinois Program.

Mailing Address: Southern Illinois Program 700 Logan College Road

Carterville, IL 62918

Phone: 309-338-3061

PRAIRIE STATE CONSERVATION COALITION*

The mission of this coalition is “to assist conservation land trusts in protecting land and water resources in Illinois.” The site also provides a map and directory of Illinois land trusts.

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 2547 Springfield, IL 62708

Email: PSCC@prairiestateconservation.org

Website: <http://www.prairiestateconservation.org/index.html>

RIVER TO RIVER COOPERATIVE WEED MANAGEMENT AREA

A partnership between 13 federal and state agencies, organizations, and universities, this organization works to “cooperatively address the short and long-term effects of non-native invasive plants across jurisdictional boundaries within the 11 southern counties of Illinois.” Its focus includes: education and public awareness; early detection and rapid response; prevention; control and management; and research activities.

Phone: (815) 953-6633 (Nick Seaton, Project Coordinator)

Email: rtrcwma@gmail.com

Website: <https://www.rtrcwma.org>

SAVANNA INSTITUTE*

The institute promotes agroforestry in the Midwest, including in Illinois.

Mailing Address: 2453 Atwood Avenue, Suite 209 Madison, WI 53704

Phone: (608) 448-6432

Email: info@savannainstitute.org

Website: <https://www.savannainstitute.org>

SAVE OUR ILLINOIS LAND*

This group opposes Illinois pipelines, arguing that “carbon capture and sequestration (CCS) is a false solution,” which allows “the fossil fuel industry to profit at our expense...and is not profitable without subsidies.” It supports alternative energy and farmland protection.

Phone: (847) 893-9095

Email: saveourillinoisland@gmail.com

Website: <http://saveourillinoisland.org>

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS PRESCRIBED BURN ASSOCIATION

The association focuses on land management and forest ecology concerns.

Mailing Address: 945 State Highway 146 West Golconda, IL 62938

Phone: (618) 949-3729

Website: <https://www.sipba.org>

US FOREST SERVICE

Shawnee District- The USDA Forest Service manages habitat for 220,000 miles of America's fishable streams and rivers, along with 10 million acres of fishable lakes and reservoirs.

Website: fs.usda.gov/shawnee

Phone: 1-800-699-6637

Email: General contact form

WAR BLUFF VALLEY WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

This nature preserve of the Illinois Audubon Society is located in Pope County, Illinois. For information, please contact the Illinois Audubon Society, Shawnee Chapter:

Mailing Address: 228 Bushwack Road Golconda, IL 62938

Phone: (618) 534-0939 (John Wallace)

Website: <https://illinoisaudubon.org/location/war-bluff-sanctuary/>