



In 2014, the Forest Preserves released their Next Century Conservation Plan (NCCP). That plan set an ambitious goal of restoring 30,000 acres of Forest Preserves lands to ecological health within 25 years.

Completed in 2020, “The FPCC Restoration Status of the NCCP/NCRMP Identified Priorities” report, provided an overview of the work accomplished toward that 30,000-acre goal between the years 2015-2020. Fire plays a key role in restoring our preserves to ecological health, and essentially re-establishing healthy ecosystems for the benefit of natural communities, plant and animal species, clean water, and long-term sustainability.

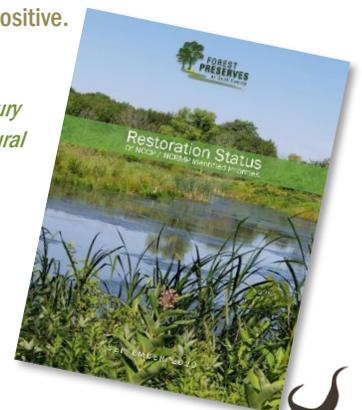
Our typical restoration process begins with brush removal, followed by tree thinning, then hydrology repairs; with herbaceous invasive control throughout. Burning, seeding, and other follow up work are included in this restoration process. When funding allows, we conduct all these concurrently.

Prescribed fire continues to be a vitally important, and cost-effective tool required for reaching these goals. During 2015-2020 throughout the entirety of the Forest Preserves 18,495 acres received fire at least once, and of these 16,500 acres were within the identified priorities. Regular burn regimes have been established on the majority of our highest priority landscapes, nature preserves, and stewardship sites. Several new units have been folded into seasonal burn planning.

During the five years represented in the report, 6,400 additional acres of FPCC lands were brought under restoration. The biggest challenge faced during the five-year period was increasing the size and scope of restoration projects to meet the acre goal. The Forest Preserve experimented with new strategies and new technologies to increase our typical project size from tens of acres to hundreds of acres. By 2017, we were able to begin projects in this size range and continue to engage in large scale restorations within our 30,000 priority acres. Although we do not currently have funding to conduct large projects everywhere, we have reached the technical level needed to meet our 25-year goal should funding levels increase.

The Forest Preserves of Cook County has been engaged in 13 projects larger than 100 acres in size, with the largest contiguous project area being over 2,000 acres. In just five years, with this new approach, the Forest Preserve has expanded the acres under restoration from 5,800 prior to the NCCP, adding 6,400 since the plan to 12,200 acres under restoration. Forty percent of priority lands are under restoration. At this current pace, we can place all 30,000 acres under restoration by 2035. While the full ecological benefits of this work may take more time to be realized, early results are positive.

*Forest Preserves of Cook County
Restoration Status of the Next Century
Conservation Plan / Natural & Cultural
Resources Master Plan, 2020*



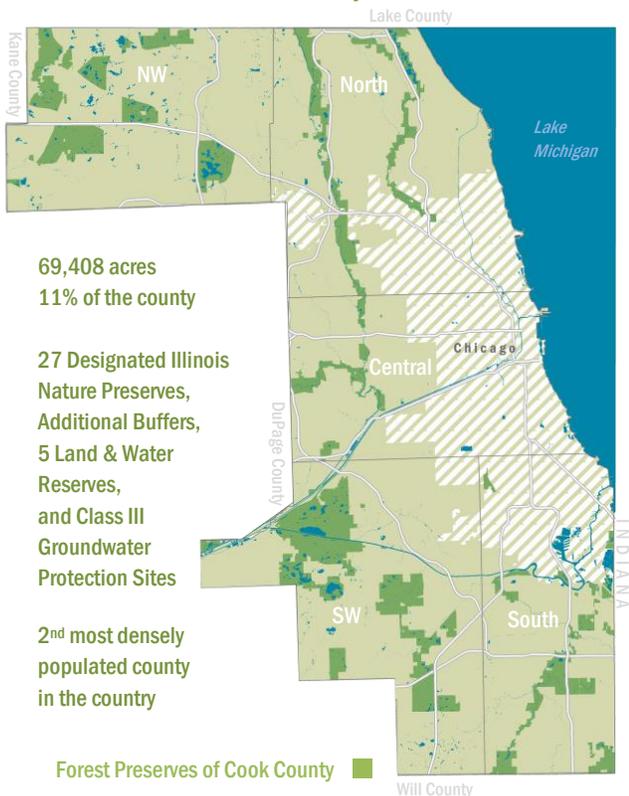


“Mother Nature is the true burn boss.”

John McCabe, Director of Resource Management

2020 Fall - 2021 Spring Burn Stats: 8,334 Acres | 280 Units | 20 Burn Days | 11 Crews

Forest Preserves of Cook County



The cumulative season included in this summary was successful due to: optimizing crews during days with appropriate conditions, planning, coordination, and the efforts of our burn bosses and crews. Fall fuel and weather allowed us to start burning mid-November into early December before winter curtailed the season. Spring season began in early March, following heavy snowmelt, concluding at the month's end with some intermittent cancellations due to dry weather and winds. Our crews made the most of the days and favorable conditions when available, with limited crews activated when burn conditions were extremely marginal. Previous experience gained by all the crews - Resource Management with Conservation Corps and contract crews, allows us to work more efficiently at sites during short windows of opportunity. Our UW Stevens-Point Alternative Spring Break program expands our crews to make the most out of early spring.

Our overall total for the 2020/2021 burn season was 8,3334 acres during 20 total burn days. Although the total acres and units accomplished was impactful, this is not just a numbers game. Some smaller units take longer and are more complicated than larger ones. Patchy, scudding fires which leave refugia are part of our prescription as well.

A hearty thank you to all of our staff, contractors, conservation corps, and volunteers, for their efforts. Keep up the good work!

John McCabe, Director of Resource Management

OVERVIEW

Fall season typically begins about November 1, although the 2017 season began Nov. 25th and the 2018 season began Dec 18th. The conditions presented by weather and the availability of the fuels, such as cured dry grass and fallen leaves determine season start.

2020 Fall - Mother Nature threw a curveball: A far cry from our record-breaking 2017 season of 6,000 acres burned. We saved several units for better spring conditions.

2020 | 4,044 Acres | Day: 12 | Units: 157 | Avg Acres: 33

RM Crews

Total: 1,839 acres
Sites: 5
Min-Max Acres: <.5-259 acres
Largest Unit: Spring Creek Valley Headwaters
Avg: 26 acres

Contract Crews

Total: 2,238 acres
Units: 54
Min-Max Acres: 3-165
Largest Unit: Deer Grove West NP
Avg: 41 acres

Spring season typically starts mid to late March, about the 14th through the 21st. Spring is usually more productive and busier due to longer days, and better trending weather conditions.

2021 Spring wrap-up: With much ground to make up from varying fall conditions, Mother Nature dumped inches of snow late in the season and blew light winds. Surprisingly, the season began right on schedule and another productive season was had.

2021 | 4,239 Acres | Days: 8 | Units: 123 | Avg Acres: 43

RM Crews

Total: 2,165 acres
Units: 51
Min-Max Acres: <.5-270 acres
Largest Unit: Paul Douglas
Avg: 42 acres

Contract Crews

Total: 2,092 acres
Units: 48
Min-Max Acres: <.5-310 acres
Largest Unit: Bobolink LWR
Avg: 44 acres

Figures above were derived from GIS Data. Units: Same site/same day units may be together or separate. Wildfire/Arson added 355 acres of blackened landscape to the prescribed fire total acreage for the season.

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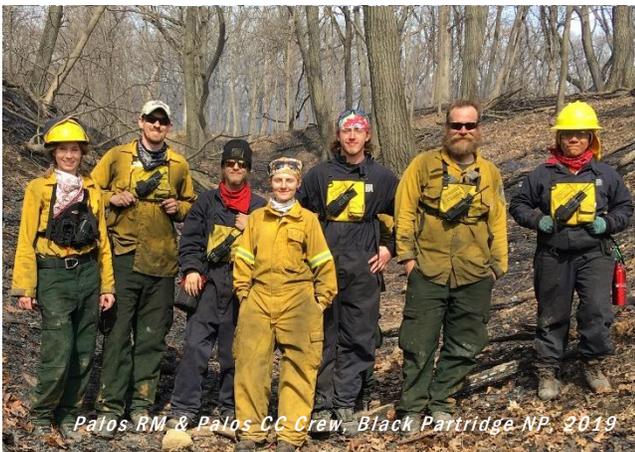
Alex, our Conservation Corps Assistant, after nimbly lighting this 3 acres plus rager at Peterson Springs Fen, Poplar Creek.

It's always fun to see this type of fire after a couple of hours of lugging a water pack through the smokey woods, at the tail end of a very long day.

John McCabe, Director of Resource Management



CREWS



RM Crews

We aim to deliver fire to our critical sites at the proper return interval. Our daily selection of priorities and matching conditions has been mostly successful, and our crews excel in the important task of bringing fire to the preserves each season. They are prepared, quick to respond, and immediately ready for dispatch each day, first thing in the morning. They operate with more flexible hours to make the most of the limited burn days available each season.

Some of our logistical burn limitations include the large size and population density of the county. With seemingly endless excesses of continuous traffic, the amount of time it takes to move through the urban expanse to reach all our priority sites during burn season can be onerous.

The FPCC has 5 crews for the entire county:

- Northwest Crew – Northwest
- Skokie Crew – Northeast
- Salt Creek Crew – Central
- Palos Crew – Southwest
- Tinley Crew – Southwest & Southeast



These crews focus loosely within their zones, which carve up the county for best response time with the resources currently available. Preserve acreage varies between these zones. The Northwest and Southwest contain our largest holdings with the lowest population densities. Conversely, the North, Central, and South zones typically contain smaller holdings along waterways defined and bounded by roads and urban development with larger populations, which create a greater degree of complexity.

To increase burn acreage safely we have more crews and burn larger units. We are constantly looking to improve. Resource Management crews team up and move around during burn season. We further expand crew sizes through our Conservation Corps program crews, maximizing the duty of bringing Prescribed Fire to our massive acreage. During this season, our certified volunteer participation was restricted due to Covid-19 precautions well into 2021. As always, our contract crews are strategically directed to tackle specific sites for most effective deployment.



CREWS



Conservation Corps

Conservation Corps participants assist FPCC staff with prescribed burns, making a huge difference in our seasonal outcomes. Extra hands allow staff to include additional sites where burning would otherwise not be possible.

The Conservation Corps Crews are a great resource, with many crew managers and members acquiring multiple years of experience working with the Forest Preserves over the past few years. Each season, new participants receive training to acquire certification as prescription burn crew members. The Morton Arboretum offers the Chicago Wilderness two, 2-day Burn Crew training sessions twice annually, based on the National Wildfire Coordinating Group's (NWCG) S-130 and S190 courses. The course provides certified training to safely participate on a controlled burn crew.

Most Corps members look forward to burn season as one of the best aspects of their experience with the FPCC. Last fall twenty-seven Conservation Corps members assisted on 717.38 acres from all programs; Friends of the Forest Preserves (FOTFP), and Greencorps Chicago. During spring approximately twenty-seven FOTFP Managers and Members assisted with 1,392 acres. Way to go everyone!

With 2020's Covid-19 precautions, there were reduced opportunities for the Resource Management Department's ongoing partnership with students from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. This program typically provides natural resource students with a great spring break volunteer opportunity; a win-win for all parties. The students gain on the ground experience, and the preserve crews receive a boost in productivity from additional, well trained enthusiastic helpers. We look forward to resuming the partnership again next season.

Contract Crews

The Forest Preserves of Cook County have prescribed fire contracts with three main contractors focused county-wide: Tallgrass Restoration, Pizzo & Associates, and Stantec Consulting. During fire season, six contract crews were available to the FPCC seven days a week. Each morning, given the appropriate conditions, the pieces of the fire puzzle are carefully put into place by staff spreading resources across district holdings to meet management goals. Additionally, "project specific burns" may be conducted by assigned contract crews with site allocated project goals.

With a multi-year contract, we have seen the positive benefits of seasoned crews. Burn bosses and crews are more comfortable with the type of burning necessary at the FPCC, as well as more familiar with each site, which resulted in increased overall efficiency and more acres burned.

Having sufficient funding for prescribed fire is critical, as is ensuring all lines of communication are solid between staff, project managers, contractors, interns, and volunteers.



More certified crew members and additional crews are crucial to achieve ecological burn goals county-wide.

SITES

NW | Acres Burned: 2,818

- Baker's Lake NP
- & Youngusband Prairie
- Bluff Spring Fen NP
- Busse Forest
- Carl Hansen Woods
- Crabtree NC
- Deer Grove West NP
- Jens Jensen LWR
- Paul Douglas Preserve
- Poplar Creek
- Schaumburg Rd Grassland
- Shoe Factory Rd Prairie NP
- Spring Creek
- Spring Lake NP



Spring Creek



Carl Hansen Prairie



Bluff Spring Fen Nature Preserve



Mile Long Marsh, Spring Creek

This spring our crew added a new unit within Spring Creek, "Mile Long Marsh".

Along with improving habitat for wetland species, the reduction of fuel here will assist with monitoring for species of concern that could be negatively impacted by a planned road widening project.

- Orange square: Fall 2020
- Green square: Spring 2021

Paul Douglas: 282 acres



Paul Douglas Preserve

Busse Forest
See page 7



Carl Hansen Woods



Paul Douglas Preserve



Paul Douglas Preserve

Paul Douglas

The primary burn goal is brush control to maintain open grassland bird habitat.

Paul Douglas Preserve awaited burning for a long time. In the last few years, we've witnessed great spring burns here.

By reintroducing fire to areas historically burned, we're bringing back an "old friend," reuniting fire with the plants that really need it.

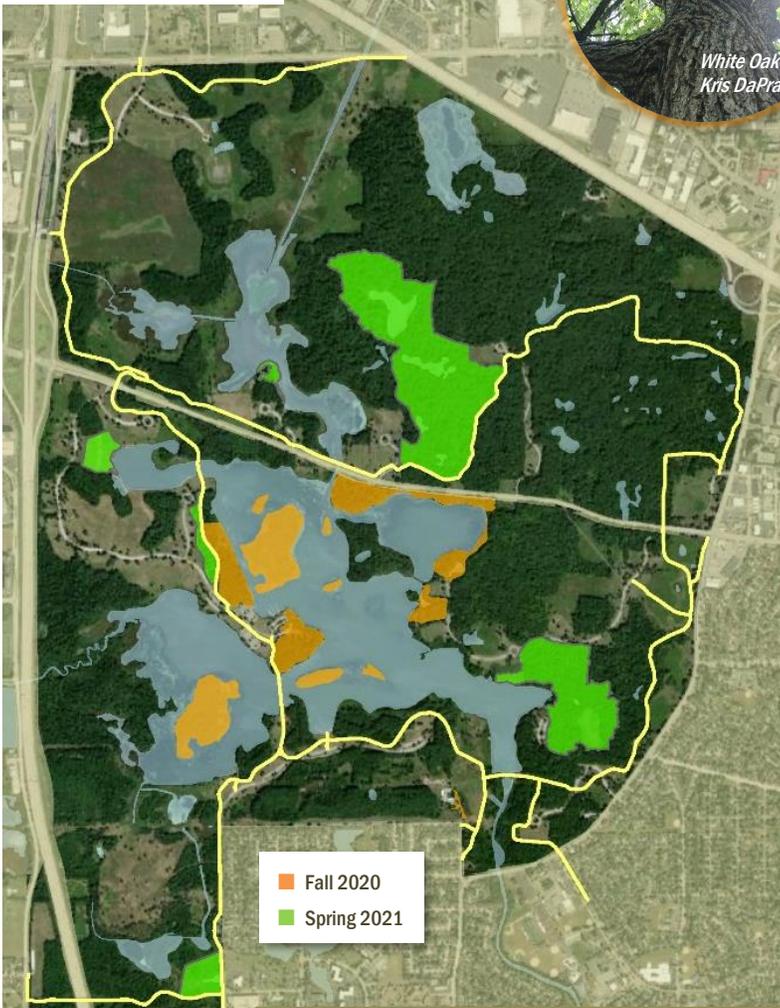
FPDCC Blog Burn Boss

Interview:

<http://fpdcc.com/burning-questions-answered-interview-with-a-burn-boss/>

NW | continued

Busse Forest: 297 acres



White Oak
Kris DaPra



Busse Woods South



Busse Woods:

This includes our 3rd ranked priority landscape and Busse Forest Nature Preserve, registered as a National Natural Landmark in 1980. This flat landscape is primarily woodland pocked with small depressions. Large scale invasive brush removal and thinning projects from 2015 to present are paying off with over 270 acres under restoration. In addition to dedicated volunteer and staff contributions, native plant species are filling-in and the burn quality and habitat has improved where fire is applied.



Grey Treefrog

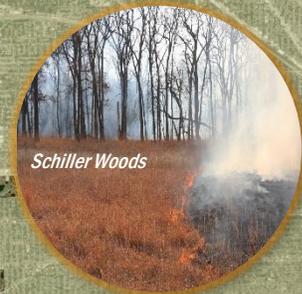
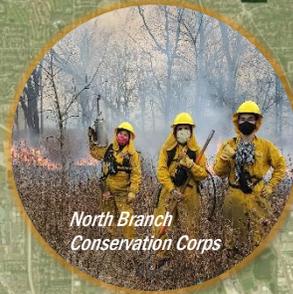
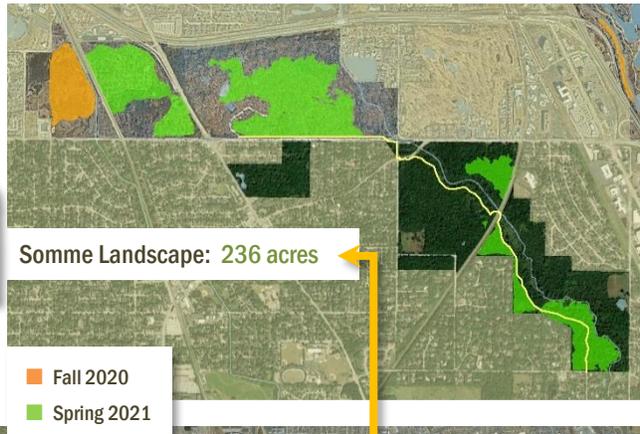


Trillium grandiflorum

Rich Spring Flora with Consistent Prescribed Fire Regime.

SITES

- NORTH | Acres Burned: 650**
- Bunker Hill
 - Camp Pine Woods
 - Chicago Botanic Garden
 - Chipilly Woods
 - Dam 1 Woods
 - Forest Glen Woods
 - Harms Woods NP
 - Kloempken Woods & Prairie
 - LaBagh Woods
 - Lake Avenue Woods
 - Linne Woods & Prairie
 - Mary Mix McDonald Woods
 - Miami Woods
 - Potawatomi Woods
 - River Trail Nature Center
 - Robinson Woods
 - Schiller Woods
 - Skokie Lagoon
 - Somme Prairie Grove NP
 - Somme Prairie NP
 - Somme Woods
 - Watersmeet



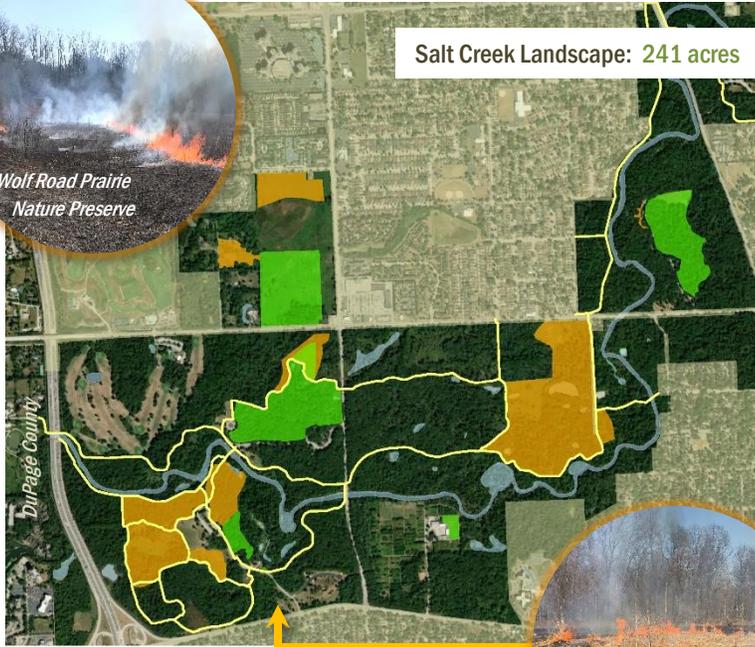
Our Northeast preserves are within limited buffered corridors of the Des Plaines River and the North Branch of the Chicago River, providing important habitat to migrating birds, pollinators, and wildlife, as well as bringing green respite to visitors.

Excellent progress has been made to improve these riparian natural areas with fire application promoting a greater abundance of native species. New Nature Preserves designations here include: Harms Woods, Harms Flatwoods, and Somme Prairie Grove.

Within these narrow greenways, our main challenge is to accomplish our goals without disruption of the nearby community. While public awareness of forest management and prescribed burns seem dramatically improved over time, we always prioritize safety and avoid adversely affecting neighbors.

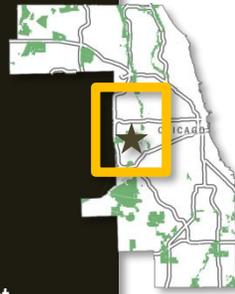
Through training and very specific site planning, we can work in these more densely developed areas.

SITES



Central | Acres Burned 344

- Bemis Woods
- Brookfield Prairie
- Cermak Prairie
- GAR Woods
- McCormick Woods
- Possum Hollow
- Salt Creek NP
- Thatcher Woods
- Theodore Stone Forest
- Thomas Jefferson Woods
- Waubansee Prairie
- Wolf Road Prairie NP
- Zoo Woods



Salt Creek

Our sixth highest landscape conservation priority at the county's western perimeter, is adjacent to Salt Creek. This area is composed of prairie, savanna, oak woodlands, floodplain forest and includes two Illinois Nature Preserves (NP). Much of Bemis, Salt Creek Woods NP, and Wolf Road Prairie NP have received woody invasive clearing and successive follow-up. In total 271 acres have received restoration since 2015, per the FPCC Next Century Conservation Plan Progress Report 2020.

Primarily within the floodplain, fuels here are often wet, and vary from dense to sparse. These conditions require additional work to carry fire throughout a unit. Great care is taken to keep smoke away from the neighborhood.

Prescribed fire is a critical phase-two restoration tool following invasive removal. A consistent fire regime can assist in reinvigorating the ground layer vegetation, reducing the woody invasive species from the seed bank, and managing re-sprouts.



"Central and North zone units are typically small, with the majority of boundaries defined by roads and development, so matching sites to conditions available is of primary concern, with emphasis on smoke management."
 - Mike Moore, Salt Creek RM Resource Supervisor

Our Burn Boss sweats all the details.

SITES



McMahon Woods & Fen Nature Preserve



Crooked Creek



Palos Preserves: 1,156 acres

Most of the Palos Landscape, the FPCC's top priority, is now under management with fire. Burning has helped increase cover of native ground layer plants and reduce cover of invasive shrubs throughout Palos.

Sag Valley
See page 11



Cranberry Slough Nature Preserve



Black Partridge
29 Acres

Tinley Creek
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Fire is Good

Cherry Hill Prairie

Orland Grassland
278 Acres



Bartel Grassland LWR

Bartel Grassland
669 Acres

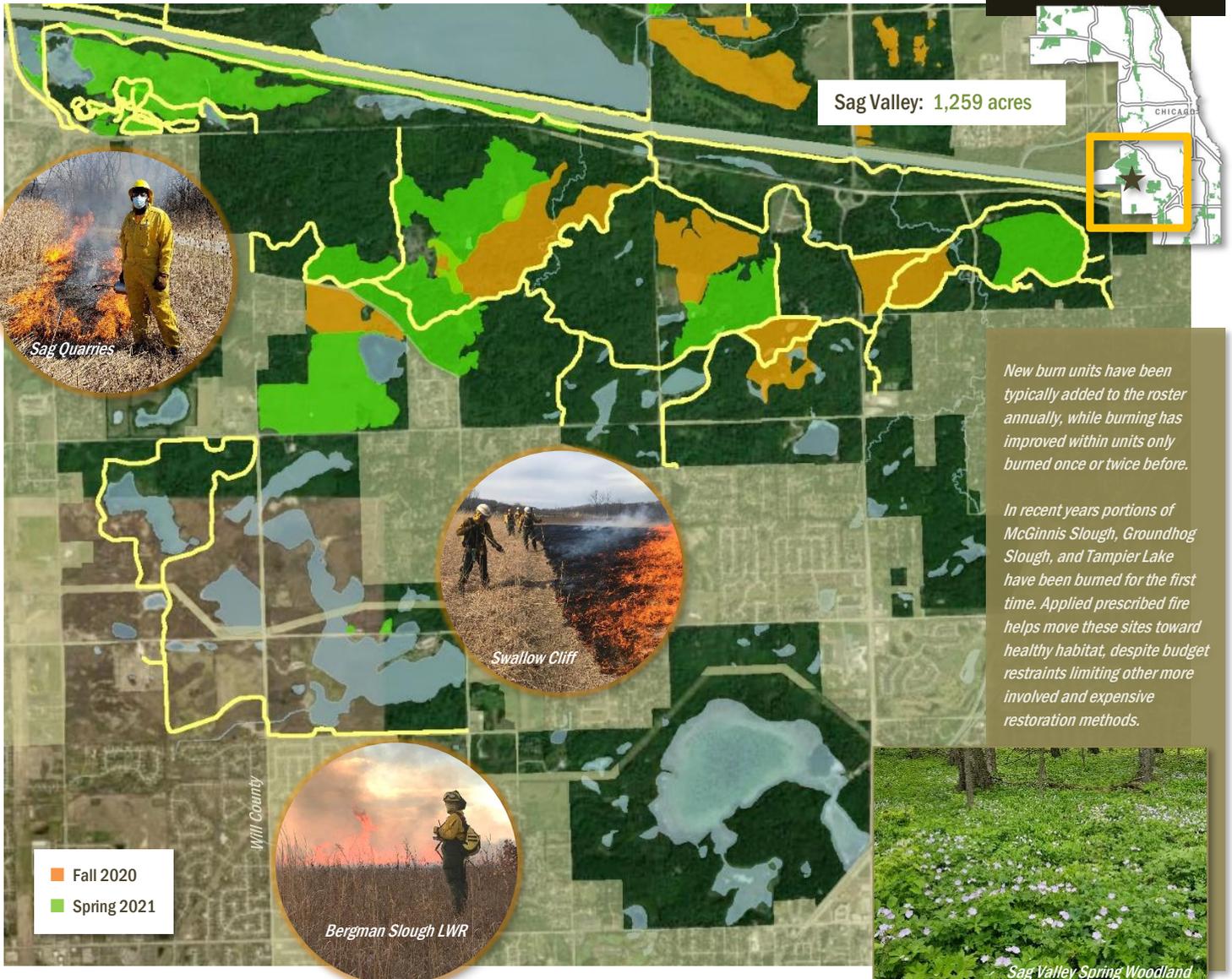
SW | Acres Burned: 3,799

- Bartel Grassland LWR
- Black Partridge Woods NP
- Bobolink Meadow LWR
- Orland Grassland LWR
- Oak Forest Heritage Site
- Palos Preserves
- Sag Valley Preserves
- Tampier Lake
- Tinley Creek Preserves
- Yankee Woods

Palos Preserves:
Palos, located just north of the Cal-Sag Channel, harbors some of the largest tracts of managed habitat. More than 6,000 acres of woodland, prairie, and wetland are separated only by roads. This mosaic includes five Illinois Nature Preserves, and is the northern component of the Forest Preserves highest conservation landscape priority; Palos-Sag Valley.

Within this landscape, our fire program has established fire regimes with increasingly productive efforts each season. The positive effects of a successful prescribed burn program are readily apparent here. Invasive shrubs are much reduced with burning alone. Encouragingly, plants and animals are expanding into new habitat made suitable by burning.

Several new areas were burned, and we aim to continue adding even more sites to the fire rotation. The large tracts in Palos provide more space for smoke management, but can also require larger crews, additional prep time, and longer fire breaks. We are ready for the challenge.



Sag Valley: 1,259 acres

Sag Quarries

Swallow Cliff

Bergman Slough LWR

New burn units have been typically added to the roster annually, while burning has improved within units only burned once or twice before.

In recent years portions of McGinnis Slough, Groundhog Slough, and Tampier Lake have been burned for the first time. Applied prescribed fire helps move these sites toward healthy habitat, despite budget restraints limiting other more involved and expensive restoration methods.

Sag Valley Spring Woodland

Sag Valley Preserves:

The southern component of our top priority landscape lies south of the Cal-Sag Channel and features three Nature Preserves: Bergman Slough Land & Water Reserve, Sagawau Canyon NP, and Cap Sauers Holding NP, which is our largest contiguous site - 1,570 acres.

Prescribed burns are the most important and cost-effective tool to manage large landscapes, providing benefits that cannot be derived from other modes or applications.

Momentum is building with the fire regime; with each successive application, fuels are more responsive, invasive species are reduced, and public support grows.

Tinley Creek Ravines Landscape: 385 acres



Elizabeth Conkey Woods Nature Preserve

Tinley Creek Ravines

Oak Forest Historic Site 20 Acres

Within our eleventh conservation priority, Tinley Creek Ravines landscape, is a mix of healthy oak woodland and restored prairie. And the 528-acre southwest section has had comprehensive restoration underway since 2019.

Elizabeth Conkey Woods, also included in this landscape priority, was designated an Illinois Nature Preserve in 2020.

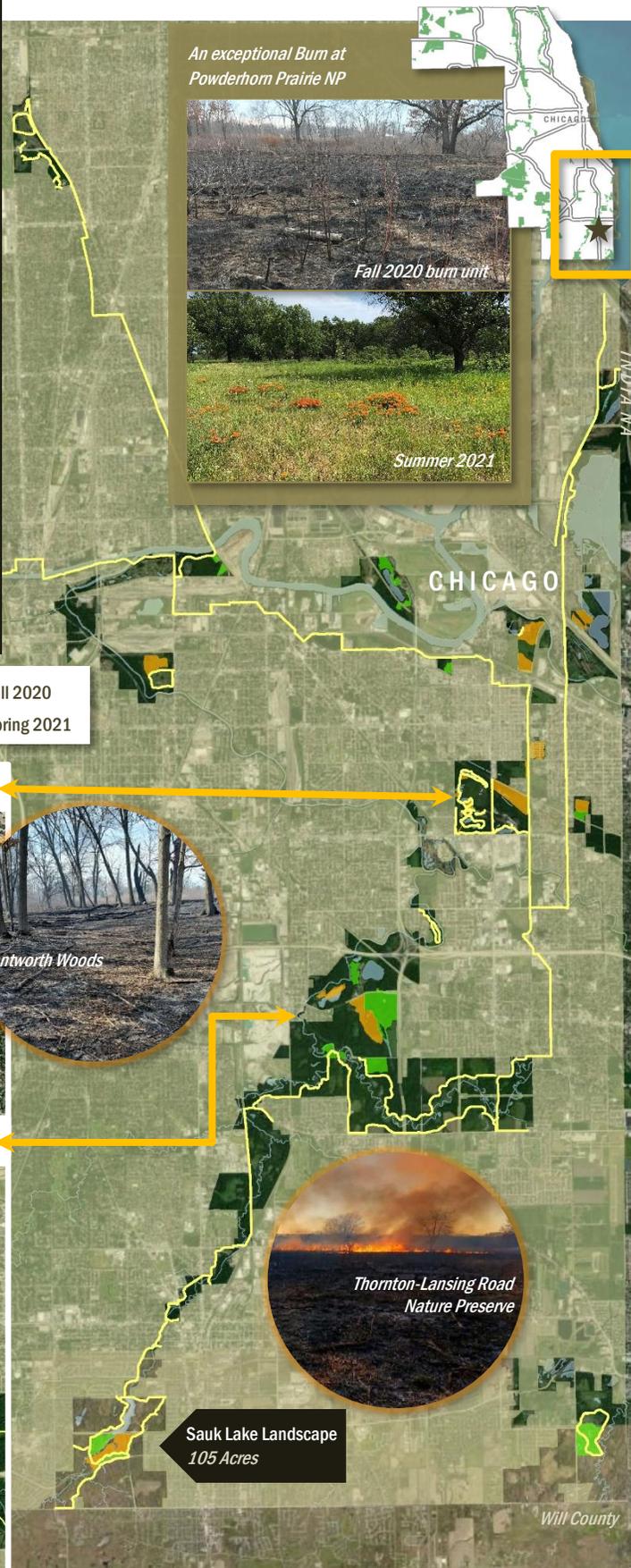
South Preserves

The Jurgensen landscape, including Thornton-Lansing Road NP, is our second highest conservation priority. These sites feature two small, very high quality wet prairies, and black oak savannas interspersed with sedge meadows within swales. Recent prescribed fire regimes have been successfully established in many of our highest quality preserves. This has allowed us to focus fire into additional southern restoration projects, such as Sweet Woods.

Sauk Lake Landscape is our tenth ranked priority, where prescribed fire combined with invasive species removal is improving habitat for woodland nesting birds such as indigo bunting, woodpeckers, flycatchers, and pewees.

South | Acres Burned: 755

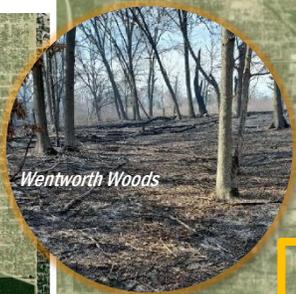
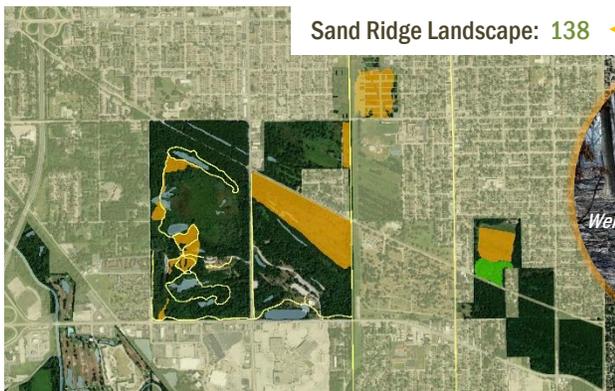
- Burnham Prairie NP
- Calumet City Prairie NP
- Green Lake Savanna
- Jurgensen Woods NP
- Kickapoo Woods
- Plum Creek
- Powderhorn Marsh & Prairie NP
- Sand Ridge Nature Center
- Sand Ridge NP
- Sauk Trail Woods
- Sweet Woods
- Thornton-Lansing Road NP
- Whistler Woods
- Wampum Lake NP
- Wentworth Prairie
- Wentworth Woods
- Whistler Woods



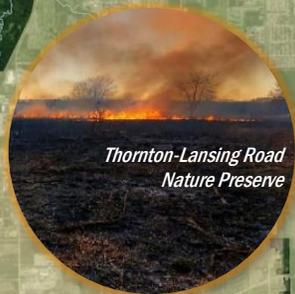
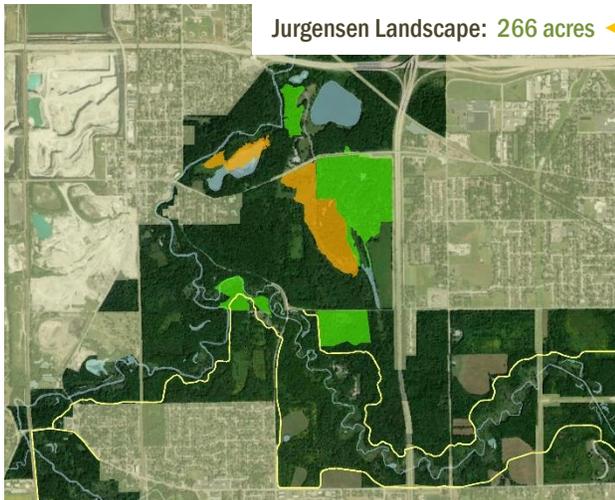
An exceptional Burn at Powderhorn Prairie NP



Sand Ridge Landscape: 138



Jurgensen Landscape: 266 acres

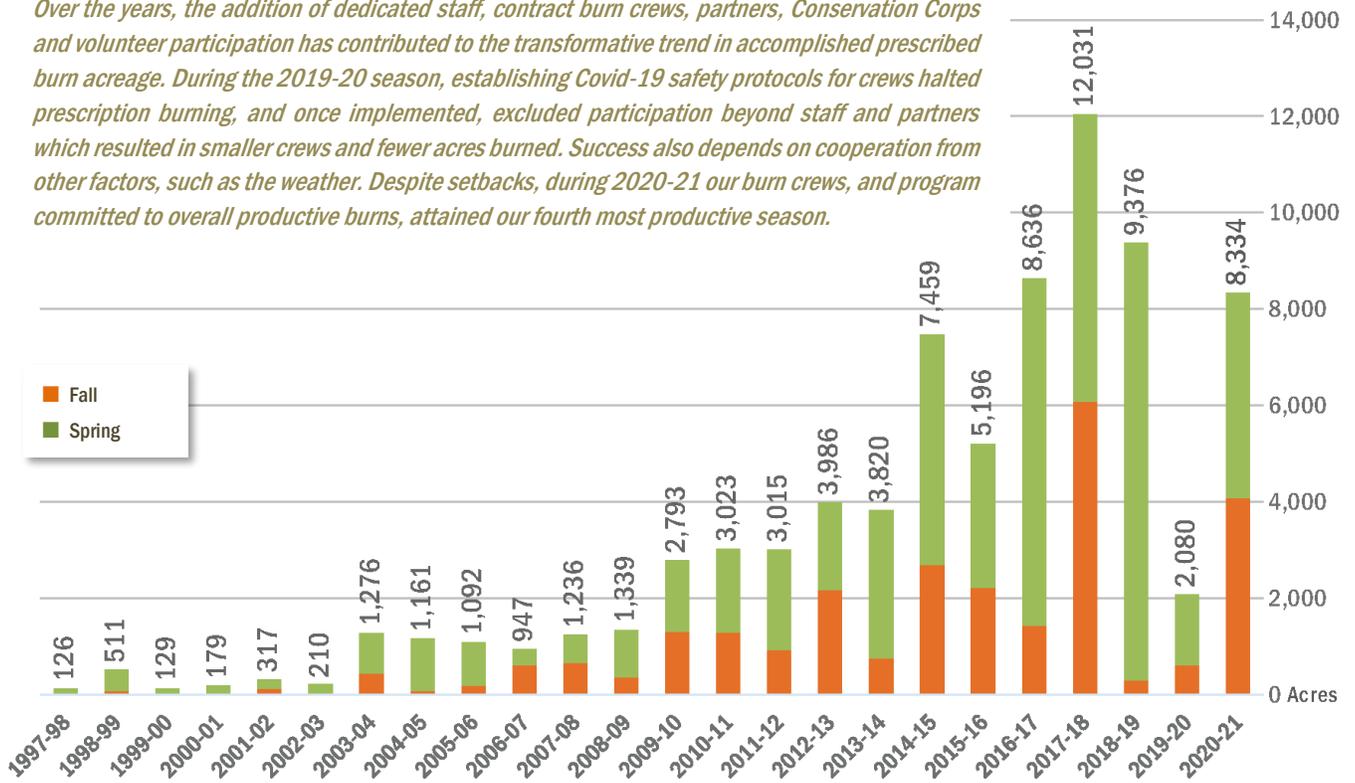


Sauk Lake Landscape 105 Acres

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INCREASED ACRES BURNED

Over the years, the addition of dedicated staff, contract burn crews, partners, Conservation Corps and volunteer participation has contributed to the transformative trend in accomplished prescribed burn acreage. During the 2019-20 season, establishing Covid-19 safety protocols for crews halted prescription burning, and once implemented, excluded participation beyond staff and partners which resulted in smaller crews and fewer acres burned. Success also depends on cooperation from other factors, such as the weather. Despite setbacks, during 2020-21 our burn crews, and program committed to overall productive burns, attained our fourth most productive season.



“Landscape fire will be seen not as a management exigency but as a seasonal requirement, fully as crucial to the life system as light following day, wind and doldrum, rain and the snow, changes of seasons, and presence of a human culture who loves the land for its own sake.”

*Gerould Wilhelm, Director of Conservation
Conservation Research Institute*



Carl Hansen Prairie

Fire Program Funding

Our prescribed fire program funding strives to meet land management goals: Current Habitat Enhancement Contract funds are prioritized for prescribed burning, to make the most effective use of available conditions each season.

2020 Overall Restoration Budget Breakdown \$3.6 million



All Restoration = 10,400 acres | Contract Work = 6,900 acres

The 2020 and 2021 budgets have operationalized specific goals outlined in the FPCC's Next Century Conservation Plan (NCCP), which was formally adopted in 2015 and includes the following goals:

- Restoring ecological health and protecting the diversity of plants and animals that depend on the preserves.
- Providing well-maintained buildings, trails, and other facilities, and making them accessible to all county residents.
- Increasing outreach to underserved communities and expanding educational and recreational opportunities for all residents.
- Managing with excellence, transparency, and sound financial practice.

We continue to work to keep fires as efficient and as safe as possible across all our Resource Management crews and contractor burn crews. There is a constant effort to determine the best burn crew for the best unit, and to increase acres burned while maximizing fire benefits.

The efficiency and effectiveness of our burn program goes hand in glove to maximize restoration productivity. Maintaining our budget is crucial to providing vital prescribed fire resources.



Fire Program



Fire program support and regional mentoring

The FPCC offers Resource Crews seasonal training, protocol update training, and opportunities for advanced training and certification. The FPCC promotes the Chicago Wilderness Burn Crew Member Training Program - with 150 plus participants during this recent burn season, providing Burn Crew Certified folks the opportunity to gain experience by assisting our crews during burn season. We also support, and participate in, the National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG), and the Illinois Prescribed Fire Council for training, and standards, as well as interagency coordination. Our FPCC fire program is presented or represented at local and national land management conferences. John McCabe, our Director of Resource Management recently took on the role of President of the Illinois Prescribed Fire Council.

Outreach has proven highly effective to develop and improve relationships with local Fire Protection Districts and municipalities throughout the county. From 2005 to 2021, Resource Management Senior staff and Burn Leaders have been reaching out to suburban Fire Chiefs and their teams to provide understanding and training regarding the importance of natural area prescribed fire; offering firefighters the opportunity to participate in-field on controlled burns and underlining juxtaposed fire control methods required for beneficial fire and wildfire suppression compared with structural firefighting.

Interactive Burn Map

Illinois Prescribed Fire Council Prescribed Burn Map

The Forest Preserves of Cook County Fall 2020 & Spring 2021 burn units are available for viewing on the Illinois Fire Council Interactive Prescribed Burn Map. The Forest Preserves of Cook County prescribed burns have consistently been the second largest non-private accomplished burn acreage in the state, with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources taking the lead.

Link here: [Illinois Prescribed Fire Council - Home](#)



Equipment required for efficiency & safety

The size and distribution of holdings requires more resources to achieve goals set by the FPCC Natural and Cultural Resources Master Plan and our Next Century Conservation Plan. We keep equipment up-to-date and well maintained. Recent additions include a mist blower used for wet-lining where there is no vehicle access, and new 5-gallon backpack fire pumps; easier to fill from the top and also more durable & comfortable for long burn days.

Five staff crews are currently available. Additional staffing, plus additional contract resources, would increase regional response and expansion of burn allocation.



Best planning methods

Our burn units are expansive, encompassing several habitat types where given buffers allow, and well prepped with burn breaks. Fire is our single most important management tool; the most economical and restorative tool to cover the greatest acreage.

Resource ecologists create priorities each burn season by incorporating long term plans and goals, for on-going and large-scale restoration project goals. All actively managed sites include fire plans. New plans are created as priority and project resources delegate.

Our Ecology, Wildlife, Fisheries, and Project Management teams participate on the ground during burn season, in concert with resource crews, contractors, partners, and volunteers, for the best applied fire management benefiting these ecosystems.

Fire Program



Comprehensive Fire Action Plans

The Forest Preserves of Cook County comprise 11% of the county; over 69,000 acres, offering nature respite to the people of Cook County and beyond. Our preserves surround Chicago, the third most populous city in the country. The region is home to 8.87 million residents. The majority of the preserves are adjacent to or are corridors within urban and suburban proximity. Cook County is the second most populous county in the United States, with the 2020 U.S. Census Bureau population estimate of: 5,128,510*, and the 19th largest government in the United States, with more than 800 local governmental units within its boundaries, and 130 municipalities within the region.** More than 40% of all residents of Illinois live in Cook County. With these staggering statistics in mind, we follow all the best fire management practices.

We obtain all necessary permits, well in advance of burn season. Early each morning, prior to controlled burns, we contact all necessary agencies, including fires departments, and notifying adjacent neighbors.

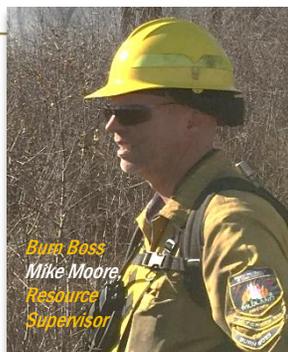
Each burn follows a plan, with units and priorities mapped along with roads, trails, waterways, and barriers that bound the units and contain the fire. Each burn day appropriate conditions are matched per site including wind, relative humidity, temperature, soil and fuel moisture, air mass stability and topography. These conditions determine the success of our ecological burn goals, influence flame height, rate of speed, and smoke dispersion. Appropriate weather conditions are required, to minimize the impact of smoke on our neighbors, and to comply with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. Smoke management is always top of mind, thus burn units must be flexible and techniques will vary to reach goals, and to avoid adversely affecting neighbors.



Fire Farwell

John McCabe

Mike Moore has been a part of our FPCC family for 30 years, and as his retirement looms, we take this opportunity to recognize his contributions to the Forest Preserves fire program.



*Burn Boss
Mike Moore,
Resource
Supervisor*

I cannot speak to when the fire bug initially bit Mike, but he was my burn buddy on my first bum at Cap Sauer's on a very warm fall day in 1994. We were assigned to a supposed more experienced crew boss, holding line along a foot path in the woods where the bum ended up escaping. Mike and I rushed over to furiously beat down the flames. I didn't think we were going to contain it. After a few minutes of raking, I paused to check on Mike's progress and he was standing there watching me. Incredulously I asked him what he was doing! He responded in his usual, relaxed, what's the problem way – "Taking a smoke break, this isn't going anywhere". Sweat soaked at this point, heart rate through the roof and in full battle mode – Mike immediately and calmly had brought the situation into perspective – something I came to find out over the years was a natural talent of his.



South prescribed fire crew 1990's

The FPCC burn program was not the operation it is today, as many of you know, and the 1990s was hit or miss regarding consequential burning. When it did occur Mike was involved and learned a lot during this time frame – in some (most) cases – what not to do! I know having Mike out on my fire was a great comfort to me as the blanket is to Linus.

As the Forestry department transitioned to the Resource Management department in April of 2003 there was a defined shift in the administration's support and the departments application of fire on the ground. We certainly still had the training wheels on, and were only running two crews, one north and one south. Mike was our south side burn boss – even though he was not in a supervisory position yet – and managed to get a lot done by the standards of that day and time. These were some tough fires with 90-100% mop up at woodland sites.

I believe it was during this era of the program when Mike called and said, "I have some good news and some bad news. The good news is we burned 100 acres, the bad news is I only wanted to burn 70." And the term 'bonus acres' was born.



As the program really began to take off in the early 2000s to present, Mike played a key role in organizing, coordinating, training staff and leading burns. He is certainly one of the architects for the program we have today. Mike's calm and cool perspective instilled confidence in his crews and even the most exciting of fires were boring affairs under Mike's direction.

I am grateful for his partnership early on, all his work for the betterment of the program and for helping ensure we have a solid group of fire folks waiting in the wings! We certainly had some good times out on the fire line. Mike will be missed.



Salt Creek crew hazard tree, 2021

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Fall 2020 Prescribed Fire

Date	Day	Site	Zone	Acres	Crew Type	Burn Boss	Crew
11/6/2020	Wednesday	Chicago Botanic Garden	North	0.13	CBG	Jim Jabcon	CBG
11/9/2020	Wednesday	Chicago Botanic Garden	North	3.69	CBG	Joan O'Shaughnessy	CBG
11/13/2020	Friday	Jens Jensen LWR / Deer Grove East	Northwest	52.7	Contract	David Bart	Stantec
11/13/2020	Friday	Shoe Factory Road Nature Preserve	Northwest	29	RM Crew	Elliot Medina	NWRM
11/17/2020	Tuesday	Mary Mix McDonald Woods	North	8.25	CBG	James Steffen	CBG
11/17/2020	Tuesday	Black Partridge Fen	Southwest	13.98	Contract	David Bart	Stantec
11/17/2020	Tuesday	Burnham Prairie Nature Preserve	South	23.21	Contract	Dave Paddock	Pizzo
11/17/2020	Tuesday	Wentworth Woods	South	16.17	Contract	Matt Sienko	Pizzo
11/17/2020	Tuesday	Dam 1 Woods East	North	108.7	Contract	John Shannon	Tallgrass
11/17/2020	Tuesday	Jens Jensen LWR / Deer Grove East	Northwest	19.37	Contract	Matt Bucher	Stantec
11/17/2020	Tuesday	Oak Forest Heritage	Southwest	20.25	Contract	Mark Kruis	Stantec
11/17/2020	Tuesday	Sand Ridge Nature Preserve	South	4.9	Contract	Matt Sienko	Pizzo
11/17/2020	Tuesday	Spring Creek-Galloping Hill	Northwest	87.53	Contract	Sergio Figueroa	Tallgrass
11/17/2020	Tuesday	Spring Lake Nature Preserve	Northwest	54	RM Crew	Elliot Medina	NWRM
11/17/2020	Tuesday	Brookfield Prairie	Central	8.99	RM Crew	Michael Moore	SCRM
11/17/2020	Tuesday	McCormick Woods	Central	1.04	RM Crew	Michael Moore	SCRM
11/17/2020	Tuesday	Ted Stone and/or Sundown	Central	20.42	RM Crew	Kevin Neary	PRM
11/17/2020	Tuesday	McMahon Woods & Fen Nature Preserve	Southwest	112.9	RM Crew	John Pellegrino	TRM
11/20/2020	Friday	Burnham Prairie Nature Preserve	South	40.5	Contract	Dave Paddock	Pizzo
11/20/2020	Friday	Deer Grove West Nature Preserve	Northwest	165.1	Contract	Sergio Figueroa	Tallgrass
11/20/2020	Friday	Powderhorn Prairie Nature Preserve	South	21.58	Contract	Matt Sienko	Pizzo
11/20/2020	Friday	Salt Creek Nature Preserve	Central	72.4	Contract	David Bart	Stantec
11/20/2020	Friday	Sand Ridge Nature Center	South	3.26	Contract	Matt Sienko	Pizzo
11/20/2020	Friday	Schaumburg Road Grassland	Northwest	74.64	Contract	John Shannon	Tallgrass
11/20/2020	Friday	Tinley Creek Ravines/Catalina	Southwest	91	Contract	Mark Kruis	Stantec
11/20/2020	Friday	Cap Sauers Holding Nature Preserve	Southwest	128.6	RM Crew	John Pellegrino	TRM
11/20/2020	Friday	Black Partridge Woods Nature Preserve	Southwest	15.11	RM Crew	Kevin Neary	PRM
11/20/2020	Friday	Bemis Woods South	Central	36.46	RM Crew	Michael Moore	SCRM
11/20/2020	Friday	Bluff Spring Fen Nature Preserve	Northwest	14	RM Crew	Elliot Medina	NWRM
11/20/2020	Friday	Watersmeet Woods	North	48.64	RM Crew	Steven Ochab	SRM
11/21/2020	Saturday	Bartel Grassland	Southwest	19.85	Contract	Matt Sienko	Pizzo
11/21/2020	Saturday	Bemis Wood North	Central	8	Contract	Mark Kruis	Stantec
11/21/2020	Saturday	Bluff Spring Fen NP	Northwest	14.08	Contract	John Shannon	Tallgrass
11/21/2020	Saturday	Camp Sullivan	North	11.95	Contract	Scott Cressler	Pizzo
11/21/2020	Saturday	Kickapoo Woods	South	35.56	Contract	Dave Paddock	Pizzo
11/21/2020	Saturday	Kloempken Woods	North	33.35	Contract	Sergio Figueroa	Tallgrass
11/21/2020	Saturday	Schiller Woods	North	28.35	Contract	David Bart	Stantec
11/21/2020	Saturday	Turtlehead Lake	Southwest	27.9	Contract	Scott Cressler	Pizzo
11/21/2020	Saturday	Wolf Road Prairie NP	Central	27.49	Contract	Mark Kruis	Stantec
11/21/2020	Saturday	Spring Creek	Northwest	46	RM Crew	Elliot Medina	NWRM
11/21/2020	Saturday	Dam #1 Willow Sanders	North	48	RM Crew	Steven Ochab	SRM
11/21/2020	Saturday	St Luke's Prairie	Southwest	12.55	RM Crew	John Pellegrino	TRM
11/21/2020	Saturday	White Oak Woods	Southwest	26.9	RM Crew	John Pellegrino	TRM
11/21/2020	Saturday	Spears Woods	Southwest	105	RM Crew	Kristin Pink	PRM
11/23/2020	Monday	Crabtree Nature Center	Northwest	109	Contract	John Shannon	Tallgrass
11/23/2020	Monday	Spring Creek - Barrington Riding Center	Northwest	27.9	Contract	Sergio Figueroa	Tallgrass
11/23/2020	Monday	Spring Lake NP - Donlea Rd	Northwest	24.59	Contract	Sergio Figueroa	Tallgrass
11/23/2020	Monday	Carl Hansen Woods	Northwest	113	RM Crew	Elliot Medina	NWRM
11/23/2020	Monday	Cap Sauers Holding Nature Preserve	Southwest	19.86	RM Crew	John Pellegrino	TRM
11/23/2020	Monday	Bergman Slough LWR	Southwest	46.49	RM Crew	John Pellegrino	TRM
11/23/2020	Monday	Mary Mix McDonald Woods	North	1.3	CBG	James Steffen	CBG
12/1/2020	Tuesday	Prairie 111th Street	Southwest	5.21	RM Crew	Kevin Neary	PRM
12/1/2020	Tuesday	Crooked Creek	Southwest	21.62	RM Crew	John Pellegrino	TRM
12/1/2020	Tuesday	Busse Woods South	Northwest	50.55	RM Crew	Elliot Medina	NWRM
12/1/2020	Tuesday	Bemis Woods South	Central	11.15	RM Crew	Michael Moore	SCRM
12/1/2020	Tuesday	Thornton Lansing Road NP	South	67.33	Contract	Matt Sienko	Pizzo
12/1/2020	Tuesday	Green Lake Savanna	South	60.2	Contract	Dave Paddock	Pizzo

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12/1/2020	Tuesday	Deer Grove West Nature Preserve	Northwest	78.33	Contract	David Bart	Stantec
12/1/2020	Tuesday	Portwine South	North	27.7	Contract	John Shannon	Tallgrass
12/1/2020	Tuesday	Spring Creek – Healy Road/Headwaters	Northwest	26.29	Contract	Sergio Figueroa	Tallgrass
12/1/2020	Tuesday	Willow Springs	Southwest	66.77	Contract	Mark Kruis	Stantec
12/2/2020	Wednesday	Swallow Cliff	Southwest	30.68	RM Crew	John Pellegrino	TRM
12/2/2020	Wednesday	Carl Hansen Woods	Northwest	48	RM Crew	Elliot Medina	NWRM
12/2/2020	Wednesday	Petersen Fen /Carl Hansen	Northwest	3	RM Crew	Elliot Medina	NWRM
12/2/2020	Wednesday	Busse Forest – Main Dam	Northwest	0.3	RM Crew	John McCabe	NWRM
12/2/2020	Wednesday	Maple Lake	Southwest	35.21	RM Crew	Kevin Neary	PRM
12/2/2020	Wednesday	Somme Nature Preserve	North	32	RM Crew	Steven Ochab	SRM
12/2/2020	Wednesday	Linne Woods Prairie	North	14	RM Crew	Steven Ochab	SRM
12/2/2020	Wednesday	Thatcher Prairie	Central	4.73	RM Crew	Michael Moore	SCRM
12/2/2020	Wednesday	Mary Mix McDonald Woods	North	CBG		James Steffen	CBG
12/2/2020	Wednesday	Spring Creek – Headwaters	Northwest	31.23	Contract	Sergio Figueroa	Tallgrass
12/2/2020	Wednesday	Camp Pine Woods	North	9.52	Contract	John Shannon	Tallgrass
12/2/2020	Wednesday	Sand Ridge Nature Center	South	16.99	Contract	Matt Sienko	Pizzo
12/2/2020	Wednesday	Tinley Creek Woods / Bur Oak	Southwest	26.34	Contract	Dave Paddock	Pizzo
12/2/2020	Wednesday	Deer Grove West Nature Preserve	Northwest	45.14	Contract	David Bart	Stantec
12/2/2020	Wednesday	White Oak Woods	Southwest	18.66	Contract	Mark Kruis	Stantec
12/3/2020	Thursday	Bluff Spring Fen Nature Preserve	Northwest	43.5	RM Crew	Elliot Medina	NWRM
12/3/2020	Thursday	Swallow Cliff	Southwest	106.9	RM Crew	John Pellegrino	TRM
12/3/2020	Thursday	Pioneer Woods	Southwest	49.98	RM Crew	Kevin Neary	PRM
12/3/2020	Thursday	Willow-Sanders Prairie	North	23	RM Crew	Steven Ochab	SRM
12/3/2020	Thursday	Cermak Prairie	Central	1.92	RM Crew	Michael Moore	SCRM
12/3/2020	Thursday	Wolf Road Prairie Nature Preserve	Central	4.69	RM Crew	Michael Moore	SCRM
12/3/2020	Thursday	Camp Sullivan	Southwest	52.86	Contract	Matt Sienko	Pizzo
12/3/2020	Thursday	Schuberts Woods	Southwest	63.05	Contract	Dave Paddock	Pizzo
12/3/2020	Thursday	Schaumburg Road Grassland	Northwest	30.05	Contract	Sergio Figueroa	Tallgrass
12/3/2020	Thursday	River Trail Nature Center	North	2.92	Contract	John Shannon	Tallgrass
12/3/2020	Thursday	Lake Avenue Woods	North	19.58	Contract	John Shannon	Tallgrass
12/3/2020	Thursday	Mary Mix McDonald Woods	North	9.76	CBG	Jim Jabcon	CBG
12/3/2020	Thursday	McCloughrey Springs	Southwest	73.81	Contract	Sergio Figueroa	Stantec
12/3/2020	Thursday	Willow Springs Woods	Southwest	132.5	Contract	Mark Kruis	Stantec
12/4/2020	Friday	Busse Forest – South	Northwest	51.62	RM Crew	Elliot Medina	NWRM
12/4/2020	Friday	Possum Hollow	Central	0.36	RM Crew	Eric Menigat	SCRM
12/4/2020	Friday	Skokie Lagoons – Erickson Sedge Mead	North	13	RM Crew	Nick Kuhn	SRM
12/4/2020	Friday	Little Red Schoolhouse Woods	Southwest	9.73	RM Crew	Kevin Neary	PRM
12/4/2020	Friday	White Oak Woods	Southwest	28.39	RM Crew	John Pellegrino	TRM
12/4/2020	Friday	Miami Woods	North	26.28	Contract	John Shannon	Tallgrass
12/4/2020	Friday	Crabtree Preserve South	Northwest	51.69	Contract	Ron Adams	Tallgrass
12/4/2020	Friday	Theodore Stone Woods	Central	27.43	Contract	Matt Sienko	Pizzo
12/4/2020	Friday	Spring Creek Headwaters	Northwest	51.27	Contract	Dave Paddock	Pizzo
12/4/2020	Friday	Red Gate / Camp Bullfrog	Southwest	59.35	Contract	David Bart	Stantec
12/4/2020	Friday	Quercus Woods	Central	3.36	Contract	Mark Kruis	Stantec
12/4/2020	Friday	Thatcher	Central	3.2	Contract	Mark Kruis	Stantec
12/10/2020	Thursday	Orland Grassland	Southwest	52.79	RM Crew	John Pellegrino	TRM
12/10/2020	Thursday	Spring Creek Headwaters – 160	Northwest	237	RM Crew	Elliot Medina	NWRM



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Date	Day	Site	Zone	Acres	Crew Type	Burn Boss	Crew
3/8/2021	Monday	Crabtree Nature Center (North)	Northwest	94.2	Contract	John Shannon	Tallgrass
3/8/2021	Monday	Plum Creek	South	81.51	Contract	Dave Paddock	Pizzo
3/8/2021	Monday	Tinley Creek Ravines	Southwest	81.7	Contract	Mark Kruijs	Stantec
3/8/2021	Monday	Kloempken Prairie	North	13.05	RM Crew	Steven Ochab	SRM
3/8/2021	Monday	Shoe Factory Road North	Northwest	24.7	RM Crew	Elliot Medina	NWRM
3/8/2021	Monday	Wildlife Field Station back 40	Northwest	27.03	RM Crew	Elliot Medina	NWRM
3/8/2021	Monday	Great Egret FPA	Northwest	9	RM Crew	Elliot Medina	NWRM
3/8/2021	Monday	Thatcher Prairie West	Central	3.7	RM Crew	Michael Moore	SCRM
3/8/2021	Monday	Cermak Prairie	Central	2.06	RM Crew	Michael Moore	SCRM
3/8/2021	Monday	Sagawau ELC	Southwest	62.78	RM Crew	Kevin Neary	PRM/TRM
3/8/2021	Monday	Sagawau ELC	Southwest	157.46	RM Crew	John Pellegrino	PRM/TRM
3/9/2021	Tuesday	Yankee Woods	Southwest	3	Contract	Dave Paddock	Pizzo
3/9/2021	Tuesday	Whistler Woods	South	9.7	Contract	Dave Paddock	Pizzo
3/9/2021	Tuesday	Turtlehead Lake	Southwest	25.2	Contract	Matt Sienko	Pizzo
3/9/2021	Tuesday	Baker's Lake NP & Younghusband	Northwest	15	Contract	Sergio Figueroa	Tallgrass
3/9/2021	Tuesday	Crabtree Nature Center (North)	Northwest	85.26	Contract	John Shannon	Tallgrass
3/9/2021	Tuesday	Palos Fen NP	Southwest	17.8	Contract	Dave Bart	Stantec
3/9/2021	Tuesday	Sag Quarries	Southwest	6	Contract	Mark Kruijs	Stantec
3/9/2021	Tuesday	Tampier Lake	Southwest	2.5	Contract	Mark Kruijs	Stantec
3/9/2021	Tuesday	Busse Forest South	Northwest	50.41	RM Crew	Elliot Medina	NWRM
3/9/2021	Tuesday	Bunker Hill Oxbow	North	5.6	RM Crew	Joel Rosario	SRM
3/9/2021	Tuesday	Watersmeet Woods	North	4.5	RM Crew	Steven Ochab	SRM
3/9/2021	Tuesday	River Bend / Robinson Prairie West	North	15.69	RM Crew	Michael Moore	SCRM
3/9/2021	Tuesday	Salt Creek Resource Management	Central	1.77	RM Crew	Michael Moore	SCRM
3/9/2021	Tuesday	Bergman Slough LWR	Southwest	139.7	RM Crew	Kristin Pink	PRM/TRM
3/12/2021	Friday	Bobolink LWR	Southwest	309.98	Contract	Scott Cressler	Pizzo
3/12/2021	Friday	Wampum Lake	South	16.48	Contract	Dave Paddock	Pizzo
3/12/2021	Friday	Portwine North	North	27.76	Contract	Sergio Figueroa	Tallgrass
3/12/2021	Friday	Somme Prairie Grove	North	29.08	Contract	John Shannon	Tallgrass
3/12/2021	Friday	Jurgensen Woods	South	35.2	Contract	Mark Kruijs	Stantec
3/12/2021	Friday	Sweet Woods	South	20.2	Contract	Mark Kruijs	Stantec
3/12/2021	Friday	Palos Fen NP	Southwest	10.8	Contract	Dave Bart	Stantec
3/12/2021	Friday	Paul Douglas Preserve	Northwest	270.35	RM Crew	Elliot Medina	NWRM/SF
3/12/2021	Friday	Bemis South - Going Ape	North	4.49	RM Crew	Michael Moore	SCRM
3/12/2021	Friday	Cranberry Slough NP	Southwest	207.94	RM Crew	John Pellegrino	PRM/TRM
3/14/2021	Sunday	Tinley Creek Ravines	Southwest	40.41	Contract	Matt Sienko	Pizzo
3/14/2021	Sunday	Thornton Lansing Road NP	South	107.9	Contract	Dave Paddock	Pizzo
3/14/2021	Sunday	Bemis North	Central	36.6	Contract	Dave Bart	Stantec
3/14/2021	Sunday	Dam 1 Woods	North	25.15	Contract	Sergio Figueroa	Tallgrass
3/14/2021	Sunday	Willow Sanders	North	5.24	Contract	Sergio Figueroa	Tallgrass
3/14/2021	Sunday	Kloempken Woods	North	31.85	Contract	John Shannon	Tallgrass
3/14/2021	Sunday	Willow Springs Woods West	Southwest	65.57	RM Crew	Kristin Pink	PRM/TRM
3/14/2021	Sunday	Carl Hansen Woods	Northwest	52.88	RM Crew	Elliot Medina	NWRM/SF
3/14/2021	Sunday	Spring Creek Algonquin to Dundee	Northwest	1.5	RM Crew	Elliot Medina	NWRM/SF
3/14/2021	Sunday	Crabtree Nature Center	Northwest	12.73	RM Crew	Elliot Medina	NWRM/SF
3/14/2021	Sunday	Schaumburg Road Woods	Northwest	40.96	RM Crew	Elliot Medina	NWRM/SF
3/20/2021	Saturday	Beaubien Woods	South	28.22	Contract	Matt Sienko	Pizzo
3/20/2021	Saturday	Dolton Prairie	South	6.89	Contract	Matt Sienko	Pizzo
3/20/2021	Saturday	Tinley Creek Woods /Bur Oak Woods	Southwest	28.02	Contract	Dave Paddock	Pizzo
3/20/2021	Saturday	Baker's Lake	Northwest	34.19	Contract	Sergio Figueroa	Tallgrass

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3/20/2021	Saturday	Somme Prairie Grove	North	26.8	Contract	John Shannon	Tallgrass
3/20/2021	Saturday	Robinson Prairie East	North	2.9	Contract	Dave Bart	Stantec
3/20/2021	Saturday	Thomas Jefferson Woods	Central	5.1	Contract	Dave Bart	Stantec
3/20/2021	Saturday	GAR Woods	Central	0.2	Contract	Dave Bart	Stantec
3/20/2021	Saturday	Wolf Road Prairie Nature Preserve	Central	29	Contract	Mark Kruis	Stantec
3/20/2021	Saturday	Spring Lake Nature Preserve	Northwest	4.79	RM Crew	Elliot Medina	NWRM
3/20/2021	Saturday	Spring Creek Donlea to Algonquin	Northwest	65.7	RM Crew	Elliot Medina	NWRM
3/20/2021	Saturday	Paul Douglas Preserve	Northwest	11.63	RM Crew	Elliot Medina	NWRM
3/20/2021	Saturday	Palos Fen	Southwest	15.69	RM Crew	Kristin Pink	TRM
3/21/2021	Sunday	Bartel Grasslands	Southwest	145.14	Contract	Scott Cressler	Pizzo
3/21/2021	Sunday	Wampum Lake	South	23.39	Contract	Dave Paddock	Pizzo
3/21/2021	Sunday	Chipilly	North	42.85	Contract	John Shannon	Tallgrass
3/21/2021	Sunday	Portwine South	North	31.88	Contract	John Shannon	Tallgrass
3/21/2021	Sunday	Possum Hollow	Central	22.9	Contract	Mark Kruis	Stantec
3/21/2021	Sunday	Pioneer Woods	Southwest	144.8	Contract	Dave Bart	Stantec
3/21/2021	Sunday	Schaumburg Road Grasslands	Northwest	134.28	RM Crew	Elliot Medina	NWRM
3/21/2021	Sunday	Somme Woods	North	37.42	RM Crew	Steven Ochab	SRM
3/21/2021	Sunday	Cap Sauers Holding NP	Southwest	292.93	RM Crew	John Pellegrino	TRM
3/22/2021	Monday	Deer Grove West NP	Northwest	111.94	Contract	John Shannon	Tallgrass
3/22/2021	Monday	LaBagh Woods	North	7.44	Contract	John Shannon	Tallgrass
3/22/2021	Monday	Forest Glen	North	3.16	Contract	Sergio Figueroa	Tallgrass
3/22/2021	Monday	Wentworth Woods	Southwest	9.47	Contract	Scott Cressler	Pizzo
3/22/2021	Monday	Schubert's Woods	South	41.46	Contract	Dave Paddock	Pizzo
3/22/2021	Monday	Jens Jensen/Deer Grove East	Northwest	41.83	Contract	Justin Streicher	Stantec
3/22/2021	Monday	Paddock Woods	Southwest	88.5	Contract	Dave Bart	Stantec
3/22/2021	Monday	Swallow Cliff Woods	Southwest	82.3	Contract	Mark Kruis	Stantec
3/22/2021	Monday	Busse Forest North Nature Preserve	Northwest	116.72	RM Crew	Elliot Medina	NWRM
3/22/2021	Monday	Harms Woods South	North	30.9	RM Crew	Steven Ochab	SRM
3/22/2021	Monday	Waubensee Woods	Central	1.13	RM Crew	Frederick Menigat	SCRM
3/22/2021	Monday	Zoo Woods	Central	5.15	RM Crew	Frederick Menigat	SCRM
3/22/2021	Monday	Sagawau ELC	Southwest	22.63	RM Crew	Kevin Neary	PRM
3/22/2021	Monday	Orland Grassland LWR	Southwest	225.58	RM Crew	John Pellegrino	TRM
3/23/2021	Tuesday	Busse Lake Boating Center	Northwest	13.4	RM Crew	Elliot Medina	NWRM
3/23/2021	Tuesday	Busse Beisner Access	Northwest	10	RM Crew	Elliot Medina	NWRM



OUR MISSION

In 1914, environmental visionaries in Cook County created the first forest preserve in the nation, with a mission:

“- to acquire, restore and manage lands for the purpose of protecting and preserving public open space with its natural wonders, significant prairies, forests, wetlands, rivers, streams, and other landscapes with all of its associated wildlife, in a natural state for the education, pleasure and recreation of the public now and in the future.”

The Forest Preserve District of Cook County, with more than 69,000 acres, is the largest county forest preserve district in the United States. It receives an estimated 40 million visits each year, providing an escape into a world teeming with wildlife and rich with outdoor recreation and environmental education opportunities. Within its boundaries are rare habitats that offer plant and animal diversity on par with the rainforests of the world.

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