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## Chi-Cal Rivers Fund 2019 Grant Slate

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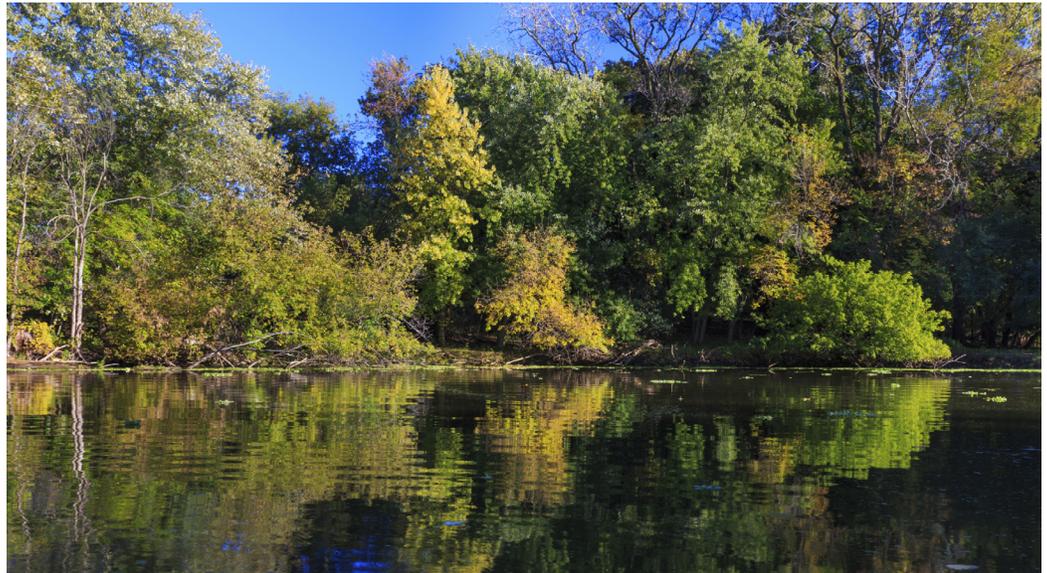
### FUNDING PARTNERS

- ArcelorMittal
- BNSF Railway
- The Chicago Community Trust
- Crown Family Philanthropies
- Gaylord & Dorothy Donnelley Foundation
- The Joyce Foundation
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- U.S. Forest Service
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

### ABOUT NFWF

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) protects and restores our nation's fish and wildlife and their habitats. Created by Congress in 1984, NFWF directs public conservation dollars to the most pressing environmental needs and matches those investments with private funds. Learn more at [www.nfwf.org](http://www.nfwf.org)

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Chicago River

### OVERVIEW

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) and ArcelorMittal, BNSF Railway, The Chicago Community Trust, Crown Family Philanthropies, Gaylord & Dorothy Donnelley Foundation, The Joyce Foundation, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and U.S. Forest Service announced a seventh year of funding for Chi-Cal Rivers Fund projects. Eight new green stormwater infrastructure, habitat restoration, and public use improvement grants totaling \$1.25 million were awarded. The eight awards announced generated \$1.85 million in matching contributions, providing a total conservation impact of \$3.1 million.

The Chicago and Calumet watersheds comprise a highly engineered system of waterways that provide many benefits to the people and wildlife in the region. Despite these services, the waterways have been degraded by many stressors that have significantly reduced the ecological, economic and community values of the system.

The Chi-Cal Rivers Fund is a public-private partnership working to improve the health, vitality and accessibility of the waterways in the Chicago and Calumet regions by supporting green stormwater infrastructure, habitat enhancement, and public-use improvements.

### GRANTS AWARDED

#### Expanded Habitat Restoration at Crooked Creek (IL)

Grantee: Friends of the Chicago River

Grant Amount: .....	\$243,979
Matching Funds: .....	\$278,800
<b>Total Amount: .....</b>	<b>\$522,779</b>

Improve habitat quality in the Crooked Creek watershed through invasive species control. Project will increase high-quality habitat and improve stormwater infiltration across

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85 acres, and improve adjacent habitat for the endangered Hine’s emerald dragonfly.

**Duck Creek Tributary Restoration and Stabilization (IN)**

Grantee: Delta Institute  
 Grant Amount: ..... \$100,000  
 Matching Funds: ..... \$100,000  
**Total Amount: .....\$200,000**

Restore a 0.2 mile section of Duck Creek through stream bank restoration and riparian buffer installation as part of a phased approach. Project will improve water quality, enhance instream and riparian habitat quality, and reduce local flooding by increasing infiltration capacity.

**Calumet Tree Conservation Corps (IN)**

Grantee: The Student Conservation Association  
 Grant Amount: ..... \$165,653  
 Matching Funds: ..... \$169,328  
**Total Amount: .....\$334,981**

Reduce stormwater runoff and create urban habitat by planting 500 new trees in northwest Indiana. Project will build upon previous investments and continue to improve water quality at a regional scale while engaging the community and volunteers.

**Expanding the Centennial Volunteers Program to Increase Forest Preserves Conservation (IL)**

Grantee: Friends of the Forest Preserves  
 Grant Amount: ..... \$186,609  
 Matching Funds: ..... \$515,730  
**Total Amount: .....\$702,339**

Fortify and expand the Centennial Volunteers program at seven forest preserves to increase invasive species control work and improve restoration management. Project will restore 80 acres along the North Branch of the Chicago River and the Little Calumet River through outreach and engagement of over 750 people.

**Installing Floating, In-stream Habitat to Support Greater Biodiversity in the Chicago River (IL)**

Grantee: Shedd Aquarium Society  
 Grant Amount: ..... \$128,150  
 Matching Funds: ..... \$128,150  
**Total Amount: .....\$256,300**

Design and install floating, in-stream habitat to advance a section of unique habitat in the Chicago River, designated as the “Wild Mile”. Project will enhance habitat quality, creating a more naturalized shoreline and support public engagement through stewardship activities at the installed habitat site.



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**Expanding Invasive Buckthorn Management to a Landscape Scale (IL)**

Grantee: Lake County Forest Preserve District  
 Grant Amount: ..... \$171,146  
 Matching Funds: ..... \$394,800  
**Total Amount: .....\$565,946**

Improve ecosystem function and habitat complexity near the North Branch of the Chicago River by clearing invasive woody species and planting a native cover crop mixture. Project will restore and enhance 140 acres of natural areas buffering the Middlefork Savanna Forest Preserve and expand invasive species management to the landscape scale.

**Restoring Remnant Wetland Habitat in the Indian Ridge Marsh (IL)**

Grantee: The Wetlands Initiative  
 Grant Amount: ..... \$134,281  
 Matching Funds: ..... \$144,978  
**Total Amount: .....\$279,259**

Restore habitat quality and biodiversity in the Indian Ridge Marsh, a priority remnant wetland in the Calumet region, to benefit wetland-dependent birds and wildlife while engaging the surrounding low-income communities with the site as a local natural area open for public access. Project will restore 76 acres of marsh, wet meadow and upland prairie habitats.

**Installing Green Infrastructure to Improve Water Quality and Reduce Flooding in Riverdale (IL)**

Grantee: Center for Neighborhood Technology  
 Grant Amount: ..... \$121,031  
 Matching Funds: ..... \$124,000  
**Total Amount: .....\$245,031**

Increase stormwater infiltration and reduce runoff in Ivanhoe Park by installing rain gardens and bioswales. Project will improve downstream water quality by capturing 294,000 gallons of stormwater annually and engage residents throughout the planning process to ensure the final designs provide a direct community benefit.