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Chi-Cal Rivers Fund 2017 Grant Slate

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Calumet River, Chicago

OVERVIEW

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 storm water infrastructure, habitat enhancement and public-use improvements.

Administered by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF), the program receives funding and other support from ArcelorMittal, BNSF Railway, The Crown Family, The Chicago Community Trust, Gaylord & Dorothy Donnelley Foundation, The Joyce Foundation, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. In 2017, five new habitat restoration, green stormwater infrastructure, and public use improvement grants totaling \$960,000 were awarded.

The work funded in 2017 is expected to generate \$1.46 million in grantee match, providing a total conservation impact of \$2.42 million. Collectively the funded projects will:

- Restore and enhance 240 acres of savanna, riparian and upland habitat
- Improve 13,200 feet of in-stream habitat
- Create and improve over 10 acres of neighborhood green space
- Add more than 551,200 square feet of green stormwater infrastructure

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Enhancing Habitat and Public Access on the East Branch of the Little Calumet River (IN)

Grantee: Save the Dunes Conservation Fund
 Grant Amount:\$274,210
 Matching Funds:\$302,975
Total Amount: \$577,185

Save the Dunes Conservation Fund will restore habitat and enhance public use along the East Branch of the Little Calumet River (EBLC). The project will restore over 200 acres and enhance restoration efforts by incorporating 262 acres into landscape-level conservation planning to guide restoration projects along the EBLC.

Wolf Lake Native Prairie Restoration and Public Use Enhancement (IL)

Grantee: Illinois Conservation Foundation
 Grant Amount:\$165,600
 Matching Funds:\$168,820
Total Amount: \$334,420

Illinois Conservation Foundation will create native prairie habitat for pollinators and improve public access to Wolf Lake at the William W. Powers State Recreation Area. The project will implement community-prioritized improvements to the site, enhancing habitat quality and public access to this important natural resource and recreation area.

Calumet Tree Conservation Corps (IL)

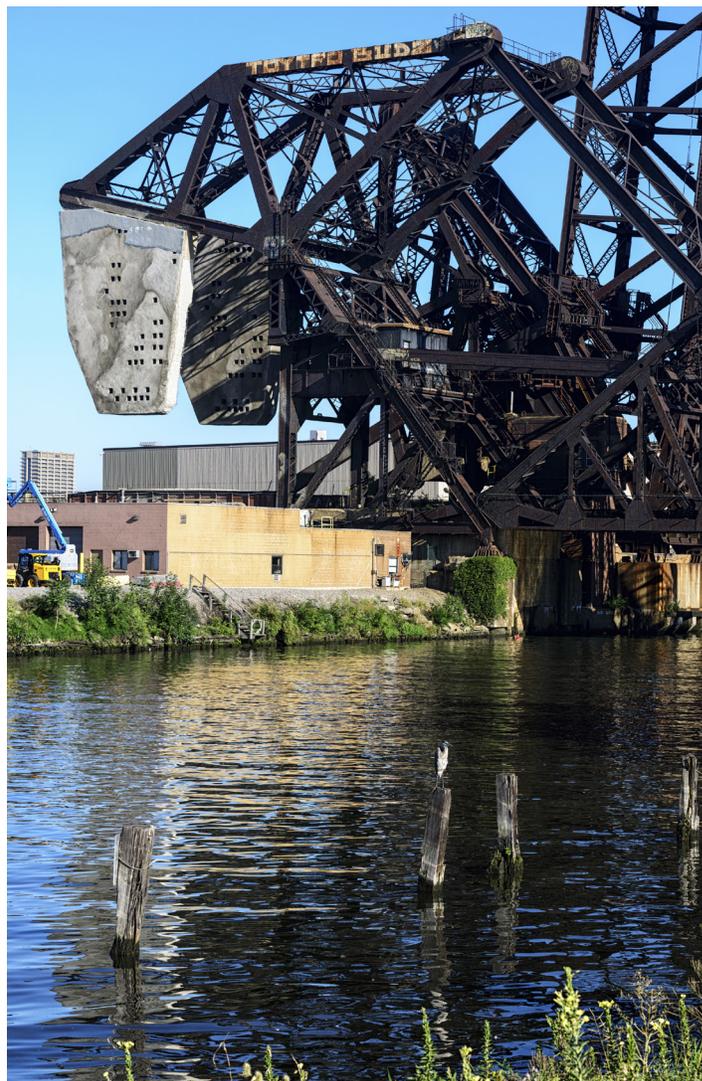
Grantee: Student Conservation Association
 Grant Amount:\$161,467
 Matching Funds:\$198,471
Total Amount: \$359,938

The Student Conservation Association will reduce stormwater and sediment runoff and restore degraded riparian habitat in the Grand Calumet and Little Calumet rivers. The project will add 72,275 gallons of stormwater storage capacity by strategically planting 1,225 native trees in riparian zones, including portions of the EPA-designated Grand Calumet Area of Concern, and offer training in basic arboriculture to residents across the region to build capacity and sustain project impact through long-term maintenance.

Improving Fish Passage in Mill Creek and the Cal-Sag Channel (IL)

Grantee: Friends of the Chicago River
 Grant Amount:\$248,327
 Matching Funds:\$166,971
Total Amount: \$415,298

Friends of the Chicago River will reconnect Mill Creek to the Cal-Sag Channel by removing two shelf structures which block fish passage from the Cal-Sag Channel. The project will open up 2.5 miles of high-quality stream



Chicago River

habitat, benefiting more than 17 species of fish.

Centennial Volunteers Network Restoration along the Chicago River (IL)

Grantee: Friends of the Forest Preserves
 Grant Amount:\$110,399
 Matching Funds:\$622,893
Total Amount: \$733,292

Friends of the Forest Preserves will implement Phase III of the Centennial Volunteers Network project to expand and mature self-sustaining communities of habitat restoration volunteers at Cook County forest preserves. The project will increase efforts to recruit, train and mentor volunteers at new and established forest preserve sites, empowering volunteers effectively manage and implement habitat restoration activities, such as invasive species control and reestablishing native vegetation.