Watershed Outreach Program Benefits

- Provide informative programming which results in positive behavior change that benefits our local environment.
- Assist local communities in meeting public education, outreach and participation requirements for NPDES Phase II permits.
- Opportunity to provide programming to Homeowner Associations to address stormwater issues.
- Wide range of topics and expertise offered.

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About The Conservation Foundation

The Conservation Foundation was established in 1972 by fore-sighted community leaders to help protect open space. The mission of The Conservation Foundation is *"to preserve natural areas and open space, protect rivers and watersheds, and promote stewardship of our environment."* This mission is carried out throughout northeastern Illinois with emphasis on DuPage, Kane, Kendall and Will Counties.

The Conservation Foundation is a **not-for-profit land conservation organization** working to protect natural resources and encourage stewardship and sustainable development practices. We use a variety of creative and innovative methods to preserve land, such as conservation easements, land donations, fee simple acquisitions, life estates, and other options with positive tax implications.

The Conservation Foundation sponsors on-going efforts in the areas of **river restoration, land and watershed stewardship, education and advocacy, native landscaping and conservation design.**

The Conservation Foundation is **dependent upon its membership** for monetary support and/or volunteering for its active projects. Please join the more than 4,500 members and 500 volunteers of The Conservation Foundation today!

CONSERVATION @ HOME

Available Topics

- **Conservation @ Home Presentations:** How property owners can practice conservation and improve air and water quality through the use of native plants and environmentally friendly landscaping and property management practices. Presentations can be tailored or presented as a series.
  - Native landscaping at home
  - Butterfly Gardens
  - Rain Gardens & Rain Barrels
  - Streamside Landowners
  - Managing Common Space for Homeowner Associations
  - Leave No Child Inside—connecting kids with nature
  - What is a Watershed & Where Does the Rain Go
- **Conservation @ Home Workshops:** Hands on workshops that help residents overcome obstacles to implementing conservation practices at home. Workshops can be done alone or as a part of a series of presentations.
  - Build a Rain Barrel Workshop
  - Build a Rain Garden Workshop
  - Build a Butterfly Garden Workshop

Watershed Outreach Program

The goal of the Watershed Outreach Program is to develop partnerships with communities, park districts and other organizations to not only increase general awareness and appreciation for our local streams, but more importantly, to affect change in behaviors to benefit the entire watershed. Through this program The Conservation Foundation staff or volunteers will assist with planning and staffing presentations and workshops focusing on tangible things that residents can do to help improve the health of the our local environment.

The topics of the presentations and workshops can be tailored to your community's needs and can be presented individually or developed as a series. Your participation would include identifying a location and assisting with advertising the event. Please call us today to organize a program.

In addition The Conservation Foundation organizes the DuPage County River Sweep held in June each year and manages the Storm Drain Stenciling Program throughout DuPage County. Community participation in these programs can be counted towards NPDES Permit Public Education and Participation requirements.

This program is funded, in part, through DuPage County's Division of Stormwater Management.

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