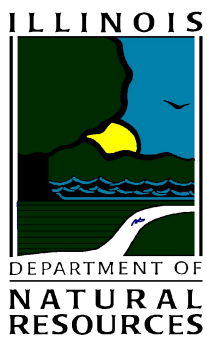




FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT RESOURCE GUIDE FOR ILLINOIS COMMUNITIES

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INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this document is to provide a resource of floodplain management programs and technical assistance available to local communities in Illinois. Many of the programs listed in this document can help communities in their efforts to reduce or eliminate flood risks. The Resource Guide is organized in three categories: Federal Agencies, State Agencies and Private or Non-profit

organizations. Communities are encouraged to contact each agency for specific information on programs.

An index in the back of this manual will list programs and assistance by topic (i.e.: mitigation, floodproofing, stormwater, wetlands, etc.). A key has been developed to identify eligible groups for each program or grant after the title of the grant:

Key to group eligibility:

“I”	individuals eligible
“G”	local units of government
“O”	all organizations eligible to apply
“P”	private not-for-profit (501C3) groups only eligible
“E”	educational institutions
“U”	unknown or eligibility varies, need to contact administrators.

Some of these programs and grants may not have water resources or flood reduction as a specific goal, but could be used to achieve multiple objectives which include these goals. Other programs and grants are also included in this guide which may compliment a buyout or floodplain restoration program.

This document is provided as a public service and does not constitute a recommendation or endorsement of any particular grant or program; also note that the absence of any particular grant or program does not constitute a negative endorsement. While an effort has been made to provide an accurate listing,

funding information is constantly changing and omissions or errors may occur. Please recycle previous editions. For corrections, comments or additional copies of this summary, please contact IDNR/Water Resources.

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FEDERAL SOURCES

The federal government is an excellent place to investigate sources for water resources

projects. Once you identify your specific requirements, the Catalog of Federal Domestic

Grants (CFDA) is the single best place to look for federal funding sources-the catalog should be available at your local library or you can view the CFDA on-line:

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance:

<http://www.cfda.gov>

Web site for federal forms and grant administration procedures:

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants/index.html>

Web sites of federal agencies may give you more information about individual government programs as well as provide information on other opportunities for assistance. The web site for each federal agency are listed under the agency title and address.



DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDOA)

Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)



Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
1902 Fox Drive
Champaign, IL 61820
(217) 398-5267

<http://www.il.nrcs.usda.gov>

Topics: Public Information, Floodplain Planning, Emergency Management Planning, Multi-Objective Management, Mitigation Techniques.

NRCS primarily serves rural areas. NRCS staff provides information on land use planning, conservation planning, resource development, water management and flood prevention to farmers, community officials, and land developers. While mostly a general information and technical assistance operation, NRCS also funds flood protection projects. In addition, NRCS can assist local officials with review of subdivision proposals, erosion and sedimentation control, and other development plans.

Small Watershed Program PL-566 (G)

Technical assistance is provided in designing and installing watershed works of improvement. Financial assistance is provided for sharing costs of measures for watershed protection, flood prevention, water management, sedimentation control, wildlife habitat, and recreation. Watershed area must not exceed 250,000 acres. Capacity of a single structure is limited to 25,000 acre-feet of total capacity and 12,500 acre-feet of floodwater detention capacity.

Cooperative River Basin Program, Section 6, Public Law 83-566 (G)

- Cooperative River Basin studies are for appraising water and related land resources and formulating alternative plans for conservation use and development.
- Studies are of limited scope and short duration to provide specific information needed for planning.
- Plans may include management and land measures or combinations thereof that would meet existing and projected needs and objectives.

Conservation 2000 -- Streambank

Stabilization & Restoration Program (SSRP): G, O, I.

- Eligible projects include naturalized stream bank stabilization practices in rural and urban communities.

- Application deadlines are January, May and September.

- 25% match required, 20% for qualified watershed planning areas.

- Contact the local Soil & Water Conservation District that services your county. Offices are listed in the phone book under "local government."

Habitat Restoration Fund for the Fox and Kishwaukee River Watersheds: (I, O, E, G).

- Eligible projects include native plantings, upland habitat & wetland restoration.

- Deadlines in March and August.

- 75% cost-share, up to \$5,000.

- Contact the Lake, Kane-DuPage, DeKalb, Boone, McHenry or North Cook Soil and Water Conservation Districts for more information.

Point of Contact:

The NRCS work is conducted through local soil and water conservation districts. The point of contact is the District Conservationist who usually has an office in the county seat. (Check the local telephone directory under USDA) or

www.nrcs.usda.gov/NRCstate.html.

****Please Note:** The Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (217) 744-3414 can guide you to your county Soil and Water Conservation District office

Farm Service Agency (FSA)

Illinois State FSA Office
P. O. Box 19273



3500 West Wabash
Springfield, Illinois 62794-9273
217-241-6600
217-241-6619 FAX

Emergency Conservation Program: (I, G)

Following a natural disaster, the county FSA committee determines to make the program available in the county.

Emergency cost sharing is limited to new conservation problems created by natural disasters, which, if not treated, will impair or endanger the land.

Point of Contact:

contact the local county FSA office following a disaster



DEPARTMENT OF
DEFENSE

**U.S. Army Corps
of Engineers**



Within Illinois, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is represented in four District offices, see the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers web site to determine in which District you are located.

<http://www.usace.army.mil/>

Corps of Engineers District offices:

Chicago District.
<http://www.usace.army.mil/ncc/>

St. Louis District.
<http://www.mvs.usace.army.mil/>

Rock Island District.
<http://www.mvr.usace.army.mil/>

Louisville District.
<http://www.mvr.usace.army.mil/>

Topics: Public Information, Data Sources. Floodplain Management Planning, Mitigation Techniques, Emergency Management Planning

Civil Works (G, O, P)

- The nation's primary water resources development program. It involves engineering works such as major dams, reservoirs, levees, harbors, waterways, locks, and many other types of structures.

- Planning assistance is provided to states and other non-federal entities for the comprehensive management of water resources, including pollution abatement works.

- Conducts feasibility studies and builds flood damage reduction projects.

- Major projects require specific authorization and funding by Congress, while small projects can be implemented with agency authority.

Floodplain Management Services Program (G, U)

The Floodplain Management Services Program provides the full range of technical services and planning guidance needed to support effective floodplain management. The following types of assistance are available:

* General Technical Services. The program develops or interprets site specific data on obstruction to flood flows, flood formation and

timing; flood depths or stages; flood water velocities.

* General Planning Assistance. "Special Studies" are performed on all aspects of Floodplain management planning.

Examples include:

- Floodplain delineation/flood hazard management
- Flood warning/preparedness
- Dam break analysis
- Urbanization impact
- Flood proofing
- Inventory of floodprone structures

Services are provided at no cost to state, regional and local governments. Other federal agencies and the private sector can obtain the services on a 100% cost recovery basis.

Planning Assistance to States (G)

The Corps of Engineers provides assistance to states, local governments and other non-federal entities in the preparation of comprehensive plans for the development, utilization, and conservation of water and related land resources.

The individual states determine the needed planning assistance. Every year, each state can provide the Corps its request for studies under the program and the Corps then accommodates as many studies as possible within the funding allotment.

Essentially, anything can be studied under this program. Typical studies are only planning level of detail; they do not include detailed design for project construction.

Types of studies conducted include:

- Water supply and demand studies

- Water quality studies
- Environmental conservation/restoration studies
- Wetland evaluation studies
- Flood damage reduction studies
- Planning Assistance to State studies are cost shared on a 50% federal - 50% non-federal basis. Also, a portion of the non-federal cost may be performed as in-kind work rather than having to pay all cash. This must be negotiated before the study agreement is finalized.

Section 14 Emergency Streambank and Erosion Protection (G, I, O)

These projects are designed to provide emergency streambank and shoreline protection to threatened public facilities. A project is approved for construction after investigation shows engineering, economic and environmental feasibility. The investigation generally lasts 6 months to a year. These projects are cost shared 65% federal and 35% non-federal. Each project is limited to a federal cost of \$1 million.

Projects may protect:

- Highways
- Highway bridges
- Water and sewer lines
- Churches
- Public and non-profit schools and hospitals
- Other non-profit Public facilities

Section 205 Small Flood Control Projects (G)

These projects are designed to reduce major

flooding problems. A project is approved for construction after investigation shows engineering, economic and environmental feasibility. The investigation generally lasts 1 to 3 years. These projects are cost shared 65% federal and 35% non-federal. Each project is limited to a federal cost of \$7 million.

A project may consist of one or more of the following:

- Channel enlargement
- Channel realignment or paving
- Obstructions removal
- Levee and wall construction
- Bank stabilization

Section 206 of the 1960 Flood Control Act, as amended (Floodplain Management Services Program) (G)

- Provides floodplain information and technical assistance to states, counties, and cities for prudent use of land subject to flooding from streams, lakes and oceans.

- Examples of projects include developing and interpreting flood and flood plain data such as flood hazard mapping; providing a broad assessment of the impact of structural and nonstructural flood damage reduction measures; providing technical assistance on flood proofing systems and techniques; and assessing the possible impacts of land use changes on the physical, socio-economic and environmental conditions of the floodplain.

Section 208 Snagging and Clearing for Flood Control (G)

Corps of Engineers designs and constructs the project. Each project must be engineering feasible, complete within itself, and economically justified. The nonfederal sponsor must provide all lands, easements, and rights of way. Non-Federal sponsor pays all project costs in excess of the Federal limit

of \$500,000. Sponsor agrees to maintain the project.

Section 1135 Project Modifications for the Improvement of the Environment (G, P, U)

- Federal funds and technical assistance available for studies, planning, engineering, construction and administration.
- Cost-share up to \$5 million plus non-federal match, 25% for project costs.
- Contact Army Corps of Engineers at 312-353-6400, 309-794-5590 or 314-331-8404.

Section 206 Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration (G, P, U)

- Projects include funding and assistance to carry out ecosystem restoration and enhancement that is documented to be in the public interest, will improve the environment, and is cost effective.
- Federal cost-share of up to \$5 million is available, 35% non-federal cost-share required.
- Contact the Army Corps of Engineers at 312-353-6400, 309-794-5590 or 314-331-8404



DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

US Department of Energy
Chicago Regional Office
One South Wacker Drive, Suite 2380
Chicago, IL 60606-4616

(312) 353-6749

Topics: Land Use Planning, Disaster Planning

Sustainable Development

Department of Energy provides a very detailed web site with volumes of information on community planning, land use planning, disaster planning, and sustainable development. On this website, you will be able to:

- Read about other communities that have discovered the benefits of sustainable development;
- Locate technical and financial resources that can help you community plan and carry out sustainable development projects; and
- Access model codes and ordinances other communities have used to implement sustainable development.

Point of Contact:

<http://www.sustainable.doe.gov/welcome.shtml>

<http://www.sustainable.doe.gov/disaster/disintro.shtml>



UNITED STATE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (USEPA)

US EPA Region 5
77 W. Jackson Blvd.

Chicago, IL 60604 312-353-2000 or toll free
at 800-621-8431

United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA)

<http://www.epa.gov/ogd>

Environmental Education Grants (E, P, G)

- Eligible projects include environmental education activities such as curricula design or dissemination, designing or demonstrating educational field methods, and training educators.

- November deadline.

- Requires a minimum of 25% matching funds or in-kind services.

- Contact US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) at 312-353-5282.

<http://www.epa.gov/region5/enved>.

Environmental Justice Small Grants (E, P)

- Projects include those that use community-based approaches for environmental protection.

- Project grants shall not exceed \$20,000.

- Contact USEPA at 1-312-353-1440 or 1-800-962-6215.

<http://www.epa.gov/seahome/resources>

Community based Environmental Protection for Communities (U)

- Purpose is to provide place-based approaches to address community and environmental approaches to slow the loss of open space, habitat, and wetlands.

- Matching share required.

- Need to call for deadlines

- Contact USEPA at 312-886-4856

<http://www.epa.gov/ecocommunity>

USEPA Catalog of Funding Sources for Watershed Protection

<http://www.epa.gov/owowwtr1/watershed/wacademy/fund/wfund.pdf>



**DEPARTMENT OF
HOUSING AND URBAN
DEVELOPMENT (HUD)**

US Department of Housing and Urban Development
Region V
Ralph H. Metcalfe Federal building
77 West Jackson Boulevard
Chicago, IL 60604
Phone: 312-3535680
Fax: 312-886-2729
TTY: 312-261-5944

United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD):

<http://www.hud.gov>

HUD has many programs and grants dealing with urban development and housing. HUD is also one of the primary agencies for low interest loans following disaster events.



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)

U.S. Geological Survey
Water Resources Division
221 N. Broadway Street
Urbana, IL 61801
217-334-0037



<http://www.usgs.gov/>

Topics: Data Sources, Emergency Management Planning

As one of the 48 Districts in the Water Resources Division of the U.S. Geological Survey, the Illinois District is an integral part of a Federal agency devoted to data collection, applied science, scientific research, and dissemination of information. The USGS performs surveys, investigations and research, covering topography, geology, hydrology, and the mineral resources of the United States. They classify lands as to their mineral water resources and publish and disseminate data relative to the foregoing activities. The USGS also publishes flow rates, and peak flows of certain streams and rivers.

National Water Data Exchange (I, G, O, P, E, U)

- Each state has a User Assistance Center. These centers can provide:
- Factual information on flood peaks and

discharges, flood depths and velocities, profiles of the water surface and areas inundated during major floods, time-of-travel of flood wave, and sediment transport information

- Interpretative information regarding flood frequency relations, estimates of 10-, 50-, 100-, and 500-year flood discharges, computed water surface profiles, and flood-prone areas delineated on topographic maps

- Assistance in minimizing flood losses by quickly identifying areas of potential flood hazards

- Additional information on the hydrology of floodplains.

Point of Contact:

Bob Holmes
217-334-0037

National Park Service

<http://www.nps.gov/>



The objectives of the National Park Service are to administer the properties under its jurisdiction, to protect the natural environment of the areas, and to assist States, local governments, and citizen groups in the development of park areas, the protection of the natural environment, and the preservation of historic properties.

Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program (G, O, P, E)

- The Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program provides National Park Service staff for assistance to communities for river and trail corridor planning and open space preservation efforts.

- Program personnel are acknowledged experts in facilitating cooperative planning

efforts.

-Projects are all based on substantial involvement of varied community interests.

-Targeted National Park Service assistance with grassroots planning can help communities make informed choices based upon consensus about future growth and development that will help avoid future flood losses.

Point of Contact:

Illinois

Rivers, Trails & Conservation Assistance
National Park Service
25 East Washington, Suite 1650
Chicago, IL 60602
Fax 312-377-2169

Diana Banta
(312) 427-3688

Missouri/Southern Illinois

Rivers, Trails & Conservation Assistance
National Park Service
2100 Locust Street, 2nd Floor - North Suite 1200
St. Louis, MO 63103
Fax (314) 436-9215

Diana Allen
(314) 436-1324 x112

Fish and Wildlife Service

Great Lakes - Big River Region
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
1 Federal Drive
BHW Federal Building
Fort Snelling, MN 55111

Phone: 612/713-5360

[Http://www.fws.gov/](http://www.fws.gov/)



Topics: Multi-Objective Management, Mitigation Techniques

The mission of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is to work with others, to conserve, protect, and enhance fish and wildlife and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. Their major responsibilities are: migratory birds, endangered species, freshwater and anadromous fish, the National Wildlife Refuge System, wetlands, conserving habitat, and environmental contaminants.

The Fish and Wildlife Service provides expertise on questions relating to fish, wildlife, and habitat resource, preservation and maintenance. They also review wetland projects as part of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' 404 permit program.

Partners for Fish and Wildlife (O, I, E, G)

-Eligible projects include restoration or enhancement of wildlife habitat, does not fund land acquisition or salaries.

-Need to call for application deadlines.
-Matching or in-kind services preferred, 10-year habitat development agreement required.

-Contact the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) at 847-381-2253 or 309-793-5800 for information.

Point of Contact:

<http://offices.fws.gov/directory/listofficestate.cfm>

Region 3: Twin Cities, Minnesota (Illinois, Iowa, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, Wisconsin)
(612) 713-5361

Northeastern Illinois Wetlands Conservation Account (I, G, O, P, E)

- Eligible projects include restoration, enhancement, and preservation of wetlands. Other eligible projects include those that promote understanding, appreciation, and

stewardship of wetlands

- Application deadlines vary. \$5,000-\$150,000 grant range.

- Matching funds preferred but not required. Limited to Northeastern Illinois area.

- Contact the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at 847-381-2253 for information.

Point of Contact:

<http://offices.fws.gov/directory/listofficestate.cfm>

Region 3: Twin Cities, Minnesota (Illinois, Iowa, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, Wisconsin)
(612) 713-5361

Challenge Grant Program (O, I, E, G)

- Purpose for wildlife habitat restoration, streambank stabilization, or education.

- Application deadlines from June to August. Grant ranges vary up to \$10,000.

- 50% Match required.

- Contact U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at 847-381-2253 or 309-793-5800.

Point of Contact:

<http://offices.fws.gov/directory/listofficestate.cfm>

Region 3: Twin Cities, Minnesota (Illinois, Iowa, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, Wisconsin)
(612) 713-5361



FEDERAL EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT AGENCY
(FEMA)

Region V - Flood Insurance and Mitigation
Division
536 South Clark Street
Chicago, IL 60605
(312) 408-5500

<http://www.fema.gov>

Topics: Floodplain Management, Floodplain Mapping, Risk Assessment, Mitigation Planning, Mitigation Techniques.

FEMA Region V has a Division that handles the administration of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), mitigation programs, and helps states, communities and private entities interpret the federal regulations.

National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)

Floodplain mapping, and Floodplain Management (I, G, O, P, E, U)

- Regional staff includes engineers and planners assigned to help communities.

- They provide technical assistance and publications to help citizens and local officials understand NFIP flood maps and the regulatory requirements for communities to participate in the NFIP.

Point of Contact:

Vince R. Parisi (6-County Chicago Area)
Natural Hazards Specialist
FEMA, Region V
536 South Clark, 6th Floor
Chicago, Illinois 60605

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(312) 408-5597

Eric Kuklewski (Rest of State)
Natural Hazards Specialist
FEMA, Region V
536 South Clark, 6th Floor
Chicago, Illinois 60605

eric.kuklewski@fema.gov
(312) 408-5230

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (G)

- The Hazard Mitigation Grant Program will pay for 75% of the eligible costs of such mitigation projects.

- The projects should be consistent with the recommendations of the state's mitigation plans and strategies.

- Projects must be shown to be cost-effective, and they may mitigate hazards other than the one that caused the disaster.

Point of Contact:

Rusty Rickart
Mitigation Specialist
FEMA, Region V
536 South Clark, 6th Floor
Chicago, Illinois 60605

Rusty.Rickart@FEMA.gov
(312) 408-5591

Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) (G)

- To assist states and local governments to implement cost-effective measures that will reduce future flood damage and reduce future flood insurance claims.

- Examples of eligible projects include acquisition or elevation of National Flood Insurance Program-insured buildings, and minor drainage improvement projects.

- Also hazard mitigation plans can be generated with these funds.

Point of Contact:

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536 South Clark, 6th Floor
Chicago, Illinois 60605

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(312) 408-5591

Pre-Disaster Mitigation (G)

- To assist states and local governments to implement cost-effective hazard mitigation activities that compliment a comprehensive mitigation program, and reduce injuries, loss of life, and damage and destruction of property.

- Emphasis is on the development of state and local multi-hazard mitigation plans that meet the DMA 2K criteria.

- Eligible activities include state management costs, information dissemination, planning, technical assistance and mitigation projects.

Point of Contact:

Rich Roths
Mitigation Specialist
FEMA, Region V
536 South Clark, 6th Floor
Chicago, Illinois 60605

Emergency Management Institute (I, G)

- FEMA's National Emergency Training Center in Emmitsburg, MD, is the home of the Emergency Management Institute (EMI) and

the National Fire Academy.

- Classes in many areas of emergency management, including emergency planning, exercise design and evaluation disaster management, hazardous materials response, and fire service management.

- EMI course are also given by many states.

- An Independent Study Program is also available to private citizens.

- Special seminars and workshops are offered via satellite as part of FEMA's Emergency Education Network, called EENET.

- Courses of special interest to engineers, architects and building code officials are:

- Retrofitting Floodprone Residential Buildings
- Multihazard Building Design Summer Institute
- Digital Hazard Data Course
- Managing Floodplain Development Through the National Flood Insurance Program
- National Flood Insurance Program - Community Rating System

Point of Contact:

www.fema.gov/emi/

Community Rating System (CRS) (G)

- The CRS is a program that gives flood insurance reduction credits to communities for proper floodplain management efforts.

- Flood insurance policy holders are eligible for major premium reductions based on how well a community regulates future floodplain development activities and steps taken to reduce current flood risks.

Point of Contact:

ISO/CRS Specialist for Illinois
Mike Knox
189 Little John Lane
Springfield, IL 62704
217/787-0584
MKnox@iso.com

Increased Cost of Compliance (ICC)

- ICC is available on all National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) flood insurance policies. This coverage provides an additional \$20,000 to elevate, relocate, demolish, or floodproof substantially damaged structures. A home is considered substantially damaged when the cost of repairs equal or exceeds 50% of the structures pre-damage market value. Communities have the option of adopting a cumulative substantial damage provision where ICC coverage can become available when a structure's cumulative damages equal or exceed 50% of the market value.

Point of Contact:

Eric Kuklewski
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536 South Clark Street
Chicago, IL 60605
(312) 408-5230

NOTE The Illinois Department of Natural Resources/Office of Water Resources (IDNR/OWR) is the State Coordinating office for the National Flood Insurance Program. Questions regarding FEMA programs can also be directed to IDNR/OWR's State Coordinator at (217) 782-3862.



INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE (IRS)

Internal Revenue Service
230 S. Dearborn St.
Room 2400, Stop 6604-CHI
Chicago, IL 60604
(312) 566-4912

Internal Revenue Service
320 W. Washington St.
Room 600, Stop 4660 SPD
Springfield, IL 62701
(312) 527-6015

www.irs.gov

Federal Tax Incentives for Conservation (I, O, U)

- Owners of environmentally sensitive land that has been donated for conservation purposes, or has been placed in a conservation easement, may qualify for significant federal tax deductions.

- Reference is the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Code [170(h)].

- Contact the IRS or your federal tax advisor for more information.



NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION (NOAA)

14th Street & Constitution Avenue, NW
Room 6217
Washington, DC 20230

Phone: (202) 482-6090
Fax: (202) 482-3154

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/>

Topics: Emergency Management Planning.

Reports the weather of the U.S. and its possessions and provides weather forecasts to the general public, issues warnings against natural events, such as hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, and tsunamis, provides special services in support of aviation, marine activities, agriculture, forestry, urban air-quality control, and other weather-sensitive activities; monitors and reports all non federal weather modification activities conducted in the United States.

Local Flood Warning Systems (G)

- Floodplain information and interpretation assistance for specific points on larger rivers of the United States can be obtained from the National Weather Service.

- NWS provides flood forecasts and warnings

on larger rivers and provides flash flood warnings on smaller streams.

- Interested communities are assisted in establishing flood warning systems.

- There are 12 field forecasting offices across the United States. Regional office staff can identify field stations near a user.

Point of Contact:

There are six Regional Offices:

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/regions.shtml>

Central: Kansas City, MO
(816) 426-5400

(Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin, Wyoming)



SMALL BUSINESS
ADMINISTRATION (SBA)

Illinois District Office
500 W. Madison Street, Suite 1250
Chicago, Illinois 60661-2511
Telephone: (312) 353-4528
Fax: (312) 886-5688

www.sba.gov/DISASTER/

Topics: Multi-Objective Management,
Mitigation Funding

Funding to provide support to grassroots organizations to develop watershed partnerships in part comes from the EPA. Eight Federal agencies are responsible for developing a Clean Water Action Plan. As a result of this plan, in 1998 the EPA selected the River Network to administer and coordinate the Watershed Assistance Grants. Agencies responsible for developing the Action Plan include Defense, Interior, Agriculture and others.

Watershed Assistance Grants (I, G, O, P)

- The purpose of the Watershed Assistance Grants program is to provide small grants to local watershed partnerships to support their organizational development and long term effectiveness.

- These grassroots citizens' organizations are dedicated to protecting and restoring the watershed in their area.

- Interested persons should use the self-screening process, which is available to assure that persons and organizations are eligible to receive a grant and that the activities being proposed meet the program criteria.

Point of Contact:

This is one of the Federal agencies coordinating development of the Clean Water Plan.

Interagency Coordinator
U.S. Army Corp of Engineers
CECW-PD
441 G Street N.W., 3G73
Washington, D.C. 20314-1000
(202) 761-4489
Fax: (202) 761-0140
(www.rivernetwork.org)



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (USDOT)

U.S. Department of Transportation
400 7th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20590

(202) 366-4000

www.dot.gov

Scenic Byway Program (U)

- Purpose is to create or preserve treasured American byways or roads. Grants are available for states and communities to develop scenic roadways and associated open space.

<http://www.byways.org>

STATE SOURCES

The State of Illinois administers numerous programs for community-based water resource management. Some of the money for these programs originates at the federal level and is "pass-through" funding, but much comes directly from the State.

Useful State websites:

Catalog of State Assistance to Local

Governments:

[http://www.legis.state.il.us/commission/igcc/cat
alog1999.pdf](http://www.legis.state.il.us/commission/igcc/catalog1999.pdf)

Illinois FIRST Program (U)

- Conservation purposes include brownfield cleanups and construction of trails and parks.



- Contact your local state legislative office for application details.

<http://www100.state.il.us/state/ilfirst>



ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (IDOA)

Illinois Department of Agriculture
Division of Natural Resources
P.O. Box 19281
Springfield, IL 62794-9281
217-785-4233

<http://www.agr.state.il.us>

Topic: Land and Water Resources, site review, groundwater, erosion protection.

The Illinois Department of Agriculture/Division of Natural Resources works closely with the Natural Resource and Conservation Service (NRCS) and local Soil and Water Conservation Districts to provide technical assistance to land owners regarding flooding or erosion problems.



ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Department of Commerce and Community
Affairs
620 East Adams Street
Springfield, IL 62701

(217) 782-3233

<http://illinoisbiz.biz/>

Community Development Assistance Program (Community Development Block Grant) (G)

- Eligible projects must include activities that improve community welfare, specifically in moderate or low-income areas. Conservation-related projects can possibly include the acquisition of real property (e.g., flood-prone areas), construction of water or sewer facilities, and initiatives for energy conservation. Funding competition is intense.

- Application deadlines vary; no match required.

- Money originates at the federal level as the Community Development Block Grant and is administered directly to "entitlement" communities such as the urbanized counties in Northeastern Illinois and selected municipalities such as the City of Chicago. In other areas, municipalities and other units of local government should contact their county government to apply for funds from the state under the Community Development Assistance Program. Community groups should work through their local municipality in incorporated areas and the next level of local government (i.e. township or county) in other areas.



ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Illinois Department of Corrections
1301 Concordia Ct.
Springfield, IL 62794
(217) 522-2666

Volunteer Labor Force (G)

Prisoners to sandbag, construct levees and flood fight. Prisoners are also occasionally used to clean streams of brush and debris or clean up following a flood disaster.

Point of Contact:

Illinois Department of Corrections, Office of
Communication
(217) 522-2666 ext. 2008



ILLINOIS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (IEMA)

Illinois Emergency Management Agency
110 East Adams
Springfield, Illinois 62701-1109
217/782-7860

www.state.il.us/iema

Hazard Mitigation Assistance Program: (G)

- Governments must be enrolled and in good standing with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).
- Eligible initiatives for projects include acquisition of insured structures and underlying real property for open space uses.
- Provides up to 75% of project costs, 25% match required.

Point of Contact:

Ron Davis
217/782-8719

rdavis@iema.state.il.us
<http://www.state.il.us/iema>

Note Many of the FEMA programs such as Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) or Flood Mitigation Assistance Program (FMAP) are administered by IEMA.



**ILLINOIS
ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION AGENCY
(IEPA)**

Division of Water Pollution Control
Permit Section # 15
1021 North Grand Avenue East
P. O. Box 19276
Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276
217/782-0610

<http://www.epa.state.il.us/>

**Non-point Source Management Program
(Section 319 grants) (G, O)**

- Eligible projects include controlling or eliminating non-point pollution sources.
- Application deadline is August.
- Requires 40% matching funds or in-kind services.
- Contact Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) at 217-782-3362.

<http://www.epa.state.il.us/water/financial-assistance>

Illinois Clean Lakes Program (G)

- Financial assistance available for lakes over 6 acres that are publicly-owned with public access.
- Application deadline is Aug. 31 (pre-approval) and Oct. 31 (final approval).
- Requires 40% match for phase I, 50% local match for phase II.
- Contact IEPA at 217-782-3362.

<http://www.epa.state.il.us/water/financial-assistance/index.html>

Lake Education Assistance Program (G, E, P)

- Eligible projects include educational programs on inland lakes and lake watersheds.
- Maximum funding of \$500 is reimbursed after completion. Deadlines are Sept. & Jan.
- Contact IEPA at 217-782-3362.

<http://www.epa.state.il.us/water/financial-assistance/index.html>

**Priority Lake and Watershed
Implementation Program (G)**

- Eligible projects include funding to implement protection/restoration practices that improve water quality prioritized publicly-owned lakes.

- Funding up to 100%, projects range from \$5,000 to \$30,000.

- Contact IEPA at 217-782-3362.

<http://www.epa.state.il.us/water/financial-assistance/index.html>



ILLINOIS HISTORIC PRESERVATION AGENCY (IHPA)

Illinois Historic Preservation Agency
500 East Madison Street
Springfield, IL 62701
www.state.il.us/HPA/

Mike Jackson 217/785-5412

Certified Local Government Program [for historic preservation] (G)

- Eligible projects include historical surveys, education and historical preservation planning.

- October deadline, 40% match required.

- Contact the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency at 217-785-5042.

<http://www.state.il.us/hpa>

Illinois Heritage Grants [for historic preservation] (G, O)

- Eligible projects are those that entail historical construction.

- 40% match required.

- Contact the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency at 217-785-5042

<http://state.il.us/hpa>



ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES (IDNR)

Illinois Department of Natural Resources
Office of Water Resources
One Natural Resources Way
Springfield, IL 62701
(217) 782-3863

www.dnr.state.il.us

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources/Office of Water Resources (IDNR/OWR) is the state agency that regulates construction activities in the state's rivers, lakes, and streams. The agency is also very active in the planning and funding of structural flood control projects when deemed appropriate. The IDNR receives many requests for assistance to solve urban flooding and other related water resources problems, each of which leads to some category of study or action. IDNR/OWR also coordinates the National Flood Insurance Program, mitigation activities, and floodplain mapping issues in the state.

State and local floodplain regulations and NFIP coordination (I, G, O, P, E)

- Provides community-wide or individual assistance and training to communities trying to regulate floodplain development activities and reduce existing flood problems.

- Can provide communities with training manuals, model floodplain and stormwater ordinances, technical assistance, risk assessment, and floodplain mapping.

Point of Contact:

Paul Osman (Statewide Manager)
(217) 782-4428
Posman@dnrmail.state.il.us

John Lentz (Northeastern IL/Chicago Metro area)
(847) 608-3100
JLentz@dnrmail.state.il.us

Small Projects Fund (G)

- Provides direct assistance to rural and smaller communities to reduce stormwater related flood damages by alleviating localized, significant drainage and flood problems.
- Provides funding for planning and implementation of flood control projects in accordance with an adopted plan.
- Relies on cooperative utilization of local resources
- Limited to \$100,000 at a single locality.

Point of Contact:

Tom Maloney
(217) 782-4615

Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) Program & Open Lands Trust Grant Program (G)

- Eligible projects include money for acquisition and development of public parks for passive recreation/open space.



- Application deadlines vary. Conservation easement required with both programs.
- Funding is reimbursable up to 50% of project costs, reimbursable up to \$2 million for the Trust Grant.
- Contact Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources (IDNR) for both programs at 217-782-7481.

<http://dnr.state.il.us/ocd/>

Education grants (U)

<http://www.dnr.state.il.us/lands/education/classrm/grant>

Greenways and Trails Planning Assistance Program (G)

- Eligible units of government include counties and communities > 10,000
- \$20,000 maximum awarded, 50% in-kind contribution required.
- Must follow a planning process
- Contact IDNR at 217-782-3715

<http://www.dnr.state.il.us/gnthome.htm>

Illinois Trail Grant Programs (G, P, O)

- A collection of various trail programs where eligible projects include acquiring or constructing non-motorized bicycle and snowmobile paths and facilities.
- Deadline is March and May.
- 0%-50% match required, depending upon which type of trail grant.

- Contact IDNR at 217-782-7481.

<http://dnr.state.il.us/ocd/gaoutnew.htm>

Urban & Community Forestry Grant Program (G)

- Purpose is to create or enhance local forestry programs in communities with a local forestry ordinance.
- May deadline.
- 50% match required, reimbursement up to \$5,000.
- Contact IDNR at 217-782-2361.

Illinois Wildlife Preservation Fund (I, O, U)

- Eligible projects include those that deal with management, site inventories or on-going education programs.
- Deadline is April.

- Funding up to \$1,000 per project, match preferred but not required.

- Contact IDNR at 217-785-8774.

Conservation 2000 -- Ecosystems Program (O)

- Eligible projects include habitat protection or improvement, technical assistance, and education.

- The Ecosystems Program provides financial and technical support to groups (ecosystem partners) which seek to maintain and enhance ecological and economic conditions in key watersheds of Illinois.

- February deadline, contact IDNR at 217-782-7940.

<http://dnr.state.il.us/c2000>

State Tax Incentives for Conservation (O, I)

- Urban land that is environmentally sensitive may qualify for significant property tax reductions:
Real Property Conservation Rights Act (765 ILCS 120/1 et seq.).

- If land is qualified by having a conservation easement, it may be assessed at 8 1/3 fair market value.
Illinois Natural Areas Preservation Act (525 ILCS 30/1 et seq)/17 Ill Adm. Code.

- If land is qualified by being designated as an Illinois Nature Preserve, it may be assessed at \$1/year in perpetuity.

Open Space Assessment (Illinois Property Tax Code Sections 10-155).

- A lower use evaluation is used for land in open space, 10 acre minimum area, not applicable in Cook County.

- Preferential Assessment of Common Areas (Illinois Property Tax Code Sections 10-35).

- Purpose is to encourage open space in residential developments, if qualifying, assessment is reduced to \$1/year.

Other tax incentives may also apply, contact IDNR regarding the Real Property Conservation Rights Act and the Illinois Natural Areas Preservation Act at 217-785-8774. Contact your local township or county assessor to determine eligibility under the Open Space Assessment and Preferential Assessment of Common Areas.



Illinois Department of Natural Resources
State Water Survey
2204 Griffith Dr.
Champaign, IL 61820

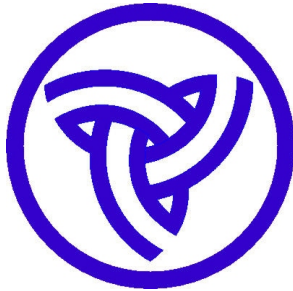
The Illinois State Water Survey is the scientific and technical branch of IDNR. The office maintains the state repository for flood history, flood gage data, floodplain mapping and hydrologic studies.

Surface Water and Floodplain Services Program (I, G, O, P)

A variety of information and technical services related to surface water resources and floodplain management are provided to individuals, industry, business professionals, public agencies, and governmental units. The Illinois State Water Survey functions as the Floodplain Information Repository maintaining a library of information and technical data related to flooding. The library also includes a complete set of National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) maps and studies as well as engineering data and supportive studies related to flooding, a complete set of National Wetlands Inventory Maps and US Geological Survey topographic quadrangles, and the Survey's Surface Water Data Files. This information may be viewed by the public during regular business hours. The Water Survey also completes flood hazard zone determinations and calculates approximate base flood elevations. Minimal fees are charged for some services.

Point of Contact:

Sally McConkey
217/333-5482



ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT
OF TRANSPORTATION
(IDOT)

Illinois Department of Transportation
Hanley Administration Building
Springfield, IL 62764
(217) 782-5597

<http://www.dot.state.il.us>

Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (G)

Eligible projects include those that support alternative modes of transportation and that preserve visual and cultural resources, including historic preservation and landscaping beautification.

- Planning is encouraged to be completed now for new disbursements.

- Local 20% match required for projects, 50% match for land acquisition.

- Contact Illinois Dept. of Transportation (IDOT) at 1-800-493-3434.

Illinois Tomorrow Program (G)

Initiative is a bold, coordinated approach to balanced growth for communities throughout the state of Illinois. It promotes voluntary state/local partnerships and focuses on state programs that invest in existing communities. ILLINOIS TOMORROW is a comprehensive effort guided by the core principles of reducing traffic congestion, preserving open space, encouraging reinvestment and redevelopment, enhancing the quality of life, and encouraging local government partnership.

As part of his ILLINOIS TOMORROW initiative, the Corridor Planning Grant Program is designed to help local governments develop land use and infrastructure plans that promote the efficient use of transportation facilities and enhance quality of life.

Point of Contact:

Local metropolitan planning organization or the Illinois Department of Transportation at (217) 782-2863.

PRIVATE AND NON-PROFIT
ORGANIZATIONS

Private sources for community projects include associations, corporations, and individuals that have established foundations for charitable purposes. Many corporate foundations focus their philanthropy in areas near their operations, so local retailers, businesses, or the local chamber of commerce might be a source of revenue for your project. Most, but not all, require that the group applying for funding be sponsored by a not-for-profit [501(c)(3)] corporation. Information about private foundations can be identified through organizations that specialize in grant information research. Fees for services or products may be charged by these organizations, so be sure to clarify if charges will be incurred. For "do-it-yourselfers," local grant data collection centers are available throughout Illinois. Some clearing houses for information include:

Resources for Global Sustainability

P.O. Box 3665, Cary, NC 27519.
1-800-724-1857

RGS publishes a yearly catalog called
“Environmental Grantmaking Foundations”

<http://www.environmentalgrants.com>

Sonoran Institute

Useful web site in identifying resources:
<http://www.sonoran.org/cat/search.asp>

The Foundation Center.

79 Fifth Street, New York, New York 10003.
1-212-620-4230

<http://www.fdncenter.org>

The River Network Directory lists over
3600 grassroots river and watershed
conservation groups, local agencies, and
governments.

www.rivernetwork.org/library/libnetdir.cfm

PUBLIC/PRIVATE SOURCES

**AmeriCorps National
Civilian Community**

Corps (ANCCC) provides
team based support to
communities with strategic
plans to help implement flood mitigation
projects, Project Impact disaster
preparedness, and post-disaster community
renovation projects.

www.americorps.org/nccc/



American Red Cross
111 East Wacker Drive
Suite 200
Chicago, IL 60601
(312) 729-6242

[Www.redcross.org/services/disaster/keepsafe/readyflood.pdf](http://www.redcross.org/services/disaster/keepsafe/readyflood.pdf)

American Planning Association: More
information on planning and regulatory
techniques to preserve
floodplain open space
can be found in
Subdivision Design in
Flood Hazard Areas,
Planning Advisory

Service Report # 473. Copies can be ordered
for \$32 (\$16 for APA members) from

American Planning Association
122 South Michigan Ave, Suite 1600
Chicago, IL 60603
(312) 431-9100



America the Beautiful Fund (U)

- Free seeds provided in
support of USDA-sponsored
initiative

- Phone is at 202-638-1649

<http://www.america-the-beautiful.org>



Association of State Floodplain Managers:

The nation’s primary floodplain management
association. Annual conference, technical
resources available, training opportunities.
Addressing Your Community’s Flood
Problems - A Guide for Elected Officials
No Adverse Impact Publications
Mitigation Success Stories

Association of State
Floodplain Managers Inc.
2809 Fish Hatchery Road
Madison, WI 53713-3120
(608) 274-0123

www.floods.org



Growing Smart web page
www.planning.org/plnginfo/GROWSMAR/gsin dex.html

American Red Cross: Many resources to
help communities and individuals deal with
post disaster recovery and repair. The Red
Cross produces several excellent booklets
dealing with flood recovery.

Point of Contact:

Paul Osman, ASFPM Midwest Regional Director
(217)782-4428

Chicago Wilderness

Small Grants (U)

- Eligible projects include natural areas enhancement, education, and research that focus on biological diversity of northeastern Illinois, northwestern Indiana, and the southeastern Wisconsin region.



- Application deadlines vary, need to call

- 1:1 matching funds or in-kind services required.

- Contact the Chicago Wilderness at 312-346-8166 ext. 30 for information.

Wetland Restoration Fund: G, U.

- Eligible projects include wetlands and other aquatic ecosystem restorations, projects must be in the six-county Chicago metropolitan area and have either a conservation easement or be owned by a government agency.

- Deadline is March and October

- Contact the Chicago Wilderness at 312-346-8166 ext. 30 for information.

ESRI: Hazard Mapping Site

- Make an Online Hazard Map

www.esri.com/hazards/make_map.html



Friends of the Chicago River -

www.chicagoriver.org/ Friends of the Chicago River

407 S. Dearborn, Suite 1580, Chicago IL 60605 - phone: (312)

939-0490 -
fax:(312) 939-0931 - email:
friends@chicagoriver.org

Great Lakes Commission

Great Lakes Basin Program for Soil Erosion and Sediment Control (U)

- USDA-sponsored projects include protection of Great Lakes Water Quality by controlling erosion and sedimentation (only available in Lake, Cook, and Will Counties). Typical grant amount around \$25,000.



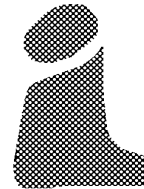
- Application deadline in January.

- Contact the Great Lakes Commission at 734-665-9135.

<http://www.glc.org/basin/RFP.html>

Illinois Association for Floodplain and Stormwater Management (IAFSM)

153 Nanti Street
Park Forest, Illinois 60466
(708)747-5273
info@illinoisfloods.org



www.illinoisfloods.org

Annual conference, floodplain manager certification, home study courses, technical resources available, guidebooks on flood reduction, training opportunities.

IL Chapter of the American Planning Association - www.ilapa.org/

Illinois Conservation Foundation Grant Fund (P, G)

- Eligible projects include those that enhance natural resources.

- February deadlines.

- Grants up to \$5,000.

- Contact is at 312-814-7237



<http://www.icf.org>

Institute for Business & Home Safety -

Community Land Use and Disasters
www.ibhs.net/ibhs2/html/info_center/landuse.htm

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Grants (U)

- Eligible projects include habitat restoration and protection on private lands
- Deadlines vary per individual program



- Sample grant sizes range from under \$5,000 to \$75,000.
- Contact is at 202-857-0166

<http://www.nfwf.org>

**National Tree Trust
Community Tree Planting & Partnership
Enhancement Monetary Grant Program: P.**

- Eligible projects include community tree plantings with seedlings and grants to organizations for urban areas.
- Seedlings are donated directly to organizations conducting the plantings or monetary grants.
- Seedlings must be maintained and reports required for two years after grant award.
- Contact the National Tree Trust at 202-628-8733/Fax-8735 for more information on both these programs.

<http://www.nationaltreetrust.com>

North American Lake Management Society: U.

- Grant Programs and other incentives periodically offered to enhance the protection of lake watersheds.

<http://www.nalms.org/>

Northeastern Illinois Regional Planning Commission - Variety of publications and assistance. -
www.nipc.cog.il.us

Lake Management Environmental Considerations in Comprehensive Planning; A Manual for Local Officials.
Model Floodplain and Stormwater Management ordinances
People on the Water Planning Guide
Acquiring Open Space Manual

**River Network
Watershed Assistance Grants Program (U)**

- Eligible projects include community-based partnerships that conserve or restore watersheds.
- Deadlines are February 18 and June 15
- Grant amounts range from \$1,500-30,000.
- Contact River Network at 503-241-3506 ext. 47.

<http://www.rivernetwork.org>

wag@rivernetwork.org

STATE OF ILLINOIS GRANT DATA COLLECTION CENTERS

Foundation Center Cooperating Collections

Illinois State Library

(217) 558-4185

The Donor's Forum of Chicago.

208 S. LaSalle St., Suite 735, Chicago, IL 60604.

(312) 578-0175.

<http://www.donorsforum.org>
info@donorsforum.org.

Metropolitan Association for Philanthropy, Inc

1 Metropolitan Square, Suite 1295
211 North Broadway St. Louis, MO 63102
(314) 621-6220

<http://www.mapstl.org>

Evanston Public Library

- 1703 Orrington Ave Evanston, IL 60201.

(847) 866-0305.

Evansville -Vanderburgh County Public Library

22 Southeast Fifth St., Evansville, IN 47708

(812) 428-8218

Rock Island Public Library

401 -19th St. Rock Island, IL

(309) 732-7323

<http://www.rbls.lib.il.us/rip/index.html>

University of Illinois at Springfield (Brookens Library)

Shepherd Rd. Springfield, IL 62794

(217) 206-6633

<http://www.uis.edu/library/fdc.htm>

Natural Hazards Research Center

IBS No. 6, 482 UBC
Boulder, CO 80309-0482
(303) 492-2150

Examples of private grant sources for community-based conservation or water resources projects include:

Kodak American Greenways Awards Program (P, G)

- Eligible projects include greenway and trail projects.

- Grants range from \$500-\$2,500.

- Contact Greenways Coordinator at (703) 525-6300 or <http://www.conservationfund.org>

leighannemcdonald@conservationfund.org.

Chicago Community Trust (P)

222 N. LaSalle St. Ste 1400 (Chicago area only)
Chicago, IL 60601 312-372-3356

<http://www.cct.org> info@cct.org

Exxon-Mobile Educational Foundation (U, P)

- Emphasis is on conservation and education.

- Contact is at (972) 444-1104.

<http://www.exxon.mobile.com>

Field Foundation of Illinois (P)

- Funding restricted to six-county Chicago metropolitan area.

- Focus is on prevention and reduction of

pollution and preservation and protection of the natural environment.

- Call (312) 831-0910 for more information.

Gaylord and Dorothy Donnelley Foundation (U, P)

- Eligible projects primarily conservation. Chicago area only, sample grants from \$3,000-\$50,000 range.

- Contact for deadlines.

- Contact is at 35 E. Wacker Drive, Ste. 2600, Chicago, IL 60601, ATTN: Judith Stockdale.

- Phone is at (312) 977-2700.

<http://www.gddf.org>

Wildlife Links (I, G, O)

- Eligible projects include management & education projects for conservation on golf courses.

- Contact National Fish & Wildlife Foundation at (202) 857-0166

<http://www.nfwf.org>

Grand Victoria Foundation (P)

- Eligible projects include proposals, which address pollution, natural area restoration, and using Best Management Practices in northeastern Illinois (outside Chicago). Application deadlines twice yearly.

- Contact the foundation at (847) 289-8575.

<http://www.grandvictoriafdn.org>

Motorola Foundation (P)

- Eligible projects include efforts near operations.

<http://www.motorola.com/sponsorships/enviro>

ment.

Captain Planet Foundation (E, P)

- Eligible projects include environmental activities for children 6-18 such as urban gardens, water testing, and habitat restoration.

- Grants range from \$250-\$2,500.

<http://www.turner.com/cpf>

Rails to Trails Clearinghouse (G, O, P, E, U)

- Web site has list of funding sources for trail & greenway funding and project planning.

- Contact is at 877-GRNWAYS
<http://www.trailsandgreenways.org>

Other miscellaneous funding alternatives:

National Urban & Community Forestry Council Challenge Cost-Share Program (G, O, P, E)

- Eligible projects are urban & community forestry

- 25% cost-share needed

- Contact is at (209)536-9201

<http://www.treelink.org/nucfac/>

Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation (P, E, G)

- Eligible projects include those that enhance natural areas, increase the use of renewable energy, or improve energy efficiency.

- Deadlines in April and July.

- Contact is at (312) 372-5191

<http://www.illinoiscleanenergy.org>