

Bergman Slough

Cook County, Illinois



Conservation Land Stewardship (CLS), in Coordination with Conservation Design Forum (CDF), was retained by the Corporation for OpenLands to implement native landscape restoration and monitoring strategies for Bergman Slough Preserve, a 250 acre parcel owned by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County.

Following initial site analysis and the development of an inclusive restoration management plan, CLS began site work in autumn of 2001. Restoration efforts on this site are ongoing, and to date include:

- installation of erosion and sediment control structures
- initial seeding of mesic and wet prairie communities within 100 acres of fallow agricultural fields
- selective clearing of invasive woody species throughout 40 acres of degraded woodland
- initial seeding of mesic prairie and savanna communities within selectively cleared areas
- establishment and maintenance of a recreational trail system
- prescribed burn management of more than 250 acres of restored landscape
- site stewardship, monitoring, and invasive species control throughout 150 acres of restored and remnant vegetative communities

Client:	Corporation for Openlands
Project team:	Conservation Land Stewardship Conservation Design Forum
Status:	Initial restoration 2001 Ongoing Restoration, Stewardship, and Monitoring
Project budget:	\$710,000