

Chicago Park District

Chicago, Illinois



Beginning in summer of 2001, Chicago Park District (CPD) retained Conservation Land Stewardship (CLS), in cooperation with Aramark Servicemaster, to provide management and restoration services for all of the naturalized landscapes within the city's park system. As the nation's largest municipal park agency, CPD called upon CLS to perform site stewardship, monitoring, landscape restoration, and community education services at more than 30 locations within the Chicago metropolitan area. Services that CLS provided were as varied as the parks and the neighborhoods that they serve, and principally included:

- site stewardship, monitoring, and invasive species control
- seeding of prairie, wetland, and woodland plant communities
- installation of native plant materials
- selective clearing of invasive woody species
- wildlife habitat improvement
- bank and shoreline stabilization
- installation and maintenance of recreational trails and interpretive elements
- community education and volunteer training

Projects Include:

- Lincoln Park Shoreline Restoration
- Indian Boundary Wetland Restoration
- Humboldt Park Lagoon Improvements
- Douglas Park Lily Pond
- Gompers Park Landscape Restoration
- Jackson Park Wooded Island
- Legion Park Prairie Restoration
- Earth Day Volunteer Coordination
- McCormick Place Landscape Improvements
- Ronan Park Shoreline Restoration
- South Shore Cultural Center
- Columbus Park Restoration
- Jarvis Park Volunteer Seeding
- Meigs Field Restoration

Client: Chicago Park District

Project team: Conservation Land Stewardship

Status: Project completed in 2004

Project budget: Varies by project