

Dellwood Park West

Lockport, Illinois



Dellwood Park West is a 176 acre complex of agricultural fields, degraded woodlands, dolomite savanna, and remnant wet dolomite prairie communities owned by the Lockport Park District. In the summer of 2002, Conservation Land Stewardship (CLS) was retained by the Corporation for OpenLands to implement native landscape restoration strategies as developed within the restoration management plan developed by Conservation Design Forum.

CLS began site work at Dellwood Park in 2002. Restoration efforts on this site are ongoing, and to date include:

- initial seeding of mesic and wet prairie communities within 72 acres of fallow agricultural fields
- selective clearing of invasive woody species throughout 22 acres of degraded woodland and dolomite savanna
- initial seeding of mesic prairie and savanna communities within selectively cleared areas
- site stewardship, monitoring, and invasive species control throughout restored and remnant vegetative communities
- prescribed burn management of 176 acres of restored landscape

Client: Corporation for OpenLands
Project team: Conservation Land Stewardship
Conservation Design Forum
Status: Project completed in 2007
Project budget: \$215,000