

# Shure Prairie Garden

Niles, Illinois



In 2005 Conservation Land Stewardship, Inc. (CLS) was contracted by Shure, Inc. to construct a prairie garden to be used as a recreational space for their employees. The garden framework, designed by Conservation Design Forum, was an extension of the distinctive architecture of the building. This design sought to meld the modern personality of the building with the aesthetic and ecological benefits of native landscape systems. The Prairie Garden is currently a popular spot for employees to enjoy during their lunch time.

Work on this site is ongoing but tasks completed to date include:

- Creation of distinct prairie and woodland areas
- Installation of hardscape including paver paths, flagstone plazas, and fine limestone aggregate patios
- Installation of specially designed boardwalks
- Implementation of a series of rain gardens for storm water infiltration
- Installation of turf panels
- Installation of native tree, shrubs, herbaceous plants, and prairie seed
- Creation of a memorial garden
- Controlled burn management
- Ongoing stewardship and management

Client: Shure Corporation

Project team: Conservation Land Stewardship  
Conservation Design Forum

Status: Construction completed in 2005  
Management is ongoing

Project budget: \$500,000