

Citizens for Conservation makes a difference



*District 220's science curriculum
"4th Graders on the Prairie" at CFC's Grigsby Prairie
Photo by Diane Bodkin*

- We have acquired and continue to restore and maintain 11 natural areas encompassing 409 acres in the Barrington area
- Own and maintain three Illinois nature preserves
- Help protect more than 3200 acres
- Contribute to restoration of forest preserves and village properties
- Introduce thousands of children to the fun and awe found in nature
- Inform and provide resources to the community to encourage environmentally friendly practices
- Establish habitat corridors to increase biodiversity of plants, birds, butterflies, and other animals
- Restore native prairies, woodlands, savannas, and wetlands to their pre-settlement status

Because of our work and generous donations from our members and the community, bobolinks and sandhill cranes have returned to our preserves. We have rare gentians in our prairies and a hillside of wild hyacinths among the hundreds of wildflowers in woodlands. Our restoration efforts make the difference between land degraded by invasive species and ecologically valuable land preserved for generations to come. Help us as we continue our intensive efforts to save, beautify, and restore our natural heritage.

Help us protect living space for living things



*Fringed Gentian and Pearl Crescent butterfly
at CFC's Grigsby Prairie
Photo by Jim Bodkin*

Giving to CFC is an opportunity for environmental philanthropy close to home.

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Citizens for Conservation

Saving living space for living things...

Planned Giving

*Help us save and restore
valuable natural land*

*Citizens for Conservation's Grigsby Prairie
Photo by Donna Bolzman*

...through protection, restoration and stewardship of land, conservation of natural resources and education.

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For over forty years, Citizens for Conservation has acquired and restored ecologically significant land in the Barrington area with the help of generous contributions and land donations. We have collaborated with local municipalities and forest preserve districts to protect thousands of additional acres. Our efforts help maintain the natural beauty and open spaces in our communities and contribute to the quality of life for present and future generations.



Winter at CFC's
Flint Creek Savanna
Photo by Donna Bolzman

HOW YOU CAN HELP

A planned gift through your estate can ensure CFC has funds for future land acquisition and stewardship while providing you with valuable tax benefits. It's easy.

Will bequest: A clause in a will or codicil is one of the simplest ways to make a gift from an estate to CFC.

Living trust: A clause similar to a will bequest will implement a charitable gift to CFC through a living trust.

Charitable gift annuity: A gift annuity transfers donor assets to CFC in exchange for the promise to pay a lifetime annuity. An annuity provides income, some of which may be tax-free, and estate tax deductions as well as capital gains tax benefits.

Charitable life income trust: The donor can make a large gift while retaining income. Some charitable trusts provide substantial tax benefits and capital gains tax avoidance.

Retirement plan gift: Donors can designate CFC as a beneficiary in Individual Retirement accounts (IRAs) and 401(k) plans. Some donors are able to make gifts directly from their retirement plans.

Life insurance gift: Donors can donate policies or simply name Citizens for Conservation as a beneficiary.

Real estate gift: Real estate gifts come in a variety of sizes and arrangements. Some allow donors to make gifts, obtain charitable tax deductions and remain on the property for their lifetimes. Some gifts may provide benefit by capital gains tax avoidance.



Sandhill crane parent and colt
at CFC's Flint Creek Savanna
Photo by Alan Stankevitz

Let us know your plan

When you designate a gift to CFC in your estate planning, please let us know. We will honor your request for anonymity or thank you publicly, as you wish.



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YOUR LEGACY GIFT WILL

- Support your values
- Reduce your income taxes and/or estate taxes
- Improve our community for future generations
- Honor or memorialize someone you love
- Allow you to retain control of your assets during your lifetime
- Leave a meaningful legacy
- Contribute to the open land in perpetuity

Citizens for Conservation benefits greatly from generous donations.

“CFC has done a phenomenal job removing invasive species and deserves so much credit for its stewardship of land. Look at these wonderful preserves!”

Art Rice and his sisters Carol Bowditch and Emily Douglass have donated 22 acres of their parents' farm, now called Craftsbury Preserve, to Citizens for Conservation. Growing up on the land in the Barrington area, Art is concerned about preserving as much open space as possible. He respects CFC for its history of successes in saving and restoring land in the Barrington area. CFC is indebted to the family's vision, action and trust in CFC to preserve open land in perpetuity.

“I wish everyone had the same conservation values as CFC. There is growing interest in saving land elsewhere, but CFC is a leader.”

Gail Rudisill is an enthusiastic restoration volunteer with CFC. She and her husband Steve donated their IRA distribution to CFC in order to save income taxes but also because they trust CFC's track record of land ownership and stewardship. Both Gail and Steve enjoy the outdoors and want to protect more land. Citizens for Conservation is grateful to have the Rudisills as both donors and active volunteers.

Read their stories at:
www.citizensforconservation.org/plannedgiving

Little bluestem at CFC's Grigsby Prairie
Photo by Jim Bodkin