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CFC program focuses on natural landscaping's value

BARRINGTON, IL - *February 4, 2019* - Integrating natural areas into your gardening practices can add value to your home landscaping.

Citizens for Conservation's 2019 Community Education Program Series will feature "Habitat Makeover: Adding Value to Your Landscape" on Saturday, February 16 at 10 a.m. Landscape architect and ecologist Andy Stahr will discuss the successful implementation of natural areas into home landscapes; he will also introduce a wildlife value rating tool that can be used to evaluate a landscape's current wildlife value and help plan for increasing its value through adaptive gardening.

Stahr is principal landscape architect and ecologist for ecology + vision, LLC and has more than a decade of award-winning experience as a design professional in both the public and private sectors as well as in the ecological restoration contracting industry.

The winter program series, which focuses on creating habitat and earth-friendly yard practices, will also feature:

—**Native Plants: Trees, Shrubs, Flowers and Grasses; Saturday, March 9.** Meredith Tucker, naturalist and chair of CFC's Habitat Corridors program, will share information on favorite native plants that are popular with her Habitat Corridors clients.

—**A Morning with Rachel Carson; Saturday, April 13.** Actress and scholar Leslie Goddard will portray Rachel Carson, scientist and author of *Silent Spring*, a wakeup call about the dangers of the pesticide DDT.

All programs will be held at the Barrington Village Hall at 200 S. Hough St., Barrington. Free parking is available in the lot behind the building. Programs begin at 10 a.m.; coffee, conversation and handouts will be available at 9:30. CFC members attend without charge; \$10 for nonmembers. RSVP to 847-382-SAVE (7283) or to communityed@citizensforconservation.org. Please provide your name, phone number and the program name.

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**Be a citizen scientist at CFC's
Backyard Bird Count**

BARRINGTON, IL - *February 4, 2019* - How many birds will you find?

The 22nd annual Great Backyard Bird Count, sponsored by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and National Audubon Society, will take place February 15-18. Citizens for Conservation will offer a special birdwatching session on Saturday, February 16, from 2:30-3:30 p.m. at CFC's headquarters, 459 W. Highway 22, Lake Barrington. Participants can birdwatch and learn more about local birds and how to attract them to their own yards.

Registration is available at cfc@citizensforconservation.org or by calling 847-382-7283.

The Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) is a free and fun event that lets bird watchers help create a real-time snapshot of bird populations. Participants can count birds for as little as 15 minutes per day during the four-day event, and report their sightings online at birdcount.org. The reports help Cornell Lab and Audubon researchers learn more about birds and how to protect them. In 2018, more than 160,000 people participated in the event. For more information or to register, go to gbbc.birdcount.org.

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CFC seeks summer interns

BARRINGTON, IL - *February 4, 2019* -Citizens for Conservation is offering summer internships for both college and high school students.

CFC's college-level summer internship program, established in 1993, is a 10-week paid program that provides college students in the environmental sciences hands-on experience in restoration management methods and techniques. A number of interns have gone on to successful careers in environmental fields. For ten weeks, beginning May 28, interns actively participate in the ongoing restoration of CFC properties and may assist in CFC's Youth Education program designed to inspire and encourage an understanding of the environment in young naturalists. Candidates should be currently enrolled in college with a preferred area of study in the environmental sciences or a related field.

The high school internships offer a one-week program similar to the college internship program, from June 3 -7. Candidates should be involved in environmental studies or clubs with an interest in conservation.

For more information, see CFC's website at citizensforconservation.org or email program coordinator Larry Anglada at larry.anglada@citizensforconservation.org.

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**CFC and Barrington Greenway Initiative
sponsor brush cutting event**

BARRINGTON, IL - *February 4, 2019* - The Barrington Greenway Initiative and Citizens for Conservation will sponsor a volunteer brush cutting workday on Saturday, February 16, from 9 a.m - noon at Grassy Lake.

Be a part of the Barrington area's collaborative conservation community and work alongside volunteer stewards and staff from CFC, Audubon Great Lakes, the Bobolink Foundation, Friends of the Forest Preserves, Forest Preserves of Cook County, and Lake County Forest Preserves. Meet at Lake Barrington Village Hall at 23860 N. Old Barrington Road, Lake Barrington; wear sturdy shoes and dress for the weather and bring work gloves. All ages are welcome.

The Barrington Greenway Initiative is a long-term plan, created and led by Citizens for Conservation, to expand and link fragmented natural habitats, increase biodiversity and advance ecosystems in the greater Barrington community from approximately Poplar Creek north to Roberts Road. This partnership between CFC and other conservation groups and volunteers will link more than 14,000 acres of prairies, wetlands and forest preserves for conservation success and benefits to area residents.

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**CFC workdays
offer volunteer opportunities**

BARRINGTON, IL - *February 4, 2019* - Experienced and new volunteers of all ages are always welcome at Citizens for Conservation's restoration workdays on Thursdays and Saturdays from 9 - 11 a.m. January workdays will focus on brush cutting.

Meet at CFC's office, 459 W. Highway 22, Lake Barrington, across from Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital. Bring work gloves, wear sturdy shoes and dress for the weather.

For more information, call CFC at 847-382-SAVE (7283) or visit www.citizensforconservation.org.

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