



Annual Meeting & Training Workshop Agenda

DAY 1: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28

- 11 – 12 p.m. **Registration at Starved Rock State Park Lodge**
- 12 – 12:10 p.m. **Welcome and Introductions** – John Sentell, PSCC President (Lake Forest Open Lands Association) – PSCC 2018 & 2019 Strategic Priorities: An Overview
- 12:10 – 12:30 p.m. **Business Meeting**
- Election of New Board Members - Dan Lobbes (The Conservation Foundation), PSCC Nominations Committee Chair
- Financial Report - Viv Bennett (The Nature Conservancy), PSCC Treasurer
- Hike App Update - Sandy Kaczmarek (PSCC communications)
- 12:30 – 12:45 p.m. **PSCC Annual Report of Conservation Achievements** — David Holman (PSCC Consultant)
- 12:45 – 1 p.m. **PSCC Legislative Review: Capitalizing on Success:** Jennifer Walling (Illinois Environmental Council)
- 1 – 1:30 p.m. **Launching the Natural Areas Stewardship Act—A Primer** — A Primer: Fran Harty (TNC) and Anne Holtrop (IDNR)
- 1:30 – 2 p.m. **Unintended Consequences — Off-Target Impacts of Ag Herbicides on Native Plants:** Lou Nelms
- 2 – 2:30 p.m. **The History of Women in the Conservation Movement:** Valerie Blaine (Kane County Forest Preserve District) and Pam Otto (St. Charles Park District)
- 2:30 – 2:45 p.m. **Break & Snacks**
- 2:45 – 3:15 p.m. **Conserving Nature’s Stage: Adapting and Designing Projects with Resiliency:** James Cole (The Nature Conservancy)
- 3:15 – 3:30 p.m. **Update on the Statewide Land Needs Assessment:** Ashley Maybanks (The Nature Conservancy)
- 3:30 – 4:15 p.m. **Farmland: Conversion and Conservation:** Jen Filipiak (American Farmland Trust), Emy Brawley (Conservation Fund), and Linda Balek (The Land Conservancy of McHenry County)
- 4 – 4:30 p.m. **Strategic Collaborations: Actions and Possibilities:** Viv Bennett (The Nature Conservancy)

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- **Partnership with the Realtor Community:** Brook McDonald (The Conservation Foundation), Deanna Glosser (Land Conservation Foundation) and Mary Vandevord (Heartlands Conservancy)
- **Reporting T&E Species Process: Fed and State:** Ed Cope (Natural Lands Institute)
- **INAI Crawford Co. Project:** Viv Bennett (TNC)

4:30 – 5 p.m.

With All One's Heart: Ed Collins (McHenry County Conservation District)

5:30 – 6 p.m.

Break before dinner

6 – 8 p.m.

Dinner

8 – 11 p.m.

Networking

End for the day



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DAY 2: FRIDAY, MARCH 1

- 9:15 – 9:30 a.m. **Coffee and Gathering**
- 9:30 – 10:15 a.m. **Assessing Your Organization’s Toolbox**
– **Insurance Needs:** Joe Mikan (Gee-Schussler Insurance Company)
– **Membership:** Christie Trifone-Simon (Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation)
– **Program Impact:** Tolu Olorode (Openlands)
- 10:15 – 10:30 a.m. **Let the Sun Shine In Initiative: Saving our Oaks:** Jody Shimp
- 10:30 – 11 a.m. **Pollinators Reveal a Role for Cities in Wildlife Conservation:** Abigail Derby Lewis, Ph.D. (Field Museum) and Susan Lenz (Barrington Area Conservation Trust)
- 11 – 11:10 a.m. **Break & Snacks**
- 11:10 – 11:25 a.m. **LTA Report** — Carolyn Waldron (Land Trust Alliance)
– LTA Rally, Strategic Plan and Community Relevance Campaign Update
– Accreditation Update
– IRS Ruling on Disallowed Deductions
– Syndicated Easements: Status Report
- 11:25 – 11:35 a.m. **Legal Updates:** George Covington (The Law Offices of George M. Covington, LLC)
– Discussion on Planned Easement Act Amendments
- 11:35 – 12 p.m. **The Conservation Finance Research Project:** Kerry Leigh (Natural Land Institute) and Ben Shorofsky (Delta Institute)
- 12 – 12:30 p.m. **Evaluation**
- End for the day*
- 1 – 3 p.m. PSCC Regular Board Meeting (all are invited)