



# Force of Nature

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THE NATURAL AREAS MOVEMENT

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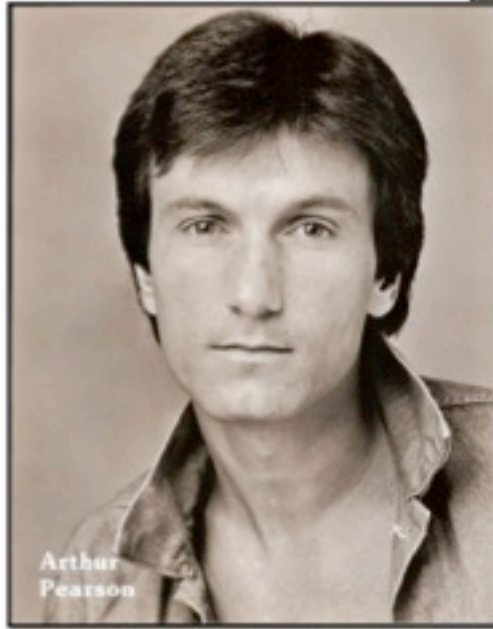


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Conservancy.



Protecting nature. Preserving life.



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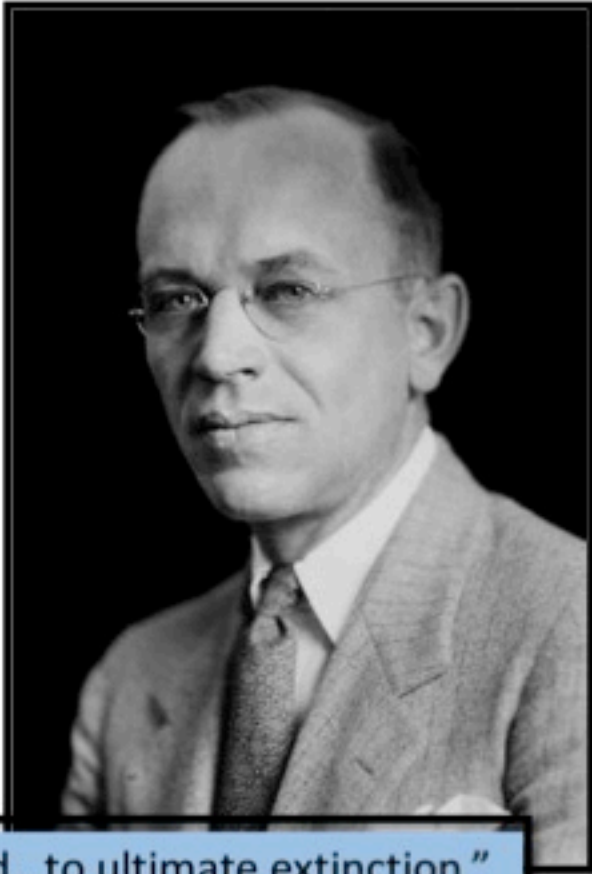




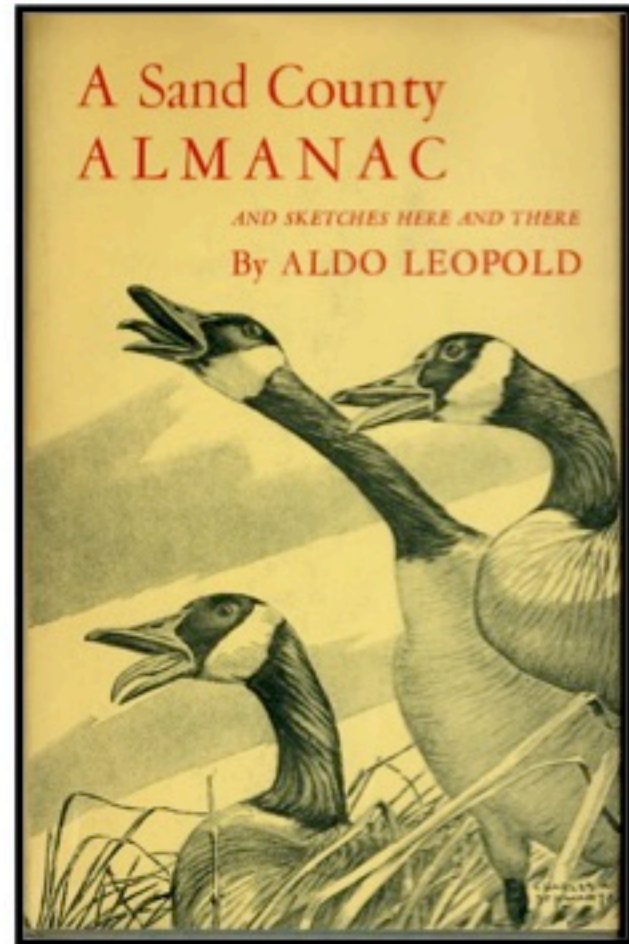


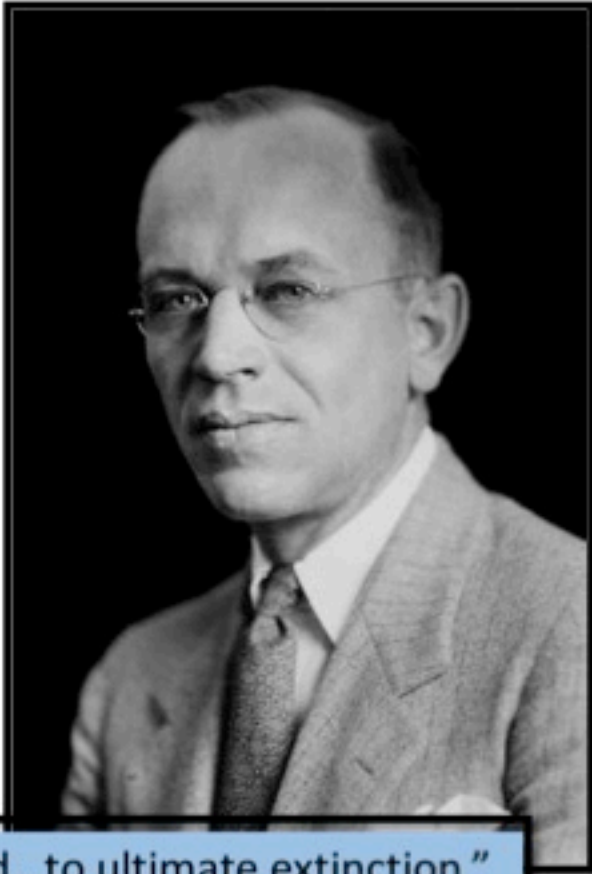






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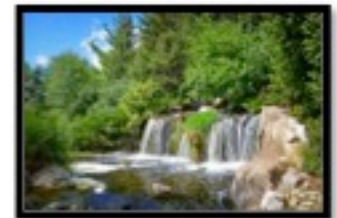
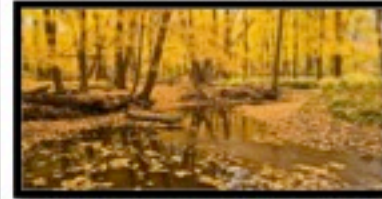
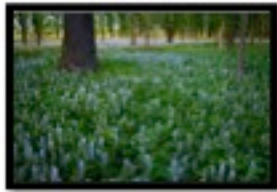


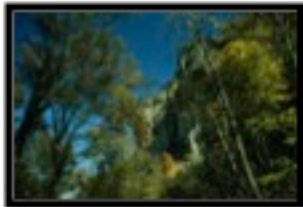
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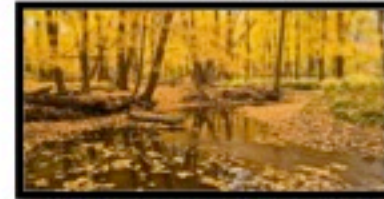
“We in this generation have a **great moral obligation**. We have the last chance to set aside natural land. We are witnessing the final conquest of the wild, the domestication of the earth. What we have saved, and what we save in the next few years, will be all the natural land that will remain to pass on from generation to generation. There will never be another chance.

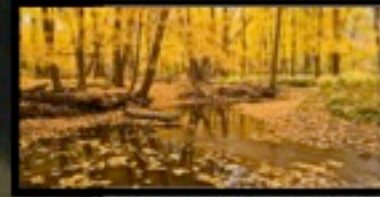
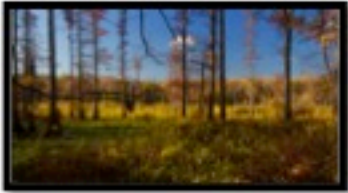






- **33% of all state-listed threatened and endangered mammals**
- **48% of all T&E plants**
- **The last refugia in the entire state for:**
  - **10 animal species**
  - **40 plant species**
- **18 entire natural communities survive only in Illinois Nature Preserves.**







The Nature Conservancy.



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Helping Preserve Illinois Flora and Fauna Since 1897



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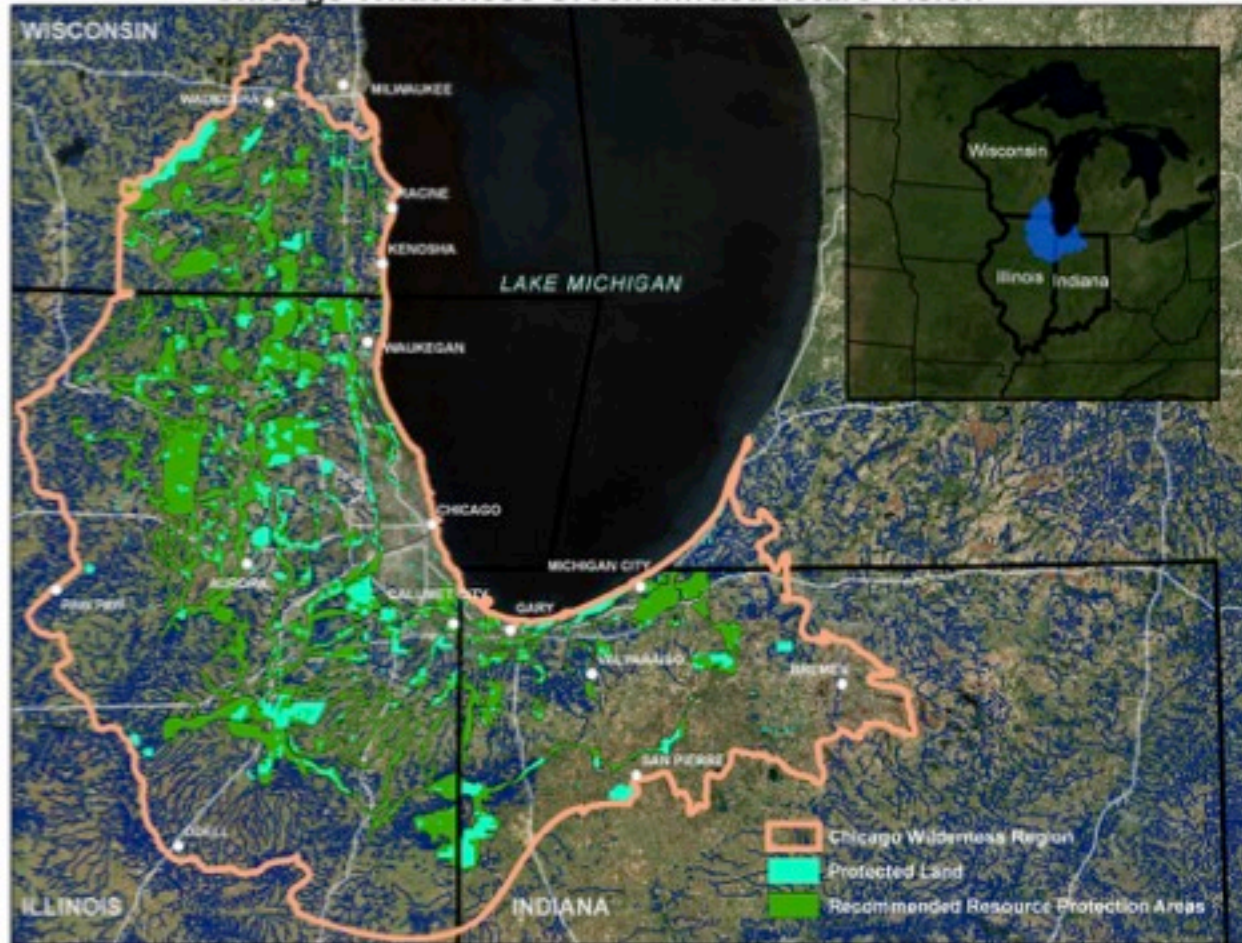








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