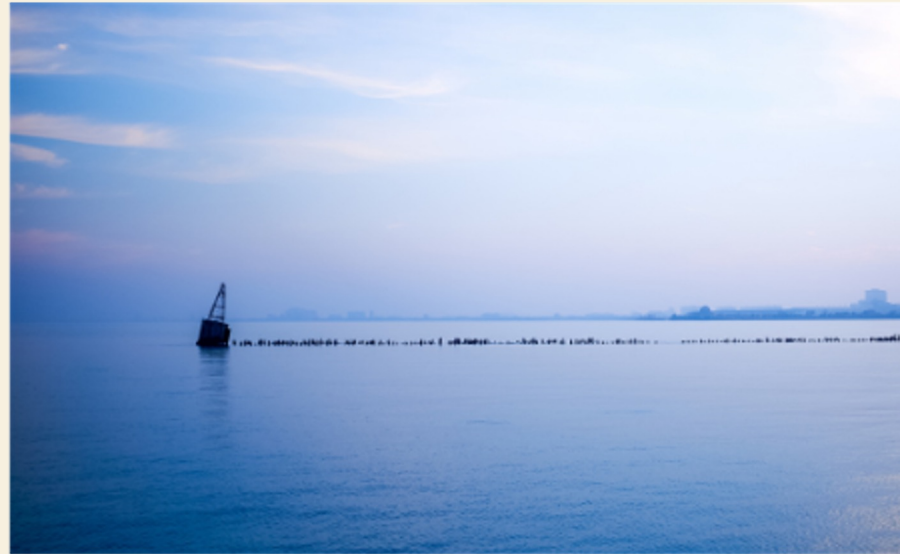


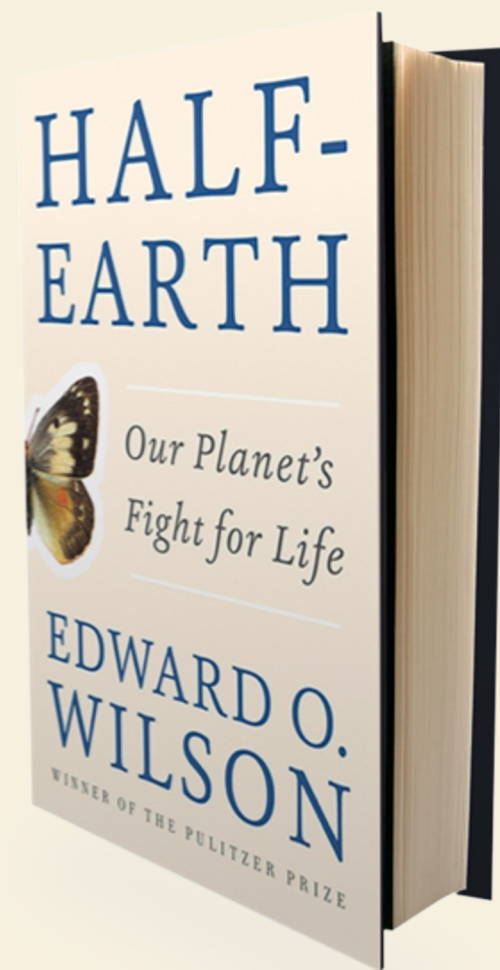
# Illinois 30x30 Coalition



# What the heck does 30x30 mean??

Nature Based Solutions?

30% of land and water by 2030, 50x50, Half Earth Theory, Global Deal for Nature



America the Beautiful?

Campaign? Agreement? Pledge?



# Various Scales



# What is 30x30?

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## Biden's Historic Action on 30x30

January 27, 2021

Alison Chase & Helen O'Shea & Kate Poole & Zak Smith

The president's executive order puts America on the path of protecting 30 percent of its land and 30 percent of its ocean areas by 2030.



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## Executive Order on Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad

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**WORKING LANDS**



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**#30x30**



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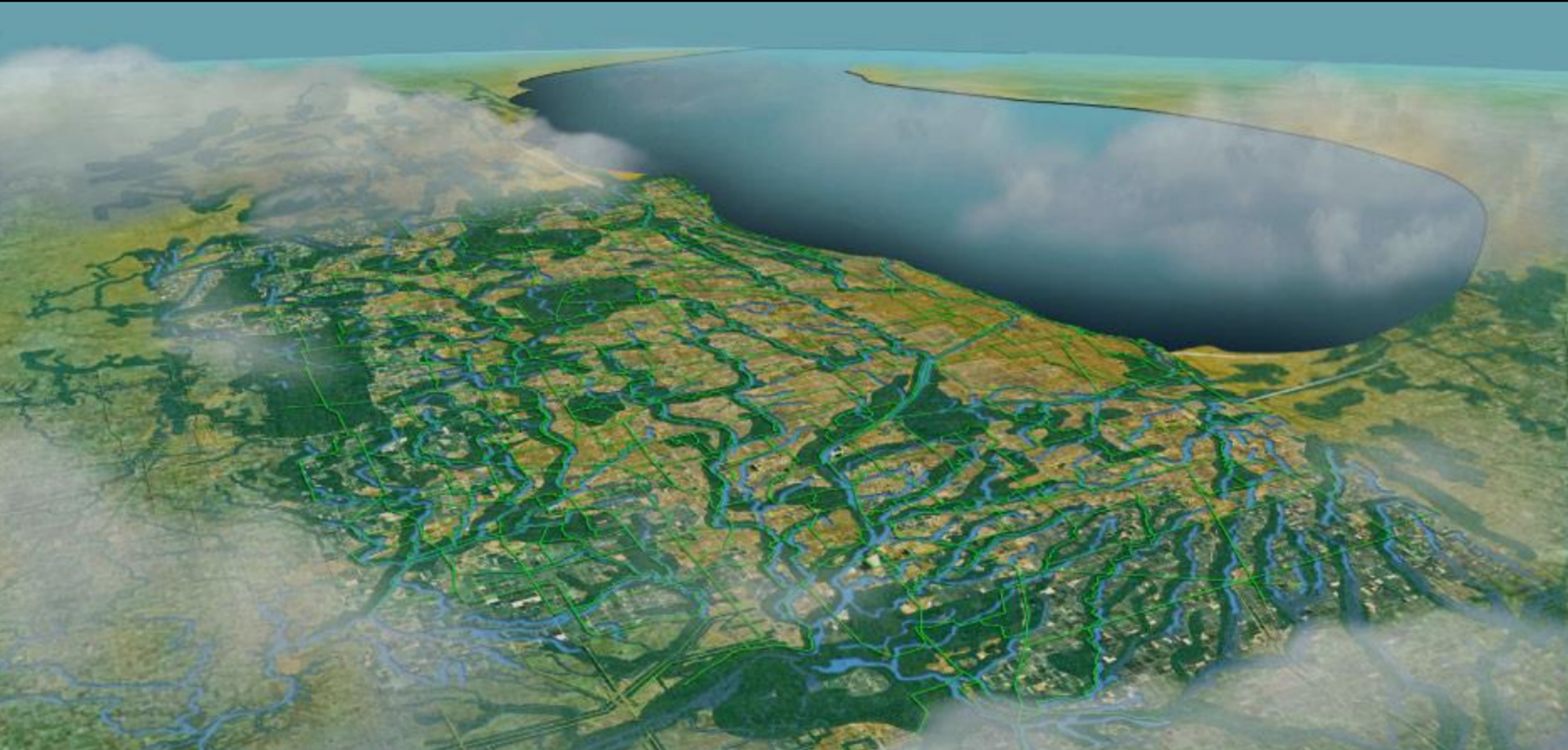
**MARINE PROTECTED AREAS**



**STATE PARKS**



**WILDLIFE HABITAT & MOVEMENT AREAS**



**What does this mean for our State?**

# The State of Conservation in Illinois



- Less than **4%** land protected in Illinois.
- **75%** of Illinois land is in agriculture.
- Illinois only grows **4%** of the food consumed in the state despite having some of the most fertile soil in the nation!
- Illinois **ranks 44th** in public land ownership.



# Illinois 30x30 Coalition

- Modeled after CJC
- Cross Sector Stakeholders
  - Environmental Advocates
  - Land Trusts
  - Stewards
  - Community Based Organizations
  - Agriculture Community
  - Sportsman
- Collaborating on a shared goal of supporting biodiversity and mitigating climate change



# How?

## Putting the puzzle together

- What commitments have we already made?
- Plans & Strategies
- Advocacy/Policy Package
- Funding

## Aligning the conservation community

- reducing silos
- collaborating cross sector
- combining and leveraging power
- Which commitments/goals need reevaluated with an equity lens and with the input of affected communities

## Community Level Feedback

- Listening Sessions throughout Illinois
- **Focus Groups**
- Issue specific conversations

# Outcomes

- Ensure Illinois can take full advantage of federal funding opportunities by aligning state and federal programs
- Comprehensive Policy Package Collaborative and strategic local conservation efforts
- Illinois becomes a leader in conservation

# Private Land Conservation

- Land Trusts are Essential
- Between 2001 and 2017, 75 percent of all natural areas lost to development within the United States were on private lands.
- Private lands are being lost almost five times faster than lands owned or managed by federal or state governments, and unprotected private lands are losing habitat for threatened and endangered species twice as quickly as on federal lands.

**We want to hear  
from you!**

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# Questions for you

1. What is the biggest challenge facing land trusts right now?
2. If Land trusts are being asked to scale up to achieve this goal, what kinds of funding are necessary to scale up, and how does that compare to what kinds of funding are available??
3. Some of us work with agricultural easements and protecting farmland as part of conservation work. How can we overcome perception barriers that farmers can continue to own and control their land while contributing to 30x30?
4. How might the State define "conservation" for the purposes of 30x30 — What types of lands could be considered conserved and under what conditions?

# Questions for you

5. How can we more quickly partner with government agencies to maintain accountability and due diligence while moving more land into conservation?

6. How might the State quantify other effective area-based conservation lands? How might we efficiently improve our ability to consistently assess and count lands, uses, and benefits not easily delineated on maps?

7. Just as critical to the question of what will count as conserved lands is the question of how the myriad federal, state, local agencies, Tribal entities, nonprofits, military, and private parties work together to achieve 30x30 conservation in the next ten years. What efficient, effective, diverse, and equity-driven tools, strategies, partnerships, and approaches are available or need to be refined and developed to reach 30x30 in a way that is publicly supported and sustainable?