

Project Fact Sheet

Hadley Valley Preserve –Habitat Restoration

Hadley Valley Preserve is a 694 acre preserve owned by the Forest Preserve District of Will County (District) located north of Route 6 and south of Bruce Road between Joliet, Lockport, New Lenox and Homer Glen. With the assistance of various grants and partnerships, the District has been conducting habitat restoration in several phases over the past decade.

Habitat restoration between Interstate 355 and Bruce Road was funded by a North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA) grant from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the District's operating budget. The tree and shrub plantings were funded by the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority (ISTHA). The initial restoration was completed in 2012 and 2013. Approximately 150 acres of former agricultural fields are being restored to prairie, wetland, and savanna habitats. Prairie mowing, invasive species control, and prescribed burn management are ongoing.

Habitat restoration between Gougar Road and Interstate 355 was funded by the O'Hare Modernization Mitigation Account (OMMA) administered by OpenLands in conjunction with the City of Chicago and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The initial restoration activities were completed between 2008 and 2010. Nearly 190 acres of former agricultural fields and approximately 1.5 miles of Spring Creek were restored. Native trees and shrubs were planted in the fall of 2013, funded by ISTHA. Erosion repairs, invasive species control and prescribed burn management are ongoing.

Habitat restoration between Farrell and Gougar Roads was funded by the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority as wetland mitigation for the I-355 South Extension and the District's Capital Improvement Program. Nearly 300 acres of former agricultural fields and approximately 1.2 miles of Spring Creek were restored. Invasive species control, mowing, prescribed haying, enrichment seeding, and prescribed burn management are ongoing. Additional details will be provided on the District's website, ReconnectWithNature.org.

Project Cost: \$7,551,000 (Capital Improvement Program, Illinois State Toll Highway Authority, OpenLands, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, City of Chicago, and NAWCA Grant)

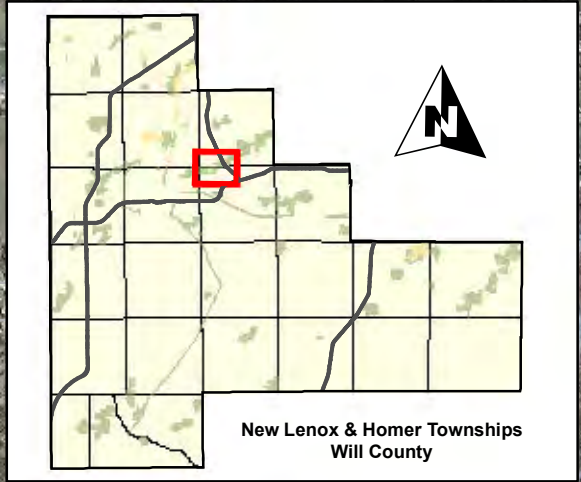
Project Contractors: V3 Construction Group, Archer Pines Landscaping, Applied Land Analysis, and Gerald Pleckam.

Forest Preserve District of Will County Hadley Valley Habitat Restoration

**ISTHA Wetland Mitigation & District Restoration
(300 ac)**

**OMMA Wetland Mitigation
(190 ac)**

**NAWCA Grant & District Restoration
(150 ac)**



Project Location
FPDWC Property
Waterways

Forest Preserve District
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0 0.125 0.25 Miles

Name
Date
File Location

