



OPERATIONS & INFRASTRUCTURE

July 2016

Grounds Maintenance

- Conducted trail checks and trail maintenance district-wide.
- Mowed lawn areas and turf trails district-wide.
- Weeded and maintained flower and shrub beds at the Adlai E. Stevenson Historic Home, the Discovery Museum, the General Offices, Greenbelt and Greenbelt Cultural Center, Independence Grove, Operations and Public Safety Facility and Ryerson Welcome Center.
- Cleaned and maintained animal pens at Ryerson.
- Performed maintenance day activities at all Dog Exercise Areas.
- Moved boats from storage at the Fox River Marina.
- Cleared brush and trimmed around bridges along the Des Plaines River Trail and at Fourth Lake, Hastings Lake, Independence Grove and Rollins Savanna.
- Repaired fences at Bonner Farm and Fort Sheridan.
- Removed dead and infested ash trees at Old School.
- Conducted setup and cleanup for Civil War Days at Lakewood and Summer Concert series at Independence Grove.

Natural Resources

- Applied herbicide to manage invasive species at Duck Farm, Ethel's Woods, Fort Sheridan, Grant Woods, Independence Grove, Lake Carina, McDonald Woods, Middlefork Savanna, Prairie Wolf, Rollins Savanna, Sedge Meadow, Singing Hills, and Van Patten Woods.
- Watered plant plugs at Middlefork and the Operations and Public Safety Facility.
- Removed dead and infested ash trees along the Des Plaines River Trail, Fort Sheridan and Lyons Woods.
- Inoculated specimen ash trees against Emerald Ash Borer at Countryside, Fox River, Grant Woods, Grassy Lake, Greenbelt, Fort Sheridan, Independence Grove, Lakewood, Old School and Ryerson.
- Mulched and watered memorial trees at Hastings Lake, Ryerson and Van Patten.
- Assisted Youth Conservation Corp with plug planting at Middlefork Savanna.
- Assisted with monitoring and pollination of wild orchid populations.

Infrastructure

- Constructed an expanded area for parking at Middlefork Savanna.
- Performed trail and culvert repairs at Rollins Savanna.
- Completed minor drainage improvements near the shelters and bathrooms at Grant Woods and Half Day.
- Installed boundary fencing at Grassy Lake.
- Installed drain tiles at Middlefork Savanna.
- Dug trenches at Lakewood for Civil War Days war re-enactors.
- Installed signs at the Community Garden site and Rollins Savanna.
- Assisted Grounds Maintenance with resetting a fishing pier at Van Patten Woods.
- Replaced wooden bridge deck with a fabricated steel bridge deck at McDonald Woods.

Youth Conservation Corps

- The six crews are based at Grant Woods, Greenbelt, Lakewood, Rollins Savanna, Ryerson Woods and Spring Bluff.
- Worked on projects including: boardwalk construction at Ryerson, clearing invasive plants at Grant Woods and Greenbelt, nursery support activities at Rollins, fence removal at Lakewood and Lyons Woods.
- Participated in Environmental Awareness (EA) Day training and education at the Lake County Discovery Museum, Illinois Beach State Park and Chicago Botanic Garden.