



OPERATIONS & INFRASTRUCTURE

August 2016

Grounds Maintenance

- Conducted routine trail and bathroom checks and maintenance district-wide.
- Mowed lawn areas and turf trails district-wide.
- Weeded and maintained flower and shrub beds district-wide.
- Pruned along the Des Plaines River Trail, Millennium Trail and trails at Fox River, Lakewood, Lyons Woods, Prairie Wolf and Van Patten Woods.
- Performed maintenance day activities at all Dog Exercise Areas.
- Cleaned and maintained animal pens at Ryerson.
- Performed irrigation system maintenance and repairs at Independence Grove.
- Repaired fencing and painted gates at Bonner Farm, Fort Sheridan, Lakewood Dog Exercise Area and Van Patten.
- Power washed shelters district-wide and the stairs at the Independence Grove Visitor Center.
- Removed ash trees at the Duck Farm Dog Exercise Area and Old School.
- Removed graffiti at the Wilson Road underpass near Marl Flat.
- Conducted setup and cleanup for rental at the Adlai E. Stevenson Historic Home for a Stevenson High School teacher in-service program, Fred Fest at Fox River, Gospelfest at Greenbelt, Lake County Fair exhibit and the Summer Concert series at Independence Grove.
- Installed signs denoting Hike Lake County locations and routes.

Natural Resources

- Applied herbicide and mechanically removed invasive species at Duck Farm, Ethel's Woods, Grant Woods, Independence Grove, Marl Flat, Middlefork Savanna, Prairie Wolf, Rollins Savanna, Sequoit Creek, Singing Hills, Sun Lake and Van Patten Woods.
- Watered recently-installed plant plugs and trees at Fourth Lake, Lakewood, Middlefork Savanna and Pine Dunes.
- Removed dead and infested ash trees at Fort Sheridan, Fox River, Kestrel Ridge, Lakewood, Lyons Woods, McDonald Woods, Nippersink, Rollins Savanna and Old School.
- Installed beaver-resistant water level control structures at Singing Hills.

Infrastructure

- Installed drainage system improvements and removed failed drain tiles at Middlefork Savanna as part of restoration.
- Installed rectangular rapid-flashing beacon (RRFB) at Chain O'Lakes Bike Path crossing of Rollins Rd at Grant Woods in conjunction with Building Trades crew.
- Repaired the outflow structure on Sterling Lake at Van Patten Woods.
- Installed boundary fencing at Grassy Lake.

Youth Conservation Corps

- Youth Conservation Corp summer program concluded on Friday, August 12th.
- The participants completed several projects, including:
 - Constructing a boardwalk at the Edward L. Ryerson Conservation Area.
 - Clearing invasive plant species at the Edward L. Ryerson Conservation Area, Grant Woods, Greenbelt, Lakewood, Rollins Savanna and Spring Bluff.
 - Installing fences at Bonner Heritage Farm and Lyons Woods.
 - Resurfacing the woodchip trail at Grant Woods.
 - Collecting seeds at Rollins Savanna Seed Nursery.
 - Planting 25,000 wetland plugs at Middlefork Savanna.