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## **McHenry County Conservation Foundation Awarded \$10K Enbridge Fueling Futures Community Investment for Glacial Park Prairie Restoration**

McHenry County Conservation Foundation was awarded a \$10,000 community investment grant from Enbridge's Fueling Futures program to assist with restoration efforts of 21 acres at McHenry County Conservation District's Glacial Park site in Ringwood, IL.

Encompassing 3,439 acres, Glacial Park is one of the largest contiguous areas of publicly managed land in McHenry County. More than 85,000 people visit the site annually to experience numerous recreational opportunities and to take in breathtaking views. Funds provided by the Enbridge Fueling Futures program will be used to purchase a portion of the rich and diverse native seed mix necessary to convert land from current row crop production to high quality prairie grassland.

This project ties together several hundred acres of restored and managed land within Glacial Park and supports the conservation of numerous threatened or endangered species, including the Blanding's turtle, monarch butterfly, and the rusty patched bumblebee. The restoration work will decrease sedimentation runoff into the North Branch of Nippersink Creek, a major recreational waterway in McHenry County that is frequently used by kayakers, canoers, and fisherman. In addition to enhancing the experience of those who use the waterway for recreational purposes, the land conversion will also improve the ability of this area to recharge groundwater, which is where McHenry County residents receive 100% of their drinking water. The total cost for this project is \$99,965 and the Foundation is actively seeking additional support for the work.

Enbridge is a multinational pipeline company headquartered in Calgary, Alberta Canada. Through its Fueling Futures program, Enbridge helps fuel quality of life to ensure safe and vibrant communities where it works and operates in North America. Enbridge supports environmental organizations with a focus on education and stewardship, habitat remediation and conservation, and energy transition. To learn more about Enbridge's Fueling Futures program, visit <https://www.enbridge.com/about-us/our-values/corporate-citizenship>

The McHenry County Conservation Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. To learn more about the McHenry County Conservation Foundation or the projects it supports, visit <http://www.mchenryconservation.org> or call (815) 678-4532, ext. 8204.

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