

URBANWATERS

A Partnership for Restoring Urban Waterways and Revitalizing Communities

Chicago Wilderness Plant & Fungal Species Nominations

Deadline: Friday June 23, 2017



Above: Photo of a prairie with Purple Coneflower.

Chicago Wilderness (CW) is accepting nominations for the Plant and Fungal Priority Species Initiative through Friday, June 23 at close of business.

To learn more about the Priority Species initiative, you can check out Priority Animal Species [website](#), where the 12 priority animal species are presented.

Last year the CW membership helped select [12 animal species](#) that are being prioritized for conservation work across the region. Now CW is moving forward with identifying plant and fungal species that also need the attention of their broad community of conservation advocates. Follow the link below to submit your suggestion:

[Nominate a Species!](#)

The criteria used to inform this nomination survey were selected by a group of expert advisors with input from members across the Chicago Wilderness Region. Please forward this to staff or colleagues who would be interested in participating. Nominations will be scored to help determine the initial subset of species that will be

further evaluated by a group of experts this fall. The final list of species will be determined by the end of the year.

Trail Creek and Miller Beach residents:

Receive a free yard sign when you pledge to maintain your septic system

**BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR
MY SEPTIC SYSTEM
IS PUMPED
EVERY
3-5 YEARS.**



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SEPTIC SYSTEM AWARENESS WEEK**

Above: Good neighbor septic campaign yard sign.

Residents of the Town of Trail Creek and the Miller neighborhood of Gary are invited to pledge to maintain their septic system properly to receive a temporary yard sign displaying their commitment to being a good neighbor. Contact [Save the Dunes](#) for your sign. This project was made possible by a grant from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, and the Indiana Lake Michigan Coastal Program.



Next NWI Urban Waters Meeting!

July 28, 2017, 9:30 am

Location and agenda TBA

The Northwest Indiana Urban Waters Partnership focuses on the Lake Michigan watershed in Lake, LaPorte and Porter Counties, Indiana.

Urban Waters works to connect urban communities, particularly those that are overburdened or economically distressed, with their waterways by improving coordination among federal agencies and state and local partners. The goals are to improve the Nation's water systems and to promote their economic, environmental and social benefits.

