

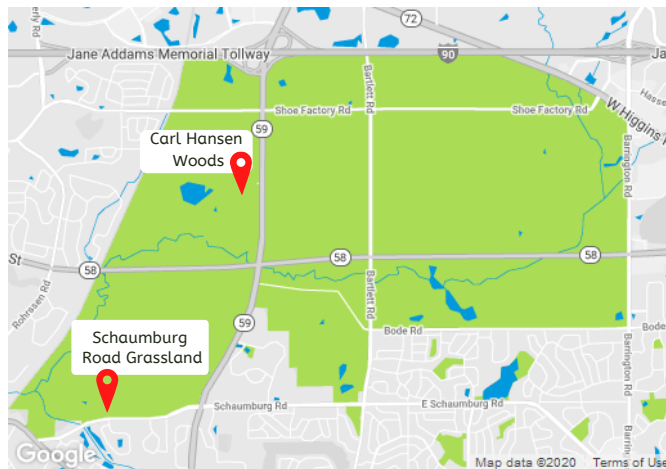


Restoring natural communities in northwest Cook County, IL



LOCATION

We meet at Schaumburg Road Grassland and Carl Hansen Woods parking lots. Both are located within the Arthur L. Janura Forest Preserve in Hoffman Estates, IL. Please visit our website for more detailed directions.



Poplar Creek Prairie Stewards



www.poplarcreekprairestewards.org





Photo by Robert Callebert

ABOUT US

We started our work in 1989 with a vision to restore native prairie and woodland species within the Arthur L. Janura Forest Preserve. In collaboration with our many partners, we manage the land by removing invasive plants, seed collection, planting native plants, and restoring conditions necessary for a healthy ecosystem and greater biodiversity. Working together toward this vision has nurtured friendship and community among our volunteers. We enjoy social breaks as part of our stewardship days, and also gather for seasonal parties, educational field trips and other events.

JOIN US

Join us for weekly weekend workdays when it is convenient for you.

Please visit our website at poplarcreekprairestewards.org for detailed information.



OUR PROJECT

ECOLOGY

The Poplar Creek Prairie, Carl Hansen Woods, and Schaumburg Road Grasslands consist of over 1000 acres of prairie, oak-hickory woodlands, marshes, ponds, a creek and a small lake. We have been restoring over 600 of those acres. An Illinois State Nature Preserve sits atop a rocky kame and is home to of over 100 species of native grasses and flowers.

RESTORATION

Through research and historical analysis, we have come to realize that land that was once farmed, grazed, or otherwise degraded will not be returned to good health without active restoration efforts. The Forest Preserves of Cook County support an active volunteer system with a proven track record of restoring and preserving their natural treasures. We aim to restore the ecosystem's original diversity of plants, birds, mammals, reptiles, amphibians, pollinators and other insects.

PARTNERS

Forest Preserves of Cook County, Friends of the Forest Preserves, The Nature Conservancy, Audubon Great Lakes and more.