



The Village of
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VILLAGE, PARK DISTRICT HONORED WITH CONSERVATION AWARD

Feb. 13, 2012 – The Village of Glenview and the Glenview Park District together have a proven record of preserving, protecting and enhancing the remnants of prairies, waterways and woodlands that predate modern Glenview.

The conservation achievements stemming from the two governments' partnership will be recognized with a 2012 Conservation Leadership Award by the Chicago Wilderness Habitat Project. The award will be presented Saturday, March 10, at a dinner at the Brookfield Zoo Discovery Center.

Among the habitat conservation work highlighted in the award description:

- Saving and restoring the 32-acre Kent Fuller Air Station Prairie; the 124-acre Grove National Historic Landmark, a bur oak prairie grove; and the 18.6-acre Wagner Farm, the last working dairy farm in Cook County.
- Adopting "A Plan for Nature in Glenview," the village of Glenview's official roadmap for natural resource planning.
- The Village of Glenview's leadership, as demonstrated by its full-time ecological resource manager, Robyn Flakne, who "ensures the Village's natural areas are well managed."
- The Park District's "wise and ambitious restoration plan" that included control of white-tailed deer at The Grove. Calling it "one of the most impressive and challenging initiatives," the Leadership Award noted the process was a "model of outreach, accord and effectiveness" and credited Grove Director Steve Swanson.

“Both the Village and Park District have supported first-class restoration management” for the prairie in The Glen, now known as Kent Fuller Air Station Prairie, named for its longtime advocate and steward, according to the Leadership Award description. The prairie parcel was protected as the former Glenview Naval Air Station was redeveloped as The Glen.

Each year, the Habitat Project recognizes those individuals and groups that have made a particularly inspiring difference and restoring the spirit and health of human and ecological communities in the Chicago area.

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