

8.1 High Priority Write-Ups

1. Village Open Space Northeast of Air Station Prairie (Map E)

Site number: E-2

Ownership: Village of Glenview

Overall size: 1.25 acres

Subwatershed: West Fork of North Branch of Chicago River

Mapped Land Cover on Site:

Prairie (1.25 acres): Restored mesic prairie across from Air Station Prairie.

Existing Ecological Conditions:

Small, Village-owned open-space parcel located north of Air Station Prairie between Lehigh Avenue and Cardinal Road. Metra rail line borders the east edge. Conditions are similar to the Air Station Prairie, but more degraded. Site was enhanced with native species and is under management by the Village.



Open Space looking south. Air Station Prairie off to the southwest, Metra rail on the east edge.

Dominant species on the site include native grasses such as big bluestem and little bluestem and forbs such as stiff goldenrod, yellow coneflower, false sunflower, purple coneflower, and aster species. Non-native and invasive species observed include thistle, ox-eye daisy, black medic, teasel, reed canary grass, and cool-season grasses. Evidence of active thistle management (*i.e.* herbiciding) was observed.

Restoration and Management Recommendations: This site possesses restoration potential and restoration and management activities are already occurring. Recommendations include increased control and management of invasive and non-native species by mowing, spot herbiciding, and prescribed burning. Also recommend considering this parcel as a candidate for Environmentally Significant Area zoning. If stormwater storage is needed in the future, this area could be converted to a naturalized detention basin.