



SAVE BELL BOWL PRAIRIE

Working Meeting
February 28, 2023

Agenda

1. Message of Hope- Anthony Ippolito
2. Quick Updates
3. Take Action!

What inspires you to keep fighting?

It's all we have left

Everything about the prairie!
Especially the **endangered species**

We need every last bit of environment preserved with so little left

Fear for a future without the ecosystems that **sustain us**

Animals deserve their **sanctuaries** just as much as we do

Faith in people's ability to do the right thing

There's simply no need for the destruction of **irreplicable natural capital** to achieve fleeting capitalistic goals when both can be accomplished.

If this battle is lost, what battle with preserving nature can be won?

Remnant landscapes are the closest we can get to seeing an Earth as **God truly built it**.

Nature and Beauty are important

I value the **ecosystem** it provides for all the species there

IL is the "**prairie state**", but less than 0.01% of prairie coverage exists today

Let us show future generations what our creator's brush once painted.



The dragonflies, the bees, the frogs, the plants. The **protection** of all living things that make the prairie their **home**

As an **8,000+ year old piece of history and art**, it **SHOULD** be preserved

My children and their **future**

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Illustrations by Liz Anna Kozik

Updates

- Bell Bowl Prairie is still there!
 - Airport lawyers agreed to give NLI notice before construction begins
- Airport still waiting for final FAA approval
- NLI lawsuit has been re-filed
- Airport trying to clean up their messes
 - Resolution #23-11 approving a design phase engineering agreement with Crawford, Murphy and Tilly, Inc., for midfield access improvements.

State contacts:

- Deputy Governor Christian Mitchell: Christian.mitchell@illinois.gov
- Deputy Governor Andy Manar: Andy.Manar@Illinois.gov
- **@GovPritzker** on Instagram
- **@JBPritzker** and **@IDOT_Illinois** on Twitter

Message:

- Use the **\$3.6 million** in ReBuild Illinois money that has been appropriated to the Airport to redesign the road and protect Bell Bowl Prairie!
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Local contacts:

- Mayor Thomas McNamara: thomas.mcnamara@rockfordil.gov
- **@CityOfRockfordIllinois** on Instagram
- **@CityOfRockford** and **@tmcrkdf** on Twitter

Message:

- Pass a **resolution** in support of Bell Bowl Prairie! Hold the GRAA Board Members you appointed **accountable!**

Federal Contacts:

- Sen. Durbin and Sen. Duckworth
- **@DickDurbin**, **@SenatorDurbin**, **@SenDuckworth** on Twitter

Message:

- The Endangered Species Act doesn't do enough to protect endangered species, or anything to protect endangered ecosystems. It need to be updated.