

NATURAL LAND INSTITUTE

Conserving Land
in Northern Illinois



Photo: Rob Clark



Photo: Jim Akers

Removing and burning invasive brush.



Photo: Jill Kenney

Planting trees.



Photo: Zach Grycan

Distributing seeds.

No experience necessary!

We will show you what to do. With properties spread across the region, the Natural Land Institute offers a variety of ways for you to make a difference. Land stewardship and restoration volunteer opportunities are how you can help take care of the land for the benefit of life on earth now and in the future. By supporting projects that range from creating wildlife habitat to conserving rare species, you'll find the rewards of volunteering to be many, including exploring the beauty of NLI's private and public preserves while you provide community service.

Individuals or groups who wish to participate in a volunteer land stewardship opportunity should contact NLI staff or the Site Steward listed below for more information and to confirm participation. Locations and times may change so please be sure to notify Staff or the Site Steward to participate on specific days.

Staff:

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POP-UP STEWARDSHIP EVENTS

Ask to be added to the Pop-Up Stewardship Events email list to be notified of volunteer opportunities as they arise at various NLI preserves. You will get notified when a volunteer day is planned. Send an email to volunteer@naturalland.org.

THIRD SATURDAY

Silver Creek Woods Preserve

Directions: 6040 Tipple Road (enter at gate,,) Rockford, IL 61102

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Site Steward: Jim Akers, jnakers@hotmail.com

LYNDON-AGNEW PRAIRIE NATURE PRESERVE

The Whiteside County Natural Area Guardians (NAGs) host weekend workdays at this NLI preserve periodically. Check their Facebook page to see their schedule:

<https://www.facebook.com/WhitesideNAGs>, or email them to find out more: nagsofwcil@gmail.com.

What to Bring and Wear

NLI provides tools. Bring gloves, your own bottle of water, and feel free to bring a snack or a sack lunch. Dress in layers for the weather. Wear natural fiber outdoor wear, long sleeves, pants, and closed toe shoes or sturdy boots.

All information subject to change.

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