



Purpose of the Conference

Elected and appointed officials have a lot to think about and balance when reviewing ordinances and development proposals. Groundwater resources and water quality are just two of the many issues they are being asked to consider. Water resources — both their quality and quantity — are critical to the future prosperity of McHenry County. Well designed “conservation development” has the potential to both protect our critical natural resources while reducing infrastructure costs and future tax burdens. Fortunately, resources available locally and in the region can be tapped to help local officials in meeting the complex needs of their growing communities, including resources to help navigate the often burdensome environmental permit process. Additionally, a growing number of successful development projects in the region showcase how to balance economic and environmental/conservation interests. At this conference, learn the benefits of specific conservation development techniques and how to implement them.



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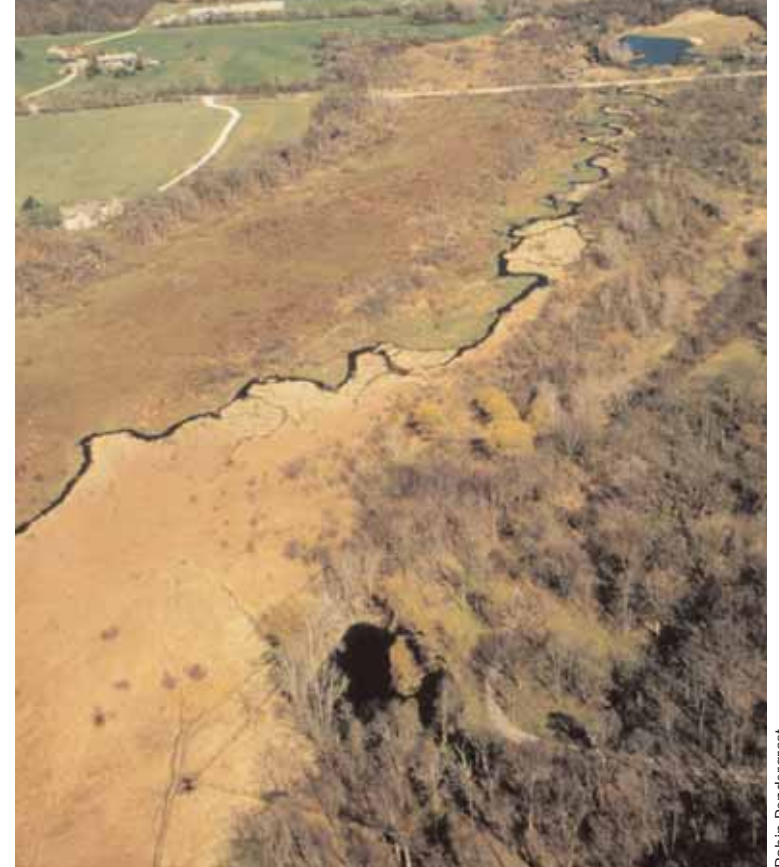


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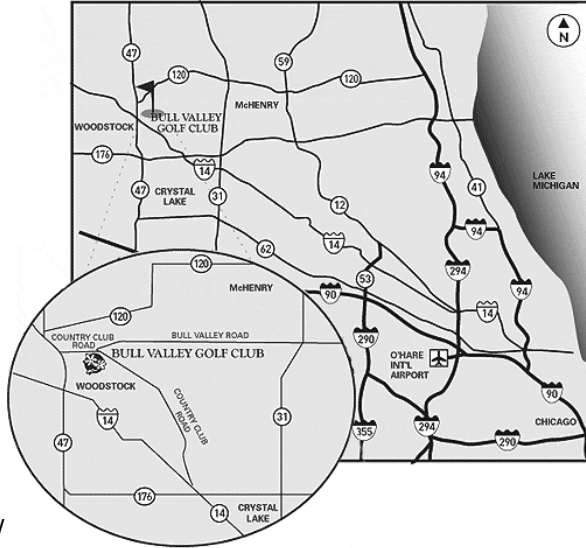
Maintaining the Character of McHenry County

A CONFERENCE TO PROVIDE LOCAL OFFICIALS CREATIVE TOOLS TO PROTECT WATER, NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES AS THEIR COMMUNITIES DEVELOP



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 Bull Valley Golf Club • 1311 Club Road • Woodstock, IL



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Who Should Attend?
 County and municipal officials, particularly those involved in the decision-making process for ordinance review and proposed development, developers, and consultants.

Funding
 Partial funding for this conference provided in support of Chicago Wilderness from the USDA Forest Service and the US Fish and Wildlife Service, and administered by the Illinois Conservation Foundation. Additional support and funding provided through local sponsors.

8:00 am	Registration Begins
8:30	Welcoming Remarks Senator Pamela Althoff
8:45–9:15	The Unique Natural Resources of McHenry County Ed Collins, McHenry County Conservation District
9:15–10:15	Win-Win Strategies for Balancing Development and Conservation Steve Apfelbaum, Applied Ecological Services
10:15	BREAK
10:30–11:15	Development Planning Case Study: The Sanctuary of Bull Valley Jack Porter, Jack Porter & Associates, Inc. John Nelson, Illinois Nature Preserves Commission
11:15–11:45	A Conversation with Regulators A panel of federal, state, and local agency staff will share their insights into successfully working through the regulatory process.
11:45–1:00 pm	LUNCH & Networking Time
1:00–2:00	Putting the Community in the Development Driver's Seat Bill Wiet, City of Aurora Development Director
2:00–2:30	Updating Ordinances to Make Conservation Design Practical and More Cost-Effective Jason Navota, Conservation Design Forum
2:30–2:45	BREAK
2:45–3:30	Panel – Issues & Challenges What is needed to put the pieces together? A panel of developers, municipal officials, and consultants will offer their perspectives and respond to questions from the audience.

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Registration is \$35 per person (includes continental breakfast and lunch*)

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 After February 24, Registration is \$45 per person

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