We believe that every citizen in McHenry County is entitled to certain intrinsic rights that afford the best opportunity for healthy and sustainable natural resources, thoughtfully developed cities and towns, a strong economy, and beautiful outdoor places to explore, discover and recreate. We believe McHenry County is a truly stirring landscape upon which to put down roots, raise families and create a future.

Therefore every current and future citizen of McHenry County is entitled to a quality of life that includes the right to:

- Clean air, water and soil.
- Healthy, locally sourced, and sustainably grown food.
- Wild and scenic places that support thriving native plants and wildlife populations.
- Public lands that are preserved and protected in perpetuity.
- Responsibly managed and developed public lands.
- Natural environments that foster and enhance physical and mental health.
- Safe, inclusive, accessible, and memorable places in which to reflect, play and interact with family, friends and community.
- Diverse outdoor recreation, educational and immersive experiences.
- Pursue fishing and hunting opportunities in a safe, respectful and sustainable manner.
- Reside in a community where people of all ages, cultures and abilities are empowered to learn about and contribute to conservation in impactful ways.

We, therefore, the citizens of McHenry County, do hereby stand up for our water, wildlife and a way of life we hold dear and do solemnly publish and affirm this Citizens’ Conservation Bill of Rights.