

# With your help We've

# been busy!

## 2000

December 1999 - Foundation established.  
Hold first board meeting.  
Receive 501c3 non-profit status.  
Begin work on Open Space Referendum.  
Develop membership program.  
Conduct McHenry County citizen survey to determine opinions on preserving open space.

**Referendum passes! \$68.5 million to protect open space!**

Develop conservation grant program & award \$50,000 in grants to four local conservation projects.  
First membership event, tour of MCCD's native plant nursery.  
**Save MCCD \$225,000** by purchasing house and buildings in open space purchase in Hebron.

## 2001

## 2002

Contributed \$200,000 for purchase of 220 open space acres in Boone Creek Watershed match brings **\$1.4 million** in outside funds home to McHenry Co.  
Receive **\$23,381** from U.S. Fish & Wildlife for Boone Creek Watershed for restoration.  
Join 170+ member Chicago Wilderness as Executive Council member.  
Award \$50,000 in grants to seven local conservation projects.  
Membership tour event to Boone Creek Watershed.

Award \$46,382 in grants for nine local conservation projects.  
Hold the first **"Pedal Across the Prairie"** to promote terrific MCCD bike paths!

Receive **\$1,060** from Field Museum to reestablish breeding Forster's terns on Grass Lake.

Receive **\$20,000** from US Fish & Wildlife for Blanding's turtles study.

Receive **\$17,225** from US Fish & Wildlife for restoration work at Turner & Mud lakes.

Receive **\$56,028** from Illinois Department of Natural Resources for Pleasant Valley Conservation Area, southern edge of Woodstock.

## 2003

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Receive **\$475,000** in grants to help MCCD purchase **Camp Algonquin** in Fox River Grove.

Receive **\$10,750** from Oberweiler Foundation to help MCCD digitize years of collected McHenry County biological data.

Receive **\$4,900** grant from U.S. Fish and Wildlife for study of Forster's & Common Terns.

Receive **\$21,000** Chicago Wilderness to support **Mighty Acorns (5/6 grade) education program**.

Host area Business Chamber Mixer at MCCD Prairie View Education Center in Oakwood Hills.

Second Annual "Pedal Across the Prairie" event.

Finalization of the **\$225,000** grant from Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation for Bull Valley Hunt Club Purchase: Protection of the Boone Creek Headwaters"

Funds going to McHenry County Conservation District through MCCF in partnership with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and **OpenLands/CorLands**.

Hold the third **"Pedal Across the Prairie"** to promote terrific MCCD bike paths!

## 2005

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Receive **\$74,480** in Chicago Wilderness Consortium grant funds to help sponsor the SWAT program - Sustainable Watershed Action Team - to work with local decision makers and developers to promote sustainable and resource sensitive development.  
Hold the Forth "Pedal Across the Prairie." Begin planning for 2nd Open Space Referendum.

**2nd Referendum passes! \$73 million to permanently preserve open space for the citizens of McHenry County!**

MCCF/SWAT holds Conservation Design Conference for McHenry County Board members and other interested stakeholders. County Planning and Zoning Committee starts work on a county-wide **Conservation Design Ordinance**.

Hold Fifth Annual **"Pedal Across the Prairie"** to promote terrific MCCD bike paths!

## 2007

We're in our Ninth Year of service to McHenry County.  
Thank you to our members, friends and supporters!