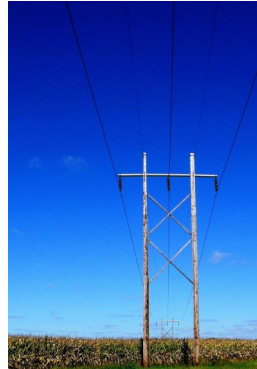




CHICAGO REGION TREES INITIATIVE
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Rights-of-Way as Habitat Working Group

Tuesday, January 19, 2016

8:00 am - 4:30 pm

University of Illinois-Chicago, Student Center East

750 S Halsted St, Chicago, IL

Morning Agenda (Illinois Room and via webinar)

8:00 - 9:00 am	Coffee Reception and Networking	
9:00 - 9:20 am	Welcome and Working Group Update	Iris Caldwell, UIC Energy Resources Center
9:20 - 9:40 am	Chicago Region Trees Initiative Update	Lydia Scott, Chicago Region Trees Initiative
9:40 - 10:10 am	Monarch Conservation Science Partnership Update	Wayne Thogmartin, U.S. Geological Survey
10:10 - 10:40 am	Monarch Conservation and Endangered Species Act Policy	Louise Clemency, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
10:40 - 11:00 am	Break	
11:00 - 11:30 am	Illinois Tollway Project Update	Bryan Wagner, Illinois Tollway
11:30 am - 12:00 pm	Transmission Right-of-Way Demonstration Project	Lindsey Forhan, American Electric Power

Working Lunch (Cardinal & White Oak Rooms)

12:00 - 1:30 pm Lunch buffet and self-selected discussion groups by table

Afternoon Agenda

TRACK 1 (Fort Dearborn Room)

1:30 - 2:30 pm	<i>Lightning Rounds:</i> Selecting and sourcing appropriate plants Seed mixes / seed availability / seed certification Illinois State Nursery products, availability, and resources	Lydia Scott, Chicago Region Trees Initiative Corrine Daniels, Taylor Creek Nursery Dave Horvath, Illinois State Nursery
2:30 - 3:20 pm	Site preparation and soils issues in rights-of-way	Lakhwinder Hundal and Dominic Brose, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Great Chicago Pat Kelsey, WBK Engineering
3:20 - 3:30 pm	Break	
3:30 - 4:30 pm	Habitat project process map: Breakout discussion	Sara Barnas, Wildlife Habitat Council Jack Pizzo, The Pizzo Group

TRACK 2 (Illinois Room)

1:30 - 2:30 pm	<i>Vegetation Management/Maintenance</i> Prescribed burning and ComEd's prairie program Long-term maintenance of rights-of-way habitat projects	Sara Race, ComEd Jack Pizzo, The Pizzo Group
2:30 - 3:20 pm	<i>Costs-Benefits of Native Vegetation</i> Economic benefits of sustainable vegetation management practices on roadside rights-of-way Tools to help make the business case for right-of-way habitat investments	Jeff Norcini, Florida Department of Transportation Steve Apfelbaum, Applied Ecological Services
3:20 - 3:30 pm	Break	
3:30 - 4:30 pm (Move to Cardinal Room)	Creating the business case: Breakout discussion	Jeff Norcini, Florida Department of Transportation

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