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*The Conservation Foundation preserves & protects our local rivers ...*

**1. Education and Outreach-** We produce and distribute information (brochures, fact sheets, web sites) about a variety of water quality and water conservation issues, organize technical and community workshops and provide a variety of educational programs for schools and children.

**2. RiverWatch** *River Watch-* We organize and coordinate local RiverWatch efforts through our partnerships with The National Great Rivers Research and Education Center and DuPage County. We provide supplies and technical support to Citizen Scientists who conduct annual habitat and biological surveys in local streams.

**3. Watershed Planning-** We are known as one of the leading experts for organizing local stakeholders to take a long-term view of their watershed. We develop watershed action plans to help communities improve and protect water resources over time and help them find funding for project implementation

**4. DuPage River Sweep** *DuPage River Sweep-* We organize an annual river cleanup on streams in DuPage County, extending into the DuPage River in Will County. Approximately 500 volunteers participate each year in this event, removing trash and other debris from our local streams and rivers.

**5. Storm-Drain Stenciling-** We organize volunteer groups and provide supplies for them to go into approved communities and spray-paint messages on street storm drains. This increases awareness water is transported directly to the rivers.



**6. Best Management Practices-** We organize “Beyond the Basics” a biannual conference on stormwater best management practices specifically designed for elected officials, plan commissioners, planners, public works staff, engineers, developers and real estate professionals.

**7. Campaign for Conservation** *Land Conservation-* We place special emphasis on preserving land along rivers and streams through acquisitions, donations, conservation easements and other methods that protect stream corridors.



**8. Restoration-** We encourage and participate in restoration projects that enhance water quality and improve stream habitat. These include streambank restoration, wetland and riparian corridor restoration, dam removal and in-stream habitat enhancements.

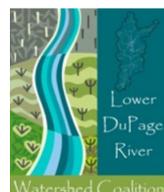
**9. Conservation@Home-** We promote native landscaping and rainwater harvesting (rain barrels). C@H recognizes property owners who have taken steps to help conserve water and reduce stormwater runoff.



**10. Awards-** We present annual Clean Water and Low Sodium Community awards to recognize and encourage excellence in wastewater treatment and chloride reduction efforts.

**11. Policy and Legislation-** We support local, state and federal legislation that protects our rivers and streams from degradation, improves water quality and provides access for recreational pursuits, while respecting private property rights.

**12. Research-** We partner with the DuPage River Salt Creek Workgroup and the Lower DuPage River Watershed Coalition to conduct comprehensive basin assessments to better understand problems in our streams and recommend cost effective solutions.



DuPage River Salt Creek Workgroup