



The Land Conservancy of McHenry County

Woodstock, IL

The Land Conservancy of McHenry County (TLC) is an accredited nonprofit local land trust working with stakeholders to preserve open, natural and agricultural land resources in McHenry County, IL, in operation since 1991. TLC accomplishes its goals through the efforts of a small staff of trained ecologists and industry professionals, an active Board of community professionals, dedicated members and passionate volunteers.

TLC's diverse programs include:

Natural Habitat Preservation:

- **Conservation Easements**—facilitated donations of 98 privately owned parcels preserving 2,228 acres of land. Development rights are held by TLC in perpetuity. Conservation easements often receive property tax reductions for private owners.
- **TLC Nature Preserves**—as of 2024, TLC owns and manages eight sites open to the public, totaling 980 acres of protected and restored woods, wetlands and natural habitats. Sites are maintained by stewards and staff who guide volunteer restoration efforts.
- **Project Quercus**—encourages awareness and dedication to planting and preserving oaks as a keystone species supporting large numbers of flora and fauna.

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Community Education:

- Conservation@Home and Conservation@Work—low-cost, on-site evaluation and recommendations for native plant landscaping for homes and businesses.
- Lectures and Presentations—about conservation topics are offered countywide.
- Training—for safe power equipment use and burning activities.
- TLC YouTube Channel—variety of free videos encourage conservation awareness.
- TLC Website & Social Media—up-to-date news and information in text and photos.
- CLIP (Conservation Leadership Intern Program)—offers summer hands-on training for environmentalist students with a focus on women/minority applicants.
- Women Caring for the Land Learning Circles—aids women in agriculture to promote sustainable land use, increase productivity and offer social connections.

Innovative Land Use Projects:

- Apple Creek Food Forest—TLC site demonstrating sustainable edible, perennial plants, trees and shrubs.
- Farmer/Landowner Lease Match—pairing small acreage landowners with users.
- Carbon Credits—calculated for select TLC sites to attract corporate investment.

TLC is Privately Funded: *TLC receives no dedicated public tax funding support.*

- TLC Annual Memberships—support offers bi-monthly newsletter, social gatherings, volunteer opportunities and discounts on event tickets and native plants.
- Charitable Donations and Grants—fund a wide variety of programs and events.
- Open Space Stewardship Services—TLC help is contracted by municipal entities.
- Fundraisers—include fall's Art of the Land, spring's Annual Celebration and Spring & Fall Native Plant Sustainability Sales.
- TLC Merchandise—promotes conservation awareness with natural comfort.

To find out more, visit www.ConserveMC.org and join us today!

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