

# Protect, Preserve and Expand our Green Legacy: Marquette Greenway Trail



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## REGIONAL GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE

Our region's communities are connected through a network of open spaces and natural areas — greenways and trails, wetlands, parks and forest preserves — from southeastern Wisconsin through Illinois to northwestern Indiana.

A century ago, Daniel Burnham and Edward Bennett unveiled their Plan of Chicago, a framework for growth in the greater Chicago area. Their vision included a network of forest preserve districts, open spaces and trails that laid the foundation for the green infrastructure that so enriches the quality of life in our three-state Chicago metropolis.

## GREEN LEGACY PROJECTS

One of the priority goals of the Burnham Plan Centennial is to make real progress in closing important gaps in the region's green infrastructure, and to build momentum for creating the nation's greenest region during the next 100 years. Across the metropolitan area, the Burnham Plan Centennial and the nonprofit organization Openlands have identified more than 20 "Green Legacy" projects that close some of these critical gaps. When completed, these projects will help to:

- Complete Our Region's Trail System
- Connect Us to Our Rivers and Streams
- Expand Neighborhood Green Space
- Protect Our Shoreline
- Preserve Regionally Significant Open Space

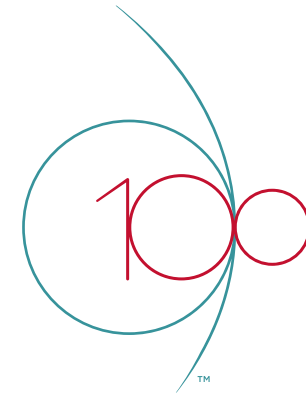
## MARQUETTE GREENWAY TRAIL

The 50-mile Marquette Greenway Trail will eventually link communities, major parks and a wide variety of cultural, natural and economic assets. The Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission and the Indiana Department of Natural Resources' Coastal Program, in conjunction with the Northwest Indiana Regional Planning Association, are announcing on October 29 a plan to close a 9-mile gap separating two units of the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore. This will contribute to the Green Legacy goals of preserving regionally significant open space, and completing our trail system.

The Marquette Trail is a key component of the visionary and ambitious Marquette Plan. This project will have major regional impact, implementing a broader "lakeshore reinvestment strategy" that includes proposals for green space and trails for recreation, environmental quality improvements and community development. By building on the rich, natural legacy of northwestern Indiana, the Marquette Plan offers a vision in which nature and industry — and the "old" and "new" economies — work together to create a sustainable future and a major enhancement of the metropolitan region's green infrastructure.



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The Marquette Greenway Trail partners include the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission, the Lake Michigan Coastal Program and the Indiana Planning Association. All of the Burnham Plan Centennial Green Legacy Projects build on many years of hard work by civic organizations, community residents, foundations and government. They are the enduring legacy of Daniel Burnham's Plan of Chicago, are critical to the long-term health of the region, and serve as catalysts for improving our quality of life over the next 100 years.

For more information about the Burnham Plan Centennial and its Green Legacy Projects visit

# BURNHAM PLAN CENTENNIAL GREEN LEGACY PROJECTS

- **COMPLETE OUR REGION'S TRAIL SYSTEM**
  - Burnham Greenway
  - Calumet-Sag Trail
  - Fox River Trail
  - Kankakee Riverfront Trail
  - Marquette Greenway Trail
  - Old Plank Road Trail
  
- **CONNECT US TO OUR RIVERS AND STREAMS**
  - Chicago Riverwalk
  - Little Calumet River Water Trail
  
- **EXPAND NEIGHBORHOOD GREEN SPACE**
  - Bloomington Trail
  - Englewood New ERA Trail
  
- **PROTECT OUR SHORELINE**
  - Lake Michigan Water Trail
  - Last 4 Miles
  - Marquette Plan
  - Openlands Lakeshore Preserve
  - Waukegan Lakefront
  
- **PRESERVE OPEN SPACE**
  - Calumet Open Space Reserve
  - Deer Grove Preserve
  - Hack-ma-tack Reserve
  - Kankakee Sands
  - Lockport-Joliet Heritage Park
  - Midwin National Tallgrass Prairie
  - Rock Run Greenway
  
- Existing and Proposed Trails
  
- Water Trails
  
- Green Infrastructure

