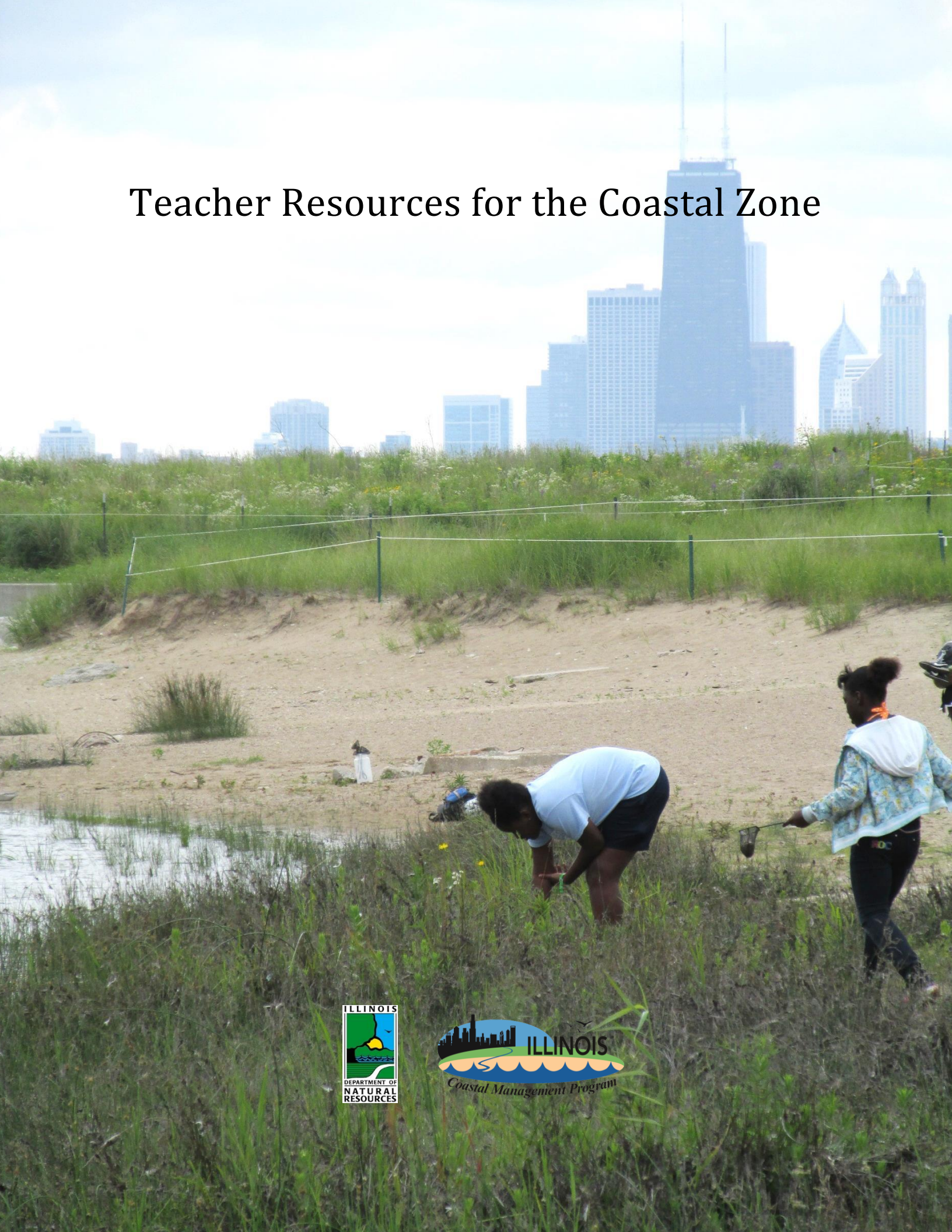


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Field Trip Locations

Most field trip locations listed below are in the Coastal Zone, with a few exceptions. Locations near the Coastal Zone that have nature centers were included. Please talk with the designated person for each site to arrange for bus parking and lunch locations, if needed. All sites with staff available to lead field trips are noted. If you would like to visit a location that does not have staff available to lead the trip for you, but aren't sure what to do with your students at a site, see Additional Resources at the end of this document for ideas.

Cook County

Chicago Park District Sites

For all sites except North Park Village Nature Center, contact Julianne Ohmes or Kathleen Soler to set up a field trip. For North Park Village Nature Center, contact Julie Sacco. Field trips led by CPD staff can be scheduled at Northerly Island and North Park Village Nature Center.

Julianne Ohmes	312-745-2910	Julianne.Ohmes@ChicagoParkDistrict.com
Kathleen Soler	312-550-6150	Kathleen.Soler@ChicagoParkDistrict.com
Julie Sacco	312-744-5472	Julianne.Sacco@chicagoparkdistrict.com

Big Marsh

Habitat types: wetlands

Burnham Prairies and McCormick Bird Sanctuary

Habitat types: prairies, grasslands

Canal Origins Park

Habitat types: prairies, grasslands

Foster Beach

Habitat types: dunes

Gompers Wetlands

Habitat types: wetlands

Hegewisch Marsh

Habitat types: wetlands

Humboldt Wetlands

Habitat types: wetlands

Jackson Dune (63rd Street Beach)

Habitat types: dunes

Kathy Osterman Beach

Habitat types: dunes

Loyola Dune Habitat, Loyola Park

Habitat types: dunes

Montrose Beach Dunes and Montrose Point

Habitat types: dunes, prairies, grasslands

North Avenue Beach (Lincoln Park)

Habitat types: dunes

North Park Village Nature Center

Habitat types: prairies, grasslands

Northerly Island

Habitat types: prairies, grasslands

Rainbow Dune Habitat

Habitat types: dunes

Ridge Park Wetlands

Habitat types: wetlands

South Shore Beach and South Shore Prairie and Grassland

Habitat types: dunes, prairies, grasslands

Van Vlissingen Prairie

Habitat types: prairies, grasslands

Forest Preserves of Cook County

Nature Center staff is available to lead field trips.

Jacob Huffman 708-868-0606

jacob.huffman@cookcountyil.gov

Sand Ridge Nature Center

Habitat types: woodland, prairie, wetland

Special topic: local geology

Friends of the Parks Sites

Friends of the Parks will lead field trips and have funds to cover bussing.

Nicole Machuca 312-857-2757 machucan@fotp.org

Montrose Beach

Habitat types: dunes, prairies, grasslands

Illinois Department of Natural Resources Sites

Chris Rollins 773-646-3270 christopher.rollins@illinois.gov

William Powers

Habitat types: woodlands, wetlands, lake/aquatic

Shedd Aquarium Great Lake Action Days Sites

Field trips with the Shedd Aquarium are led by staff. Bus funding available where needed.

Reid Bogert 312-692-2739 rbogert@sheddaquarium.org

12th Street Beach

Habitat types: dunes

63rd Street Beach

Habitat types: dunes

Lake County

Illinois Department of Natural Resources Sites

Illinois Beach State Park

Saki Villalobos 847-662-4811 Saki.Villalobos@Illinois.gov

Habitat types: prairies, dunes, wetlands, woodlands, savannas

Note: Nature Center Closed - Trails open

North Point Marina

Dave Suthard 847-746-2845 David.Suthard@Illinois.gov

Habitat types: dunes

Lake County Forest Preserve District Sites

Field trips led by District staff are available. Certain programs involve fees, which vary based on program and residency.

Reservation Line 847-968-3321

Fort Sheridan

Habitat types: woodlands, bluffs, ravines

Greenbelt

Habitat types: oak groves, wetlands, prairies

Lyons Woods

Habitat types: prairies, savannas, woodlands, fens

Middlefork Savanna

Habitat types: wetlands, prairies, savannas

Ryerson Conservation Area and Welcome Center

Habitat types: woodlands

Park District of Highland Park Sites

Park District staff will lead field trips and have a variety of programs available that can be tailored to your needs.

Jessica Reyes 847-579-4183 jreyes@pdhp.org

Heller Nature Center

Habitat types: wetlands, woodlands, prairies, savannas

Rosewood Beach Interpretive Center

Habitat types: woodlands, bluffs, lake/aquatic

Shedd Aquarium Great Lake Action Days Sites

Field trips with the Shedd Aquarium are led by staff. Bus funding available where needed.

Reid Bogert 312-692-2739 rbogert@sheddaquarium.org

Illinois Beach State Park

Habitat types: prairies, dunes, wetlands, woodlands, savannas

Openlands Lakeshore Preserve

Habitat types: woodlands, bluffs, ravines

Zion Park District

Kay Petersen 847-746-5500 ext 426 kpetersen@zionparkdistrict.org

Hosah Park

Habitat types: prairies, dunes, wetlands, woodlands, savannas

Additional Resources

Adopt-a-Beach

Alliance for the Great Lakes

How-To Guide for Educators

Katie Larson klarson@greatlakes.org

<http://www.greatlakes.org/document.doc?id=1530>

Chicago River Schools Network

Friends of the Chicago River

Free river education resources, service learning opportunities and field trips for K-12 schools within the Chicago River watershed

Betsy Hands bhands@chicagoriver.org or mhauser@chicagoriver.org

<http://www.chicagoriver.org/programs/education-and-outreach/chicago-river-schools-network>

Earth Force

The Field Museum

Engages 6th-8th graders as active citizens who improve the environment and their communities now and in the future

Angie Viands aviands@fieldmuseum.org

<https://www.fieldmuseum.org/at-the-field/programs/earth-force>

LCFPD's Educational Resources

Lake County Forest Preserve District

Programs provided, grants available, pre and post activities

<http://www.lcfd.org/education/resources/>

Great Lakes in My World

Alliance for the Great Lakes

Great Lakes focused curriculum

Katie Larson klarson@greatlakes.org

<http://www.greatlakes.org/glimw>

Mighty Acorns

The Field Museum

Science curriculum for grades 3-5 connecting students to their local habitats, meets Common Core and Next Generation Science Standards

Meghan Forseth mforseth@fieldmuseum.org

<http://www.mightyacorns.org/>

Underwater Detective Program

Underwater Archaeological Society of Chicago

Learn about shipwrecks and survey like a real underwater archaeologist

Gene Hasiak genoinstr@yahoo.com

<http://www.uaschicago.org/underwaterdetectives>

Urban Treehouse

The Student Conservation Association

Free environmental education programs that come to you

Diane Sanborn dsanborn@thesca.org

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