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May 21, 2002

Ms. Deb Nelson, District Heritage Biologist
Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources
Office of Resource Conservation
110 James Road
Spring Grove, IL 60081

**Subject: Grant Completion Report
Wildlife Preservation Fund Grant #02-008W**

Dear Deb:

In accordance with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources Wildlife Preservation Fund Grant # 02-008W, dated June 15, 2001 to Lake Bluff Open Lands Association (LBOLA) entitled; "Reseeding of Prairie Remnant - Lake Bluff Forest Preserve" to be used for in conjunction with LBOLA's "Open Lands Day" which concentrated on a native plant planting and re-seeding effort, we submit our report as detailed in the agreement. Per the reporting requirements specified in the grant agreement, please find enclosed six copies of this report and a completed pay request certification form.

In summary, this "Open Lands Day" appears by all accounts to have been a great success. LBOLA's Spring 2002 Newsletter was distributed throughout the village announcing our "Open Lands Day" activities which brought out approximately one dozen citizen volunteers. In addition to the newsletter, an article announcing award of the grant was published in the local paper, the "Lake Forester". (Copies of both announcements are included as Appendix A).

Aided by an additional one dozen Middle School students, volunteers "plugged" away at planting hundreds deep-rooted native grasses and forbs in the project area. (A location map has been provided in Appendix B). The project area has been a priority for LBOLA and preserve users alike after being identified as a worthy restoration candidate from a previous 1998 IDNR Small Project Program funded site inventory that was prepared by Dr. Wayne Schenum for the 80-acre Lake Bluff Forest preserve.

Prior to the planting and earlier this year, LBOLA in cooperation with the Lake County Forest Preserve District (LCFPD) and U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, had expanded the prairie remnant with a local landscaping contractor who cut and removed the non-native buckthorn and honeysuckle thicket that was encroaching on the area. Earlier in the spring, locally supplied prairie seed from the LCFPD was sown into the project area.

The plants were sited into the previously cleared areas, as native vegetation was lacking due to the dense non-native canopy that formerly shaded the bare ground. After the plugs had been planted, a cover crop of eight pounds of Canada Wild Rye was sowed into the project area to hopefully suppress weeds from overtaking the area and provide fuel for a future prescribed burn. Throughout the morning, volunteers were offered food and refreshments as we sensed that our efforts had made a significant improvement in the effort to expand and preserve the prairie remnant. Photographs from "Open Lands Day" are also included as Appendix C with this report.

Listed below is the cumulative line item budget detailing the various expenses and use of grant money.

<i>Expense Description</i>	<i>LBOLA expense</i>
<u>Commodities</u>	
Natural Garden Plant materials	\$1,114.73
Prairie Nursery seed	\$136.00
Hild & Associates	\$240.00
<u>Other</u>	
Volunteer Hospitality	\$25-30 (no receipts available)

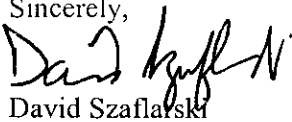
Labor
All labor supplied was volunteer

Total	\$1,515.73	<u>Original projected project cost was \$1,400.00</u>
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Illinois Wildlife Preservation
Funds Requested \$650.00
LBOLA Funds Provided \$865.73
Copies of invoices have been included as Appendix D.

If you need any additional information concerning the above listed expenditures our records are fully available for your review. Please do not hesitate to call us at the telephone number listed on our letterhead. On behalf of LBOLA, we greatly appreciate this grant award from the IDNR as it went a long way in helping to supplement our local restoration efforts in and around our community. Thanks for your support for this successful restoration effort.

Sincerely,



David Szaflarski
Treasurer & Land Manager
LBOLA

Enclosure (pay request)

appendix "a"
idnr newspaper announcement
&
lbola newsletter

Matching grant given to LBOLA

Lake Bluff Open Lands Association (LBOLA) is pleased to announce the award of a matching grant from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, IDNR Small Grants Program for the restoration of the 'Birch Prairie' located in the eastern most corner of the Lake County Forest Preserve's Lake Bluff Preserve.

Lake Forest / Lake Bluff border between Green Bay Road and the Skokie River.

During a previous IDNR funded site inventory of the Lake Bluff Preserve, the Birch Prairie was identified by local naturalist Dr. Wayne Schennum as a rare native prairie remnant.

In cooperation with the Lake County Forest Preserve, funding from this IDNR grant will be used to reseed and transplant native wildflowers and grasses in areas of the Birch Prairie where LBOLA's recent volunteer restoration efforts have concentrated.

The Lake Bluff Preserve, an 80 acre site including ancient bur oak forest, wetlands, prairie and a man-made lake designed by renowned turn of the century landscape architect Jens Jenson, straddles the

LETTERS


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Liquor Commissioner. Chris campaigned unsuccessfully for the U.S. House seat (10th District) now held by Mark Kirk. He believes in his

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SPRING 2002 NEWSLETTER

LBOLA Warline 735-8137

President's Message

It has been another eventful winter in the LBOLA preserves. Winter is the time for us to take advantage of both frozen ground and the dormancy of our native plants to make major inroads into the clearing of brush so that our 'open' lands can become and remain that way.

One of our most visible projects to date, as well as the most dramatic restorations we've been involved with occurred at **Central School** where, over the span of just two Saturday workdays, some 50 volunteers contributed clearing of non-native, invasive brush from the woods to the south of the School. **Cathy** and the workers prior to this worked with **Super Mike Sullivan** and **Cathy**.

I look forward to seeing you out walking and enjoying nature at one of our preserves or during a Saturday workday listed on the back of this newsletter. Thanks for your support.

-Larry McCotter

2002 Open Lands Day To Be Held At The Birch Prairie

This year's Open Lands Day will be May 4th and will be held at the Birch Prairie which is part of our Lake County Forest Preserve property.

We'll plan to meet at 9:00 AM in the western-most portion of the Harrison Conference Center parking lot. Once assembled, we'll take a short hike to the newly expanded Birch Prairie where we'll plant over 1000 native grasses and forbs (wildflowers) to enhance the newly cleared portions of this birch-lined ancient prairie remnant.

As in previous years, Open Lands Day will be a special science project for Waller Caldwell's L.B. 8th graders, however family participation is most warmly welcomed.



Lake Bluff Open Lands Association Board Of Directors

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Spring Birdwalk At Skokie Preserve

Again this year, our Spring Birdwalk will be led by Jeff Sundburg, Cliff Miller and Jim Steffan and held at the Skokie Preserve. Last year we were impressed with the Skokie's variety of birds and the change of scenery. Please note that, due to parking difficulties at JAWA, this event will begin at the western-most parking lot at the **Harrison Conference Center**. And never fear - our birdwalk, scheduled for September 14th will be back at Crab Tree Farm.

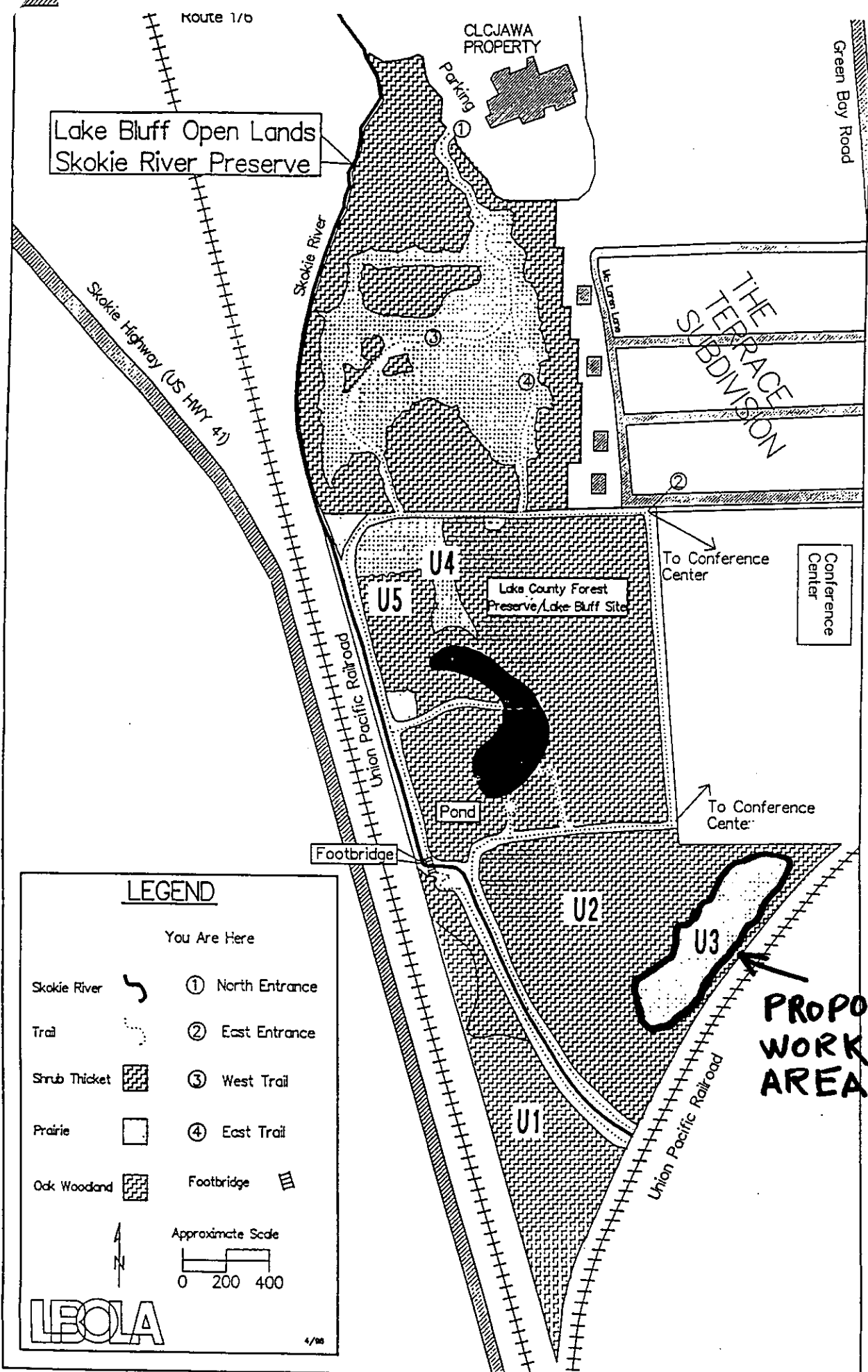
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study of the property, Dr. Wayne the Lake Bluff Site is a critical ecological between the adjoining Skokie River Preserve on the south." "This natural area will make a significant contribution to biodiversity preservation in the Chicago Region."

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appendix "b"
location maps

FIGURE 2 LAKE BLUFF SITE STUDY UNITS



LEGEND

You Are Here

Skokie River		① North Entrance
Trail		② East Entrance
Shrub Thicket		③ West Trail
Prairie		④ East Trail
Oak Woodland		Footbridge

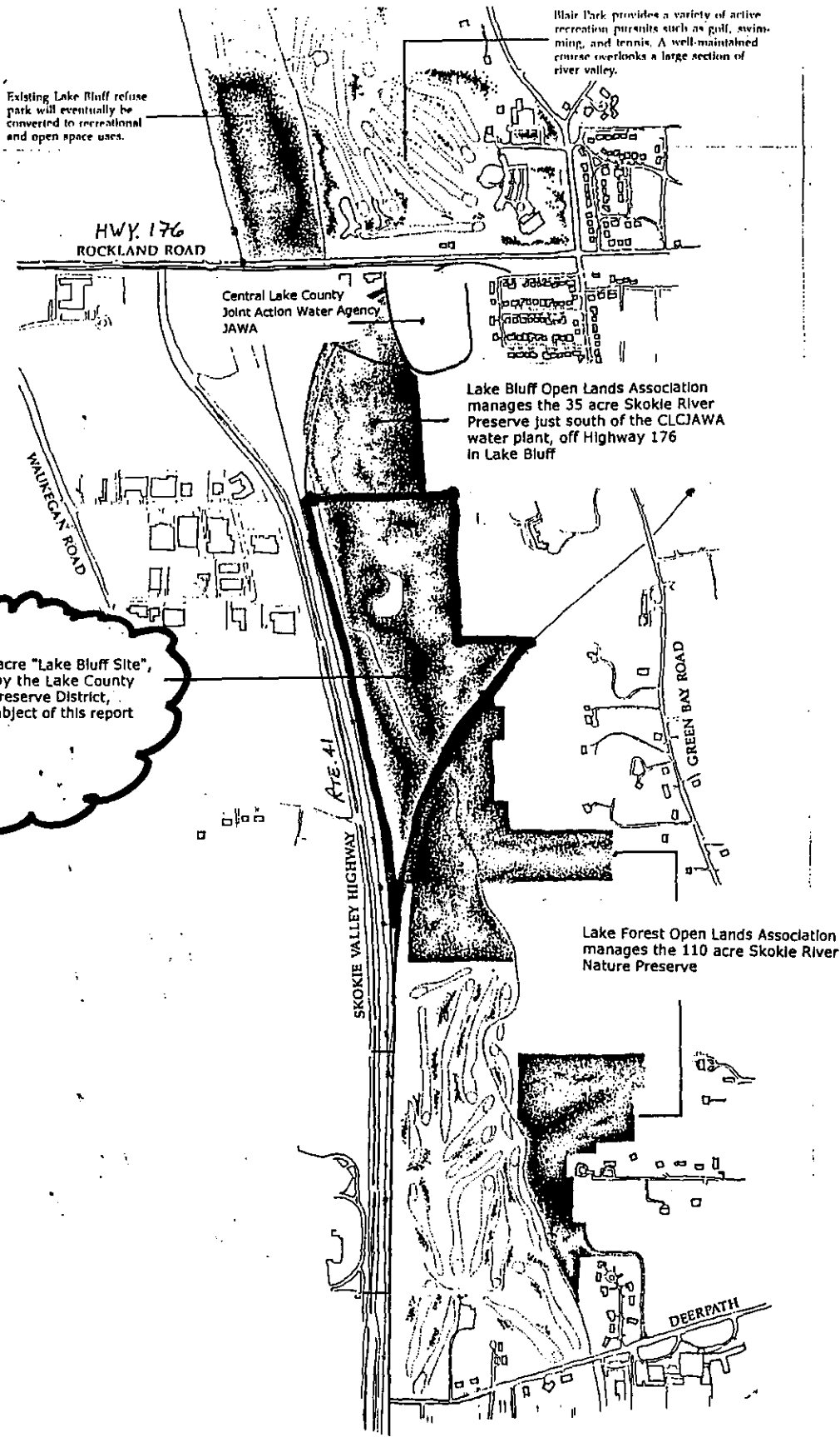
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Figure 1. Skokie River Natural Areas



Blair Park provides a variety of active recreation pursuits such as golf, swimming, and tennis. A well-maintained course overlooks a large section of river valley.

Existing Lake Bluff refuse park will eventually be converted to recreational and open space uses.

HWY. 176
ROCKLAND ROAD

Central Lake County
Joint Action Water Agency
JAWA

Lake Bluff Open Lands Association
manages the 35 acre Skokie River
Preserve just south of the CLCJAWA
water plant, off Highway 176
in Lake Bluff

WALDEGAN ROAD

The 80 acre "Lake Bluff Site",
owned by the Lake County
Forest Preserve District,
is the subject of this report

SKOKIE VALLEY HIGHWAY
AVE. 41

GREEN BAY ROAD

Lake Forest Open Lands Association
manages the 110 acre Skokie River
Nature Preserve

DEERPETH

The proposed East Skokie River Reserve
stretches from Deerpath Road in
Lake Forest, northward to Highway
176 in Lake Bluff.

Including open lands contiguous to
the Skokie River such as the Onwentsia,
Deerpath and Lake Bluff golf courses,
the East Skokie River Reserve represents
a habitat corridor 4 miles long.

appendix "c"
photographs



*Open Lands Day
volunteers
"plugging" away
on May 5, 2002*



close up of plug



tools



a flat of forbs



"pluggers" plugging



Lake Bluff natives
planting natives.



appendix "d"
copies of invoices

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0	BO Aster praeltus / Willow Aster	2.5"	\$1.30	\$0.00
	96 requested N/A			
0	BO Liatris spicata / Marsh Blazing Star	2.5"	\$1.45	\$0.00
	96 requested N/A			
21	Lysimachia quadriflora / Narrow-leaved Loosestrife	2.5"	\$1.25	\$26.25
5	Lysimachia quadriflora / Narrow-leaved Loosestrife	2.5"	\$1.25	\$6.25
	questionable availability			
32	Penstemon digitalis / Foxglove Beard Tongue	2.5"	\$1.25	\$40.00
64	Phlox glabberima interior / Marsh Phlox	2.5"	\$1.45	\$92.80
128	Silphium terebinthinaceum / Prairie Dock	2.5"	\$1.25	\$160.00
32	Solidago graminifolia / Grass-leaved Goldenrod	2.5"	\$1.25	\$40.00
32	Solidago juncea / Early Goldenrod	2.5"	\$1.25	\$40.00
32	Solidago riddellii / Riddell's Goldenrod	2.5"	\$1.25	\$40.00
32	Solidago rigida / Stiff Goldenrod	2.5"	\$1.25	\$40.00
128	Veronicastrum virginicum / Culver's Root	2.5"	\$1.25	\$160.00
1	Athyrium niponicum 'Pictum' / Japanese Painted Fern	GAL	\$4.75	\$4.75
0	Cystopteris bulbifera / Bulblet Fern	HG	\$4.75	\$0.00
1	Matteuccia pensylvanica / Ostrich Fern	GAL	\$4.75	\$4.75
6	Eupatorium rugosum / White Snake Root	2.5"	\$1.25	\$7.50

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LARRY*
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