

PARTNERS IN COMMUNITY FORESTRY

2024 CONFERENCE



Active Engagement

A Web Tree of Opportunity for Volunteers



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AGENDA:

Openlands

Urban and Community Forestry at Openlands

TreeKeepers Program

L.E.A.F Model

Defining Success

Openlands Mission

Founded in 1963, Openlands protects the natural and open spaces of northeastern Illinois and the surrounding region to ensure cleaner air and water, protect natural habitats and wildlife and help balance and enrich our lives.



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conserving nature for life

Openlands Forestry Programs

TREEKEEPERS

COMMUNITY
TREE PLANTING

ADVOCACY

WORKFORCE
DEVELOPMENT



“ To have people value the urban forest and actively care and advocate for it ”

TreeKeepers

- 35 year old program
- Certified 2K residents, industry professionals and other 'arbor-curious' residents.
- 4 week course that consists of virtual and in person learning, roleplaying, technical skill practicals and a final exam
- Taught by regional urban forestry professionals- consulting arborists, City Foresters, USFS, commercial tree care professionals, social/environmental scientists, community organizers, and



Learn!
Experience!
Activate!
Foster!

LEARN

TreeKeepers Course, Trees, Tree ID,
Pruning, Planting, Outreach, Advocate,
Stewardship, Continuing Education



EXPERIENCE

Community Stewardship Days, Tree Plantings, Pruning Events, Tree Walks, Leadership Training, Inventory Days



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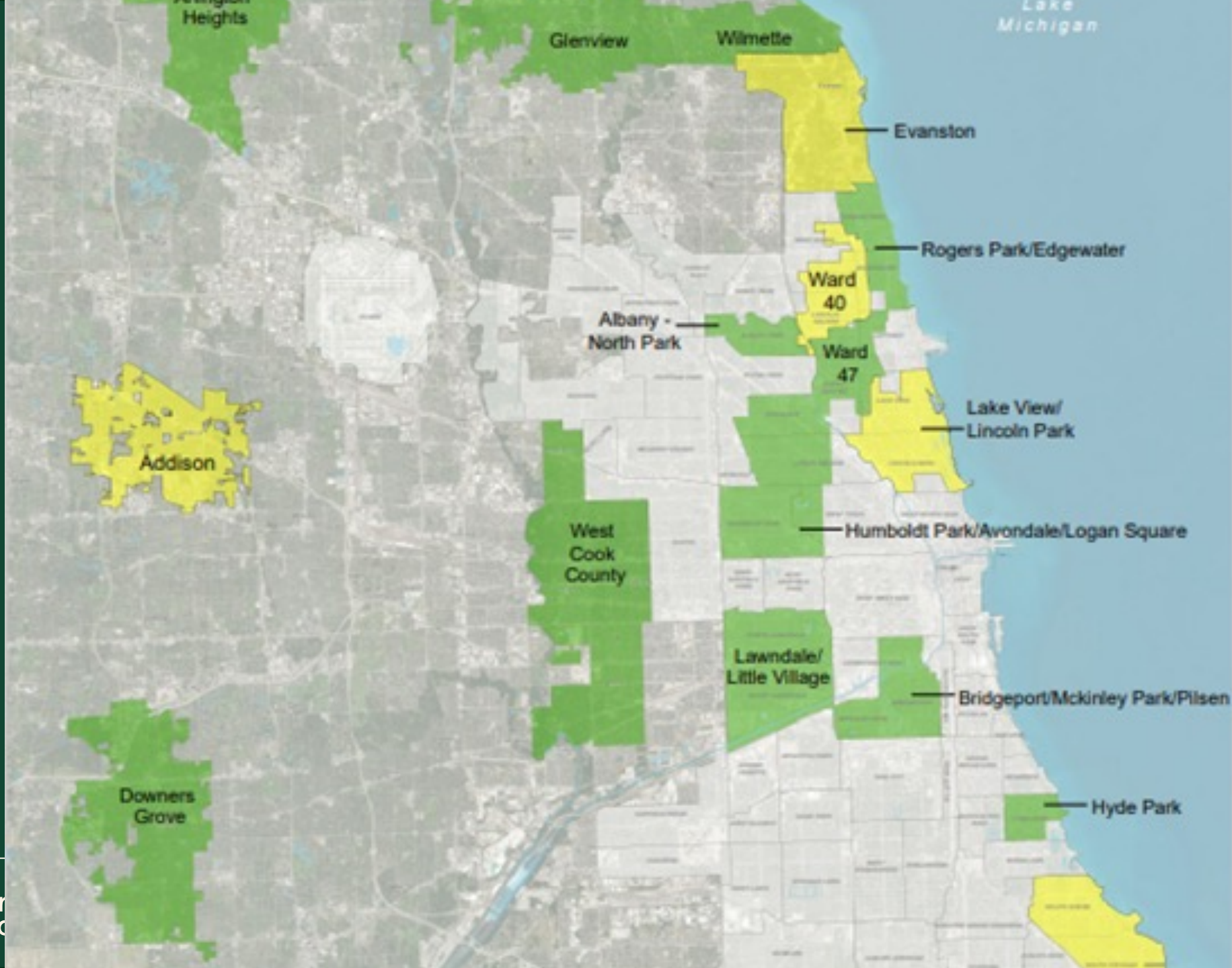
Host a TreePlanters Grant, Organize a Tree Walk, Run a Stewardship Day, Lead Events



FOSTER

Teach the TK Course, Engage with Elected Officials, Speak for the Trees, Recruit arbor-curious friends, start or join TK Chapter







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