



Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning

Project Name: Salt Creek Headwater Recovery Project

Grant Recipient: Save the Prairie Society

Project Location: West of the Wolf Road Prairie Nature Preserve, Western Cook County

Project Budget: Total Project Costs - \$153,300 / 319 Grant Amount\$50,000

Project Summary: The headwater tributary to Salt Creek in western Cook County, known as the Middle Fork, originates on Hickory Lane estates, a 60-acre subdivision located east and downstream of the 275-acre Hinsdale/Sexton Landfill and to the west of the Wolf Road Prairie Nature Preserve. The tributary and its watershed are impacted by water quality impairments such as urban runoff, stream channelization, erosion, sedimentation, siltation, pesticides, nutrients, salinity, pathogens, oil and grease, suspended solids, unknown toxicity, and ecological degradation of native ecosystem function. The Salt Creek Headwater Recovery Project addressed these issues by removing invasive brush, trees and weeds, introducing prescribed burns, establishing native grasses, sedges and forbs in propagation beds and along the streambank, and allowing the stream to re-meander naturally. The project also featured an educational component including signage, scheduled tours, programs, a brochure, and the development of the Headwater Recovery Project as a page on Save the Prairie Society's website: www.savetheprairiesociety.org.

