



The Prairie Enthusiasts

Northwest Illinois Chapter

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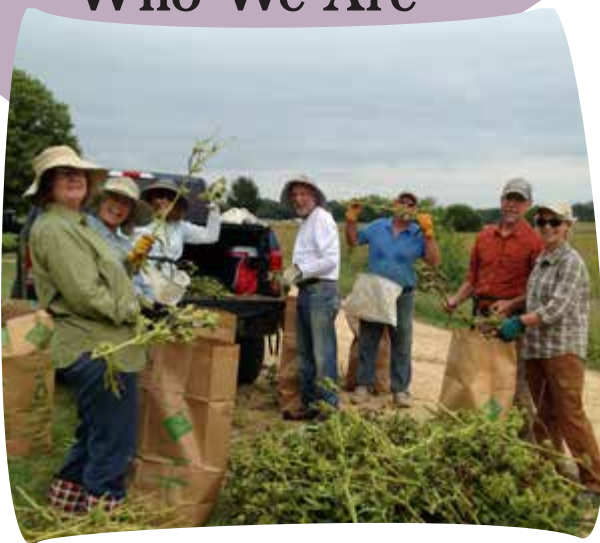
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Cover photo of sand prairie at Hanley Savanna.
By James Quick.



Jo Daviess, Stephenson, Carroll and
Whiteside Counties in Illinois

Who We Are



Volunteers collecting compass plant seeds.

By Pam Richards.

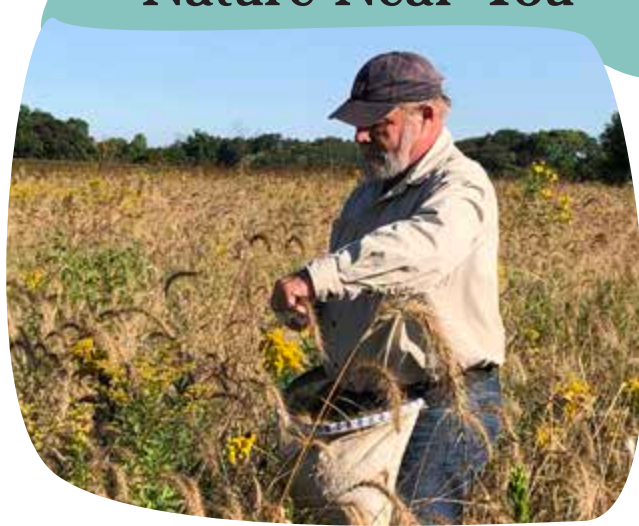
The Northwest Illinois Chapter is a grassroots community dedicated to protecting the rare prairies and savannas of Jo Daviess, Stephenson, Carroll and Whiteside Counties. We actively steward these threatened places through hands-on land management and provide education about these rare ecosystems.

Join us for a field trip to learn about native species and restoration efforts, gain experience with restoration equipment and techniques at a work party, and build connections with your community.

View from Hanley Savanna.

By Jeni Pearce.

Nature Near You



Volunteer Ed Strenski collecting Canada wild rye.

By Laura Dufford.

Less than 0.01% of Illinois' original prairie remains today, making the northwest region of the Prairie State one of the last strongholds for many rare plants and wildlife. Helping restore these unique habitats—from oak savannas teeming with grassland birds to sand prairies alive with butterflies—is your chance to re-connect with nature and give back to the land.

Whatever your interests or experience, we invite you to join us for an educational event or rewarding work day on the land. Volunteer activities may include removing invasive species, tending rare plant gardens, or collecting and processing native seed. Visit our website or scan the QR code on the back panel to get involved.

