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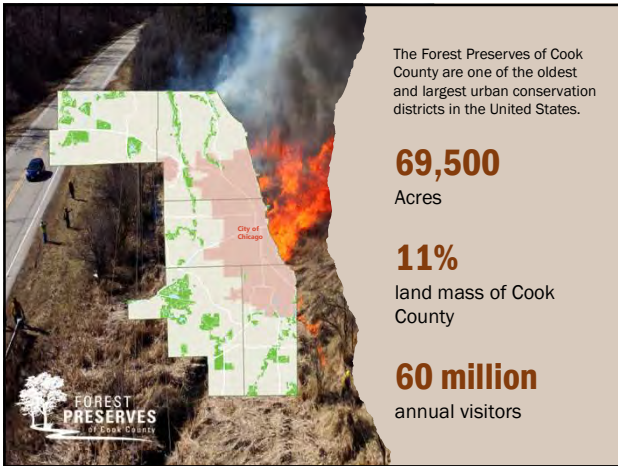
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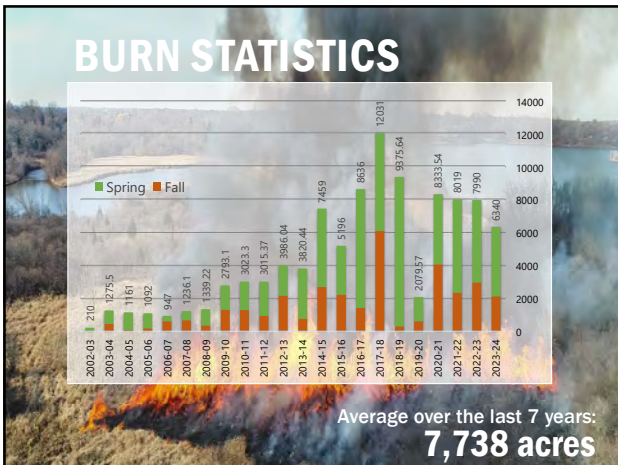
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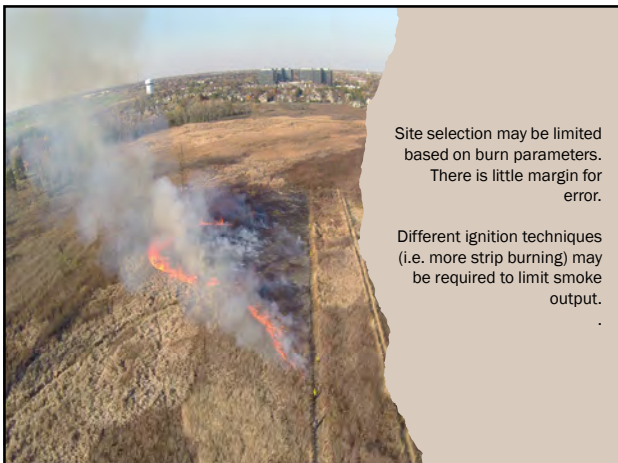


Smoke is our primary concern.

High levels of development mean you're never far from heavily populated areas that can be negatively impacted by smoke.

Disadvantaged communities

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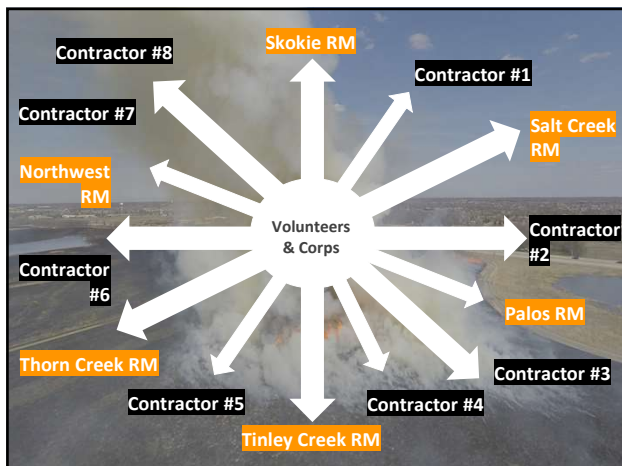
Site selection may be limited based on burn parameters. There is little margin for error.

Different ignition techniques (i.e. more strip burning) may be required to limit smoke output.

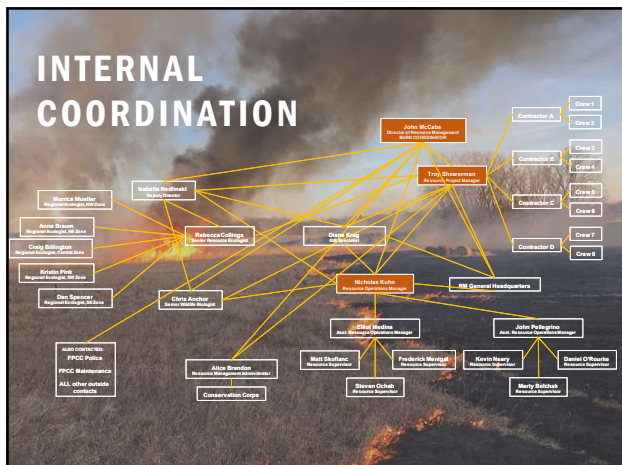
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AVAILABILITY CALENDAR

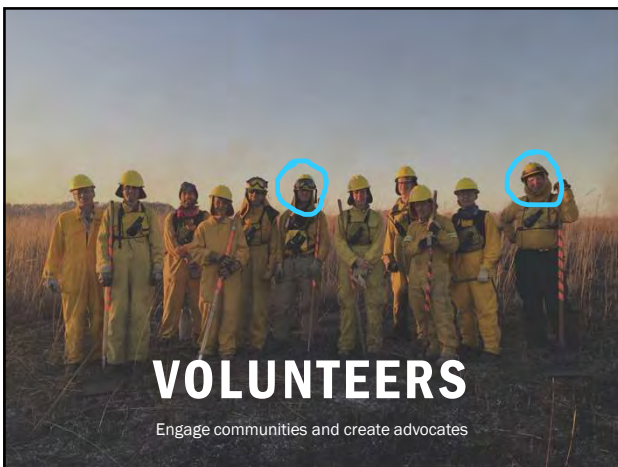
Prescribed Burn Availability
Fall 2022

Start: Tue, 11/1/2022
Display: Daily

Week	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Robert Goffe	IN	IN	IN	IN	IN	NO	NO	IN	IN	IN	IN	IN	IN	IN	IN	IN	IN	IN	IN	IN	IN	IN	IN	IN
Robert Goffe	IN	IN	IN	IN	IN	NO	NO	IN	IN	IN	IN	IN	IN	IN	IN	IN	IN	IN	IN	IN	IN	IN	IN	IN
Phil Prohaska	IN	IN	IN	IN	YES	YES	IN	IN	IN	IN	IN	IN	IN	IN	IN	IN	IN	IN	IN	IN	IN	IN	IN	IN
Robert Goffe	IN	IN	YES	YES	IN	IN	IN	IN	IN	YES	YES	IN	IN	IN	IN	IN	YES	YES	IN	IN	IN	IN	IN	YES
Blairon Dwyer-Hillenburg	IN	IN	IN	YES	YES	IN	IN	IN	IN	AN	AN	IN	IN	IN	IN	AN	AN	IN	IN	IN	IN	IN	AN	AN
Carl Filler	IN	IN	YES	YES	IN	IN	IN	IN	AN	AN	IN	IN	IN	IN	AN	AN	IN	IN	IN	IN	IN	IN	AN	AN
Charles Mills	IN	IN	NO	AN	IN	IN	IN	IN	AN	AN	IN	IN	IN	IN	AN	AN	IN	IN	IN	IN	IN	IN	AN	AN
Robert Goffe	IN	IN	YES	YES	IN	IN	IN	IN	AN	AN	IN	IN	IN	IN	AN	AN	IN	IN	IN	IN	IN	IN	AN	AN

Staff and Conservation Corps crews indicate their ongoing availability using a shared calendar. This allows crews to be constructed deployed more efficiently.

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VOLUNTEERS

Trained volunteers may participate on prescribed fires.

Must have NWCG S130/190 or be regionally certified through the Chicago Wilderness Ecological Prescription Burn Crew Member training.

Active total volunteers: 12,195
Rx burn certified: 176

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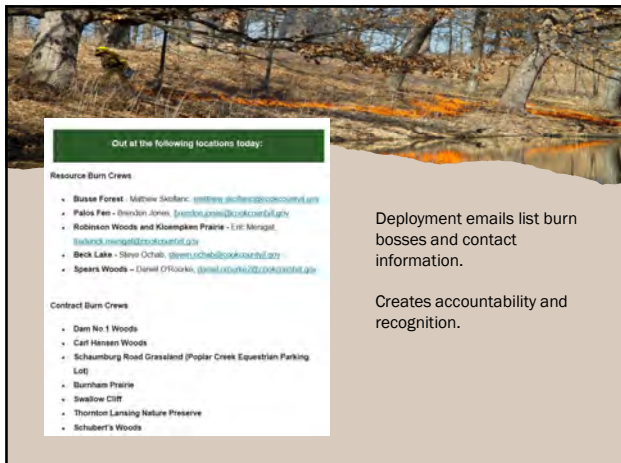


FIRE ON A SMALL SCALE

Brush pile burns and other small-scale fires can help desensitize communities to the sight of fire.

Demonstrates its usefulness in land management so the introduction of prescribed fire perhaps isn't so startling.

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Out at the following locations today:

Resource Burn Crews

- Buise Forest - Matthew Skellern: matthew.skellern@chicowilderness.org
- Palos Fee - Franklin Jones: franklin.jones@chicowilderness.org
- Robinson Woods and Klosempken Prairie - Eric Mengist: eric.mengist@chicowilderness.org
- Beck Lake - Steve Octab: steve.octab@chicowilderness.org
- Spears Woods - Daniel O'Rourke: daniel.orourke@chicowilderness.org

Contract Burn Crews

- Dam No 1 Woods
- Carl Hansen Woods
- Schaumburg Road Grassland (Poplar Creek Equestrian Parking Lot)
- Burnham Prairie
- Swallow Cliff
- Thornton Lansing Nature Preserve
- Schubert's Woods

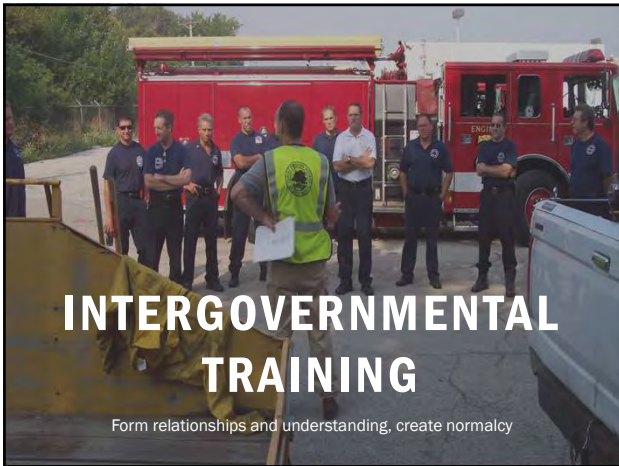
Deployment emails list burn bosses and contact information.

Creates accountability and recognition.

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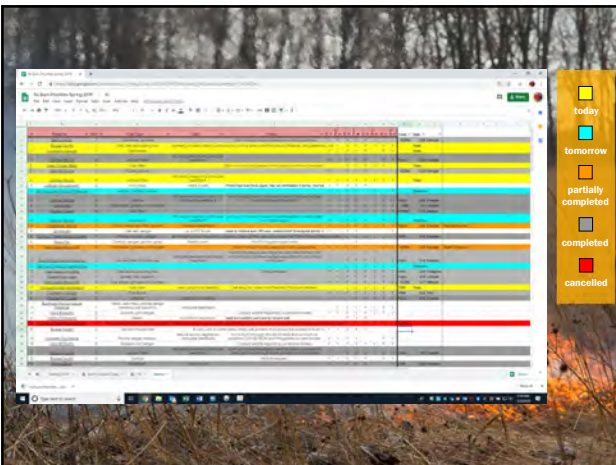


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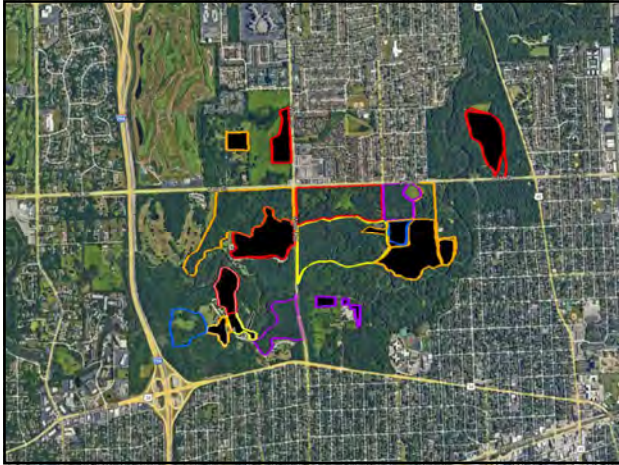
PRIORITIZATION (777 BURN UNITS)

Priority	Prevalence	Use	Plant Type	Plant	Notes	Priority	Prevalence	Use	Plant Type	Plant	Notes	Priority	Prevalence	Use	Plant Type	Plant	Notes	Priority	Prevalence	Use	Plant Type	Plant	Notes																
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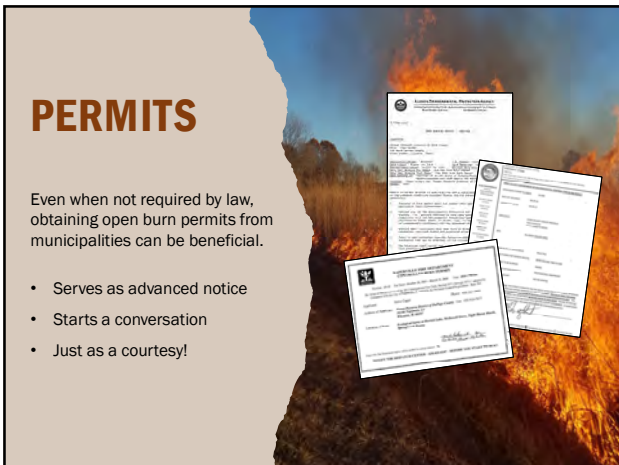
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 The image features a landscape photograph of a prescribed burn in progress. Overlaid on the bottom right is a green and white graphic with the text 'Forest Preserves of Cook County PRESCRIBED BURN SEASON'. Below this is a 'Fire Forecast' section dated 12-03-2022, which includes a 'Good morning Burners' greeting and a forecast for Sunday.

Volunteers, staff, and other interested parties are kept informed of prescribed burn activities through a daily newsletter.

Lists locations and procedures for helping out.

Keeping everyone is on the same page is key.

Fire Forecast
12-03-2022

Good morning Burners,

I hope you are enjoying this bright and sunny Saturday. All signs point to GC for Sunday fire activity. Winds have been consistently strong the past few days and light fuels are ready to go. Scattered winds and gusts are forecasted to remain strong tomorrow - so comes will be out of some of our more remote burn sites.

I'm sending this forecast out early because I also want to shamelessly plug -and invite you -to attend a really neat event that we are will be supporting this evening. The Skokie Burn Crew will be igniting a pretty impressive pile all the way at <https://www.facebook.com/skokieburncrew/>. [Click here](https://www.facebook.com/skokieburncrew/) to learn all the details about this event and a shuttle bus will bring you to the event. The event runs between 6pm and 8pm and is FREE of charge. If you are really into it, you can contribute.

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ONLINE ALERTS

Site-based alerts are added to our main webpage and interactive map daily.

New prescribed burn portal summarizes active prescribed burn locations and leads into information about why we burn.

Enable people to find as much information as possible on their own. Be transparent.

 The image shows a map of Cook County with several locations marked with red and green icons. A legend in the bottom right corner identifies the icons: 'Burn Alerts' (red circle), 'Burn Locations' (green circle), and 'Burn Sites' (yellow circle).

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Appendix A: Call Sheet - Willow Springs Woods

CONTACT	PHONE	ADDRESS	EMAIL	OTHER INFO
County				
City				
Street Address				
City				
State				
Zip				
County				
City				
Street Address				
City				
State				
Zip				

LOCAL POLICE & FIRE AGENCIES

Agency	Contact Person	Phone	Address	Notes

NEVADA DEPT AGENCIES

Agency	Contact Person	Phone	Address	Notes

DATE OF BURN: 06/04/2024
 BURN TIME: 08:00 AM
 BURN TYPE: PRESCRIBED BURN
 BURN AREA: 1000 SQ FT

Approved by: *[Signature]*
 Date: 06/04/2024

Each burn site has a custom call sheet used to inform local police & fire departments, Department of Environmental Control, and smoke-sensitive groups.

Calls are made the morning of the burn.

Updated constantly!

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SIGNAGE

Stand-up signs are posted on roadways and trails ahead of the burn site.

Signs are posted on site before and after a burn.

This is an opportunity to educate!

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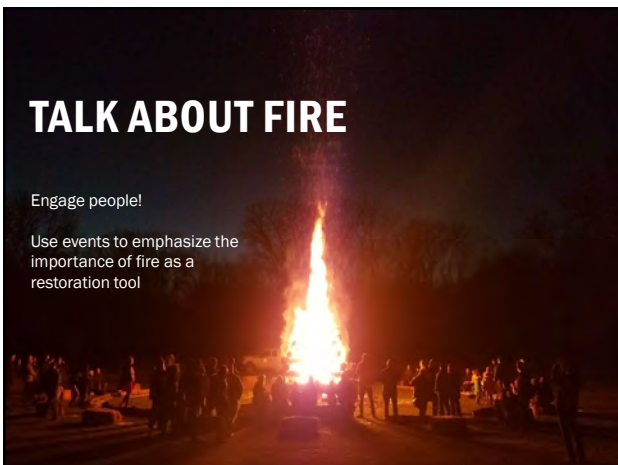
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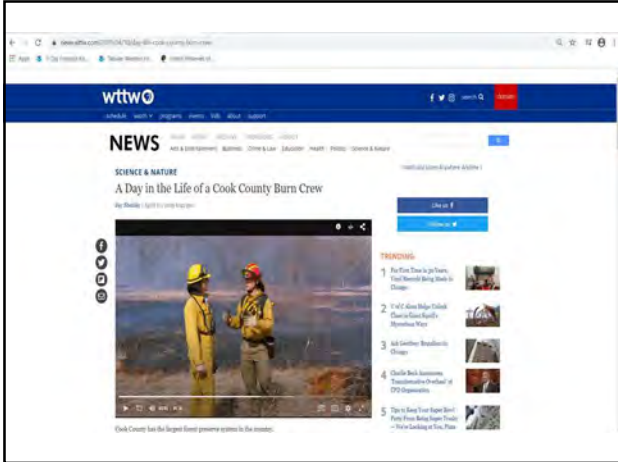
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FIRELINE CHATS

Members of the public are often encountered on the fire line.

Take the time to inform and educate—usually they're just curious!

Let them take photos and go home with a positive experience.

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CHALLENGES

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REPORTS

We produce annual burn summaries sharing progress and anecdotes.

Tell stories & connect



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A composite image featuring a top section with an aerial view of a field undergoing controlled burns, with orange flames and black smoke. Below this is a white text box with the heading "PROOF OF CONCEPT" and a paragraph: "In 2022, Cook County voters approved a tax referendum to support the Forest Preserves. Passed in every district with 69% of the vote across Cook County". To the right of the text is a smaller image of a forest with the text "Clean Air, Clean Water, and Wildlife Habitat Protection Referendum" and "November 8, 2022 Ballot".

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A photograph of a field of tall, dry grasses that are on fire, with bright orange and yellow flames rising into the air. In the bottom left corner, there is a circular profile picture of John McCabe and his contact information: "John McCabe, Director of Resource Management, Forest Preserves of Cook County, john.mccabe@cookcountyll.gov".

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