

“It is our collective and individual responsibility to protect and nurture the global family, to support its weaker members and to preserve and tend to the environment in which we all live.”

~ The Dalai Lama



For more information or to volunteer your time and talent to Oswego's Civilian Conservation Corps contact Dave Margolis, Natural Resource Manager, at 630.554.4439 or dmargolis@oswegolandpd.org.



Volunteer for Oswego's Environment



Join Oswego's Civilian Conservation Corps



Oswegoland Park Distict's Conservation Volunteer Program

The Civilian Conservation Corps was America's original call to natural resource action over 70 years ago. Today we uphold that legacy as the Park District works together with volunteers to build a healthier environment.

The Oswegoland Park District is the steward to over 600 acres of natural land. We need your help to protect and build upon the work of restoring prairies, wetlands, and woodlands throughout our district. As a volunteer you will gain new skills, work outdoors, meet new people, and become involved in this important mission.



Who May Volunteer?

Anyone may volunteer! Students 14 years and older may volunteer alone; children under the age of 14 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. As a volunteer you are limited only by the amount of service you are willing to offer. Volunteers who reach a designated number of hours will be honored with the Civilian Conservation Corps patch.

What will I be doing as a conservation volunteer?

There are many opportunities available to conservation volunteers including...



Planting new prairies, wetlands, and woodland sites throughout the district's vast array of watersheds, detention areas, and proposed re-created natural areas.



Removing invasive plant species that contribute to the loss of plant, animal, bird, and insect diversity.



Natural resource recovery work including native seed collection, processing, and plant propagation.



Performing school yard restoration projects that are changing traditional turf grass landscapes into native prairies, savannas, and wetlands to serve the students as outdoor, living classrooms.



Designing natural history exhibits and assisting with interpretation programs.



Assisting with educational programs within local schools.



Nursery operation and food pantry garden management.



General trail maintenance, litter patrol, and vandalism reporting.

