

Hunting Heritage Program

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Conservation Congress

Access Recommendation #2

- Develop a new program with a dedicated funding source to advocate and research new methods of expanding access on private land, including incentives for landowners.



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Access Recommendation #3

- Plan to purchase more land.



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Access Recommendation #6

- Produce outreach materials about current Illinois law, trespass law, and private property rights to inform individual users about their obligations and opportunities to approach private landowners about accessing their properties.



Conservation Congress Youth Recommendations

- Mentoring programs
- Market, promote and advertise
- Support outdoor activities
- Improve youth access



Department of Natural Resources Act 20 ILCS 801/1-15

- “...shall recognize, preserve, and promote our special heritage of recreational hunting and trapping by providing opportunities to hunt and trap in accordance with the Wildlife Code.



National Hunting Heritage Efforts

- Hunting Heritage Action Plan – Wildlife Management Institute
- Wildlife and Hunting Heritage Conservation Council - U.S. Departments of Interior and Agriculture



Hunting Heritage Program

- Develop the Conceptual Program
- Identify Funding Sources to Support the Program
- Establish and Fill a Staff Position to Support the Program
- Gathering Information to Assist Developing a Program (i.e., Human Dimension Studies)



Where do we go from here?

- Participate with the development of a Hunting Heritage Program and Plan
 - Form a Hunting Heritage Advisory Committee to advise the DNR on Plan development and provide oversight of Plan implementation
 - Start developing Plan objectives and strategies
 - Identify challenges to obtaining access to land
 - Assess the needs of targeted hunters/trappers
 - Identify and/or develop “best access practices” for public and/or private land

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