Final Report for Project Inner City

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FB Mission Statement

The scope of our mission is training youth through fishing and conservation programs.
We believe in the emotional, physical and psychological restorative powers of the Great Outdoors. We believe in the importance of exposing this philosophy to our youth.

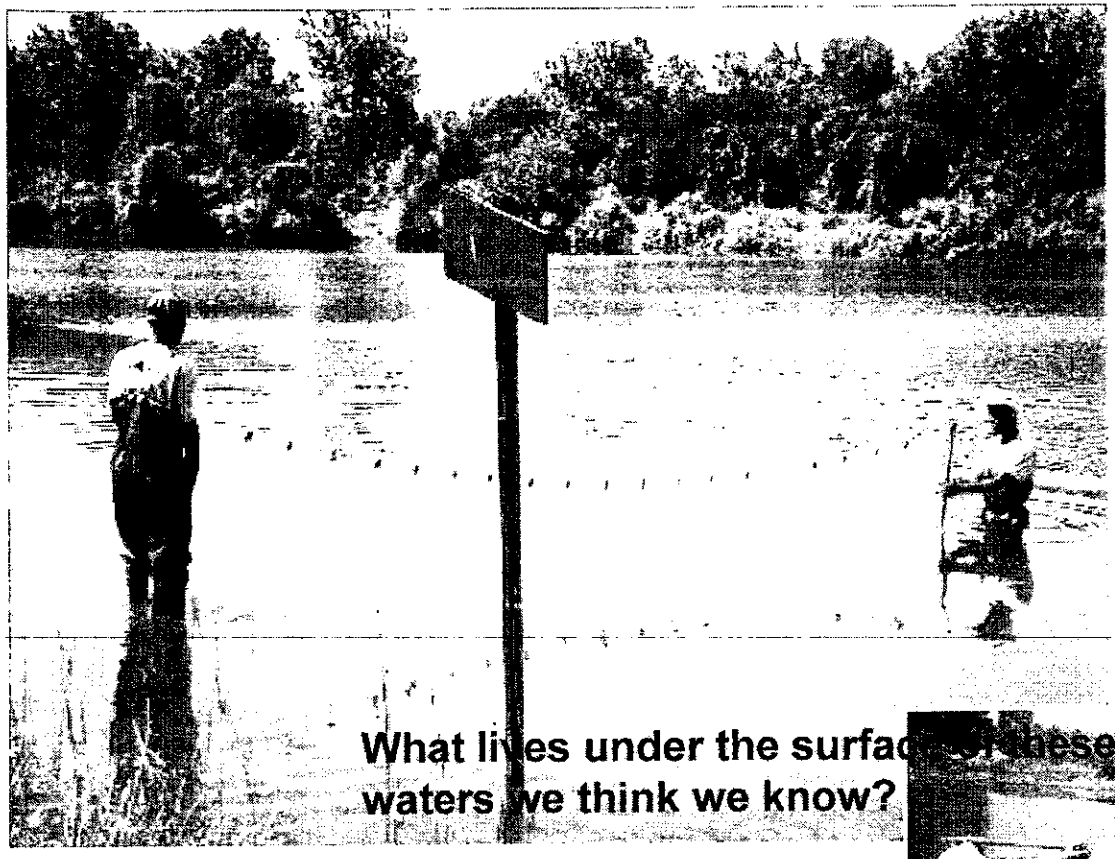
Materials and Methods

Conservation Kids cleared human introduced garbage and debris.
Clearing of ground habitat for forestry/prairie spring planting.
Removal of invasive species of plants and trees from restoration prairie and wetlands; buckthorn, hawthorn, purple loosestrife and garlic mustard.
Native animal and plant species studies and data collection.

Forest Preserve District of Cook County: Professional assistance and technical expertise.
U.S Fish & Wildlife Service: Professional assistance educational programs.
National Park Service: Professional assistance and educational programs.
Halsted Auto Sales & Service: Will provide transportation and maintain FB Transportation.
"FISHIN' BUDDIES!" Youth Organization: Founded September 1991**"FISHIN' BUDDIES!"** a 501(c)3 Not for profit organization is dedicated to providing education, knowledge, and continued personal professional and spiritual growth of children through the outdoor experience.

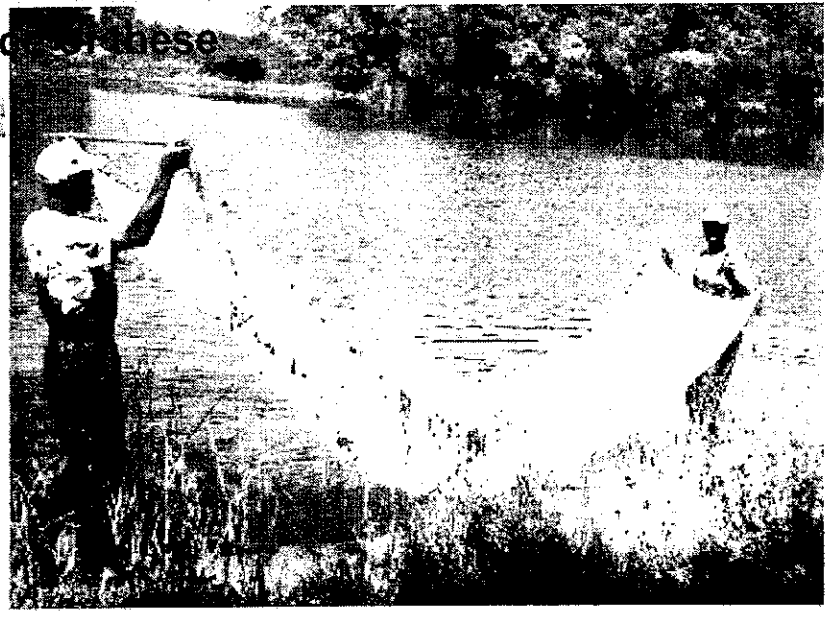
Summary

The site is one of the few South Side Recreational Parks with functioning wetlands and prairies. The site is heavily used and supported by community groups, individuals and families for a variety of activities including fishing, hiking, Bird watching and for environmental educational fieldtrips. Restoration and development of prairie, wetland and woodland were done in cooperation with South Side community residents and students from varying schools. The continued restoration work with the FPD, various community groups, individuals, and public and private entities is necessary to reclaim and restore this precious and rare site on Chicago's South Side.



What lives under the surface of these waters we think we know?

It's about overcoming fears, trying the new, discovering that **you** can do things you never imagined.



FB work Plan:

* determine what needs to be done
* determine how to do it
* do it
* analyze what was found
* analyze how the task was executed
* adjust, adapt, overcome

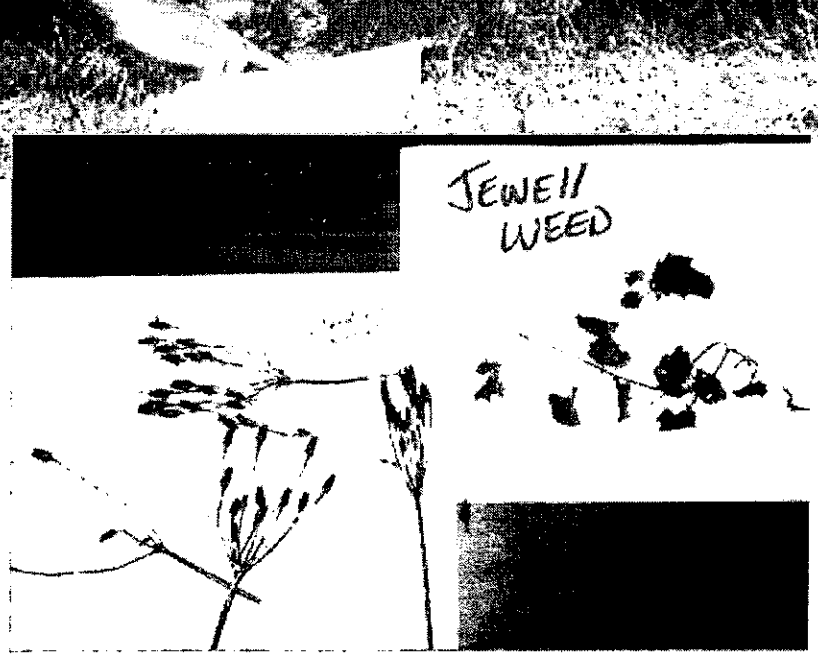
From each section of the site, plant, soil, and tree core samples were collected for study at FB HQ.

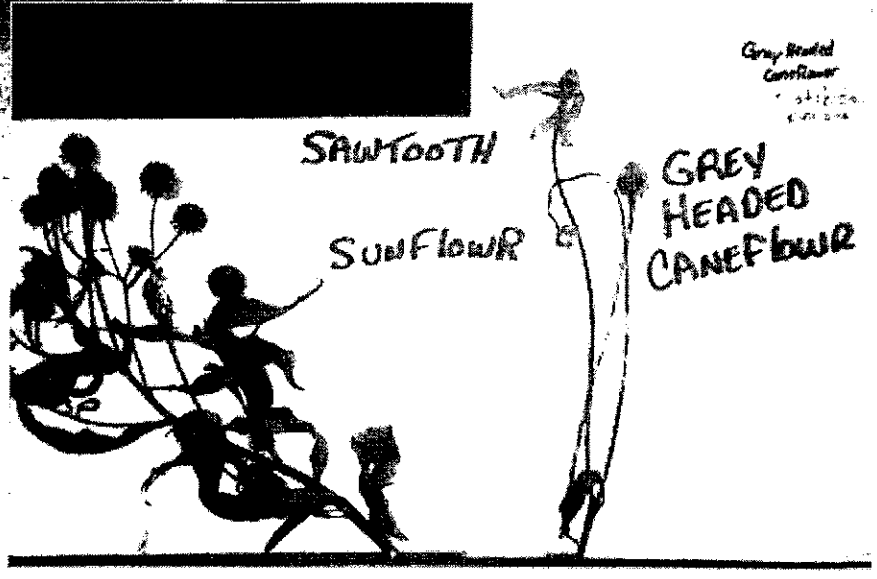
Flying solo – no instructor. They're own their own. They collected more.

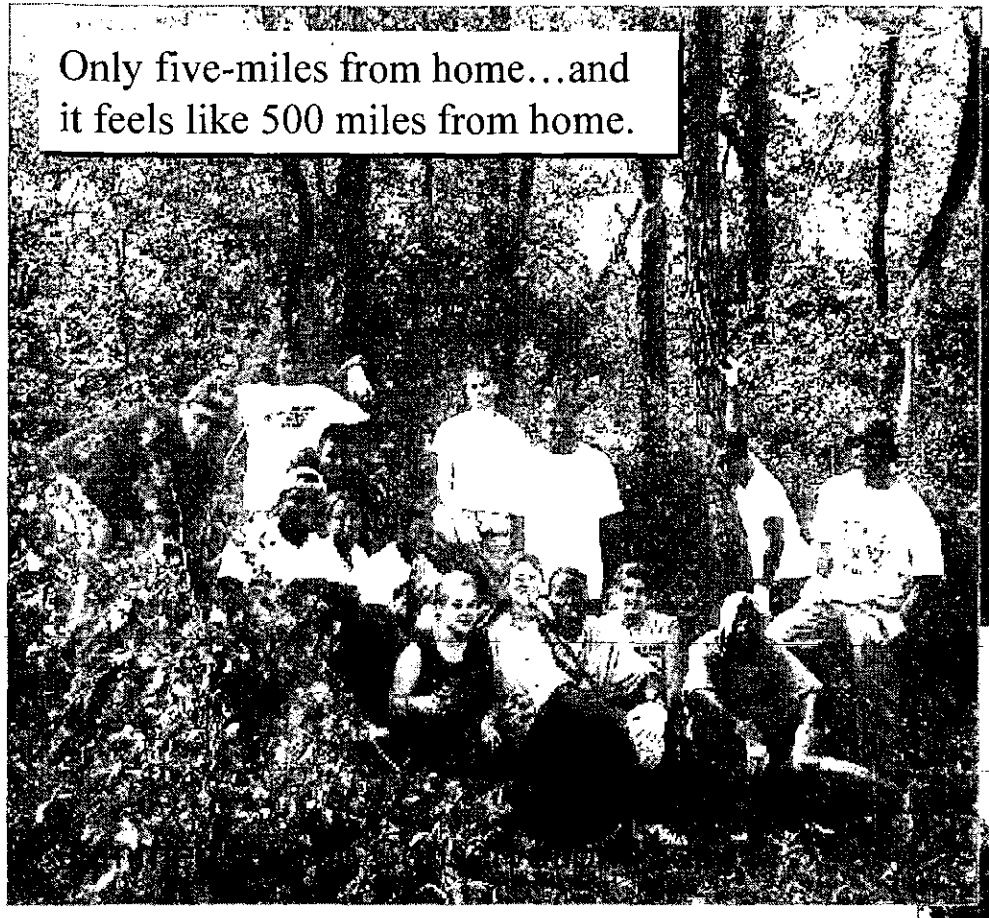
Working with a safety net – an instructor

Conservation Kids and Core Kids science reports were to be compiled from these collections.

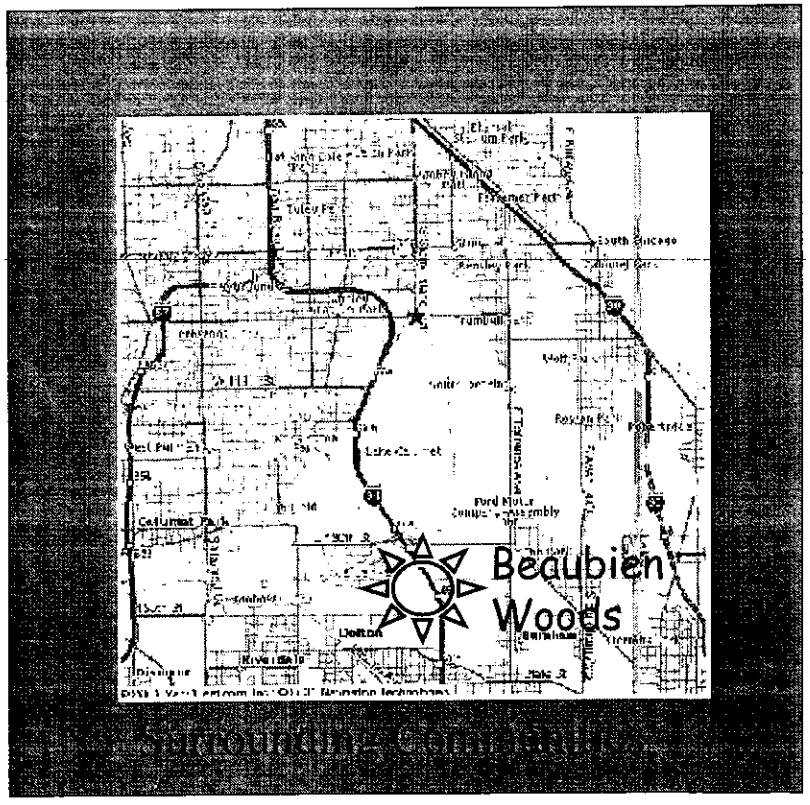
Hour after hour… day after day… week after week…there was continuous discovery.







Learning how to survey land.

Beaubien Woods is a phenomenal, and rare, living-laboratory in a urban area. Tucked away from view and development, it's a green-and-precious resource with woodlands, prairie, wetlands, savanna, marsh and a spring-fed lake.

The "Fishin' Buddies!" Youth fishing Club draws it's volunteers and participants from inner-city communities located within and around the City of Chicago's burgeoning southside.