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6th Annual Environmental
Awareness Week
OWP/P CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

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Lakes Community High School
Antioch, Illinois

OWP/P's 6th Annual Environmental Awareness Week

September 17-21, 2007

Join us for a week of sustainable ideas,
thoughts, discussions and events.

INFORMATION

ALL PROGRAMS ARE FROM

12:00PM - 1:30PM

LOCATED IN THE OWP/P OFFICES:

111 WEST WASHINGTON STREET

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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60602

CONFERENCE ROOM 22C

LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED

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MONDAY 09.17.07

Natural Resources Defense Council – Henry Henderson

NRDC works on a broad range of issues pursuing their mission to safeguard the Earth; its people, its plants and animals, and the natural systems on which all life depends.

“Climate Change in the Midwest Region” will focus on energy solutions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, with an emphasis on transforming the coal industry as well as the importance of energy efficiency in both individual buildings and in community design. For more information visit the NRDC website at www.nrdc.org.

Mr. Henderson joined NRDC as Director of the New Midwest Program in January 2007. He has a distinguished career as an advocate for environmental protection in the Great Lakes region.

TUESDAY 09.18.07

Heifer International and One Campaign

Heifer International (www.heifer.org) and the One Campaign (www.one.org) will present their work of improving the lives of impoverished people in developing countries through the incorporation of environmentally sustainable development practices.

Heifer International incorporates the practice of agroecology, defined by Heifer as “the sustainable use and management of natural resources, accomplished by using social, cultural, economic, political and ecological methods that work together to achieve sustainable agriculture production.”

The One Campaign is committed to “The Millennium Development Goals”, which set a framework for how to fight the emergency of global disease and extreme poverty.

WEDNESDAY 09.19.07

The Nature Conservancy – John Andersen, Jr.

There are six primary threats to freshwater ecosystem’s worldwide; all have been, or are present in the Great Lakes. The Great Lakes hold 20 percent of the world’s and 95 percent of North America’s surface fresh water.

As Director of the Great Lakes Program of The Nature Conservancy (www.nature.org), Mr. Andersen will share his vision for protecting and restoring the largest freshwater ecosystem on earth, drawing upon the recently released “Binational Conservation Blueprint for the Great Lakes.”

5:00PM – 8:00PM

USGBC Chicago Chapter Business Meeting The Nature Conservancy

OWP/P wishes to thank the following sponsors for providing financial support to this evening’s event: Mohawk Commercial/Karastan Contract and Pella Windows and Doors.

THURSDAY 09.20.07

University of Chicago, Department of Ecology & Evolution – Justin Borevitz

How and when did the grasslands evolve? How do foundation species support interactions among biotrophic levels in an interconnected and a regularly disturbed environment? What are the ecological forces maintaining, destroying, and restoring balance? What is the economic value of native prairies? Are cities a drain on surrounding wilderness or could they support it? How will a large human population live equitably with Earth’s finite resources? We apply what we have we learned from the grasslands to live sustainably.

Mr. Borevitz is currently an assistant professor in the Department of Ecology & Evolution at the University of Chicago (www.naturalsystems.org/lab).

FRIDAY 09.21.07

The Wetlands Initiative // Openlands // Center for Neighborhood Technology

A panel discussion about the benefits that open, natural areas provide to adjacent inhabited, developed areas, and the detriments to those inhabited areas when natural areas are destroyed and degraded.

The Wetlands Initiative is dedicated to restoring the wetland resources of the Midwest to improve water quality, increase wildlife habitat and biodiversity, and reduce flood damages.

Openlands, founded in 1963, is an independent organization dedicated to preserving and enhancing public open space in northeastern Illinois.

Since 1978, the Center for Neighborhood Technology (CNT) has worked to show urban communities locally and all across the country, how to develop more sustainably.