



Cultivating Ecological Restoration within Human Dominated Landscapes

Seventh Annual Chapter Meeting

March 27 to 29, 2015

Chicago Botanic Gardens, Glencoe, Illinois

Please join us for the seventh annual meeting of the Midwest-Great Lakes SER Chapter. Our goal for this meeting is to highlight how ecological restoration at multiple spatial scales within human dominated landscapes is crucial for ensuring ecosystem and human health. We have planned an exciting 3 day meeting that includes:

- **Keynote Presentation** by Suzanne Malec-McKenna, Chicago Wilderness, “*Quality of Life Through the Lens of Natural Resources*”
- **Opening Plenary Session** on “*Urban Restoration at Multiple Spatial Scales*”. Jim Anderson (Lake County Forest Preserve District), Bill Glass (U.S. Forest Service), Jack Pizzo (The Pizzo Group), and Lynne Westphal (U.S. Forest Service) will share their experiences with urban restoration and their thoughts on how to improve urban restoration efforts with the explicit consideration of incorporating multiple spatial scales into the project design.
- **Special Joint Plenary Session and Tour** on “*An Emerging Role for Botanic Gardens in Ecological Restoration and Conservation*”. Presentations by the scientists from the Chicago Botanic Garden will provide an overview of the Chicago Botanic Garden’s restoration and conservation programs. This session will then be followed by a walking tour of the Chicago Botanic Garden’s shoreline and prairie restoration projects and a tour of the Plant Science Center.
- **Choice of One of Three Symposia** : 1) Life Along the Edges – A Discussion of the Value of Field Margins, Hedgerows, and Buffers in the Modern Landscape; 2) Ecological Engineering and Restoration to Alleviate Buffalo Creek Flooding and Water Quality Impacts; and 3) Dam Removal and the No Net Loss Wetlands Policy
- **Student Career Workshop**: Midwest-Great Lakes SER Chapter members will share with students their thoughts on resume design, networking, interview preparation, and other strategies for obtaining a job.
- **74 Contributed Oral and Poster Presentations**: Presenters from eight states (Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Wisconsin, Georgia) will share their experiences involving prairie, forest, savanna, stream, wetland, and lake restoration. Presentation topics include invasive species control, use of fire, evaluating restoration techniques, bioenergy, climate change, and more!
- **Choice of One of Four Field Trips**: Participants have the choice of: 1) Restoration of High Profile Urban Ecosystems Field Trip; 2) Prairie, Savanna, and Oak Restoration in Somme Forest Preserves Field Trip; 3) Oak Savanna and Ravine Restorations Field Trip; or 4) The Glen and the Grove Field Trip.
- **Social Events**: Several social events are scheduled that include a student mixer, sponsorship reception, and lunch

Meeting updates will be periodically posted on our Chapter website (<http://chapter.ser.org/midwestgreatlakes/current-meeting/>). We encourage everyone to join us to learn about recent research findings, novel restoration techniques, and the chance to socialize with your colleagues.

PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE

	Friday March 27	Saturday March 28	Sunday March 29
Morning	Registration (Open at 11 am) Student Career Workshop (begin 11 am)	Registration Contributed Oral Presentations	Offsite Field Trips
Afternoon	Opening Plenary Session - <i>Urban Restoration at Multiple Spatial Scales</i> Symposia	Lunch Business Meeting / Awards Ceremony Keynote Presentation Joint Plenary Session and Tour - <i>An Emerging Role for Botanic Gardens in Ecological Restoration and Conservation</i>	
Evening	Sponsorship Reception Poster Session	Student Mixer	

Lodging Information

A block of rooms with discounted rates has been reserved for meeting attendees at the two hotels listed below. When making reservations please identify yourself as part of the MWGL Society for Ecological Restoration Conference Room Block to receive the discounted rates.

Courtyard Marriot Chicago Highland Park/Northbrook

King: \$94 or Two queen beds: \$104

Phone: 847-831-3338

Reserve by Friday March 6, 2015

Renaissance Chicago North Shore Hotel

King or 2 double beds: \$99

Phone: 847- 498-6500

Reserve by Thursday March 5, 2015.

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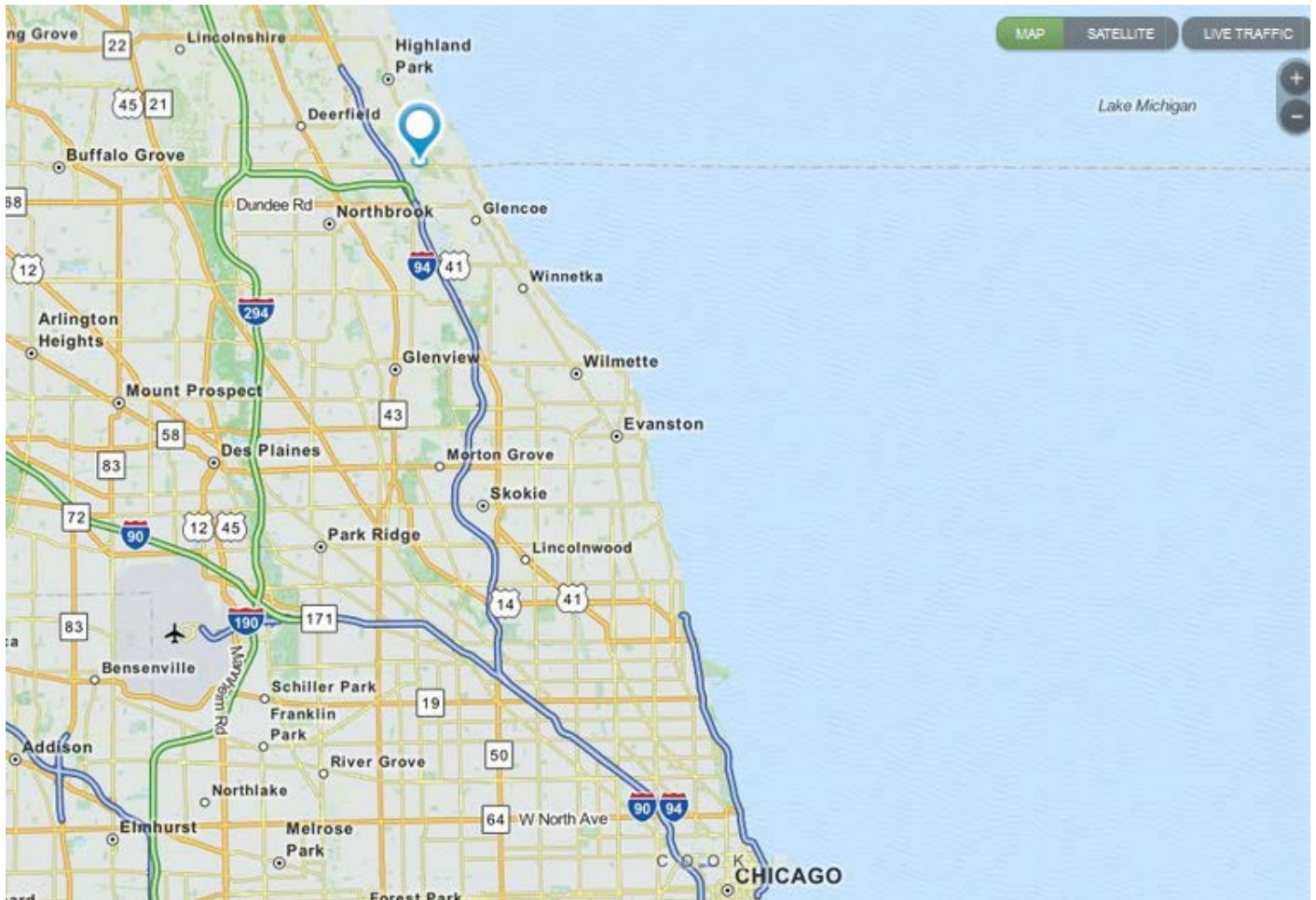
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Map Showing the Location of the Chicago Botanic Gardens



- **The Chapter Meeting is being held at the Chicago Botanic Gardens in Glencoe, Illinois. The physical address of the meeting site is: 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe, Illinois 60022**