



FRIENDS and SUPPORTERS of the TORSTENSON YOUTH CONSERVATION EDUCATION CENTER— *We Need Your Help!*

The remarkable forests, prairie, wetlands, and other natural habitats at the Torstenson Youth Conservation Education Center (TYCEC) are what make our property such a magical place for youth to visit and to learn about conservation. As the steward of these incredible natural areas, the Illinois Conservation Foundation (ICF) is committed to maintaining our property in its best ecological condition—a challenge for which we need your help!

The **GOOD NEWS** is that the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation has awarded us with a **\$32,000 challenge grant** to help cover basic land management costs such as seed, controlling invasive plants, buying equipment and supplies. To receive these grant funds, **ICF must raise \$8,250 in matching funds and document 500 volunteer hours from supporters like you!**

You Can Make a Difference!

Your donation of cash and your volunteer time assisting us with stewardship work (e.g. planting trees) or posting/sharing stories about TYCEC stewardship activities and events on social media allow us to receive challenge grant funds. Cash funds that you donate are matched 3:1 or 4:1 by grant dollars! Volunteering helps us earn \$10 or \$20 in grant funds for each hour you log!

Here is how your donation will help ICF leverage grant funds--

Donate to Stewardship Fund	\$7,000 Goal	<i>plus</i> \$21,000 Challenge Grant = \$28,000
Donate to Equipment Fund	\$1,250 Goal	<i>plus</i> \$5,000 Challenge Grant = \$6,250
Volunteer Stewardship Hours	400 Hr. Goal	<i>times</i> \$10/hour Challenge Grant = \$4,000
Volunteer Social Media Hours	100 Hr. Goal	<i>times</i> \$20/hour Challenge Grant = \$2,000

DONATE ON-LINE and SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER TODAY!

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