

# Naperville Heritage Society Library/Archives Collections Guide to Collection

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## Description

The Conservation Foundation was founded in 1972 to help preserve and restore natural areas and open space, protect rivers and watersheds, and promote stewardship of the environment in DuPage County. Originally known as the Forest Foundation of DuPage County, the foundation served as an official support organization for the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County until 1988, when it became independent of the district and was renamed the Conservation Foundation of DuPage County. In 1997, the foundation expanded its range of services from DuPage County to include the counties of Kane, Kendall and Will. The foundation's headquarters moved from Wheaton to its present location at the McDonald Farm in Naperville in 1998; the 60-acre farm had been donated to the foundation by Lenore McDonald in 1992. In 2006 the foundation legally changed its name to the Conservation Foundation, and in 2007 it merged with the Fox Valley Land Foundation.

This collection documents the work of the Conservation Foundation through mailings, brochures, newsletters, and other publications produced by the Foundation. Programs on storm water management techniques, environmentally friendly yards, and the threat of non-native Asian carp to local waterways show how the foundation works to educate the public and protect the area's natural resources. Events covered include the foundation-sponsored Chase the Moon Midnight Bike Ride, the foundation's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary "Birthday Bash," Earth Day events, and several of the foundation's membership and awards luncheons.

## Inventory

\*Fundraising mailer, 2009

\*Program, McDonald Farm Open House, 2010

\*Flyer, Green Earth Fair; section on "Storyteller Miss Violet" highlighted, 2010

\*Mailer for seminar titled "Beyond the Basics: Green Infrastructure for Clean Water," focusing on effective storm water management techniques, 2010

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- \*Mailer for Fall Membership and Awards Luncheon, titled “Asian Carp Invasion: What Does Science Tell us?”, 2011
- \*Summer 2011 copy of The Heron, the Conservation Foundation's newsletter
- \*Mailer for the Ninth Annual DuPage Environmental Summit, titled, “Small Scale Renewable Energy Systems: What Makes Sense for DuPage County,” cosponsored by the Conservation Foundation, 2012
- \*Agenda for the 2012 DuPage Environmental Summit
- \*Brochure on the Conservation@Home program, helping property owners protect and create environmentally friendly yards (2 copies), 2012
- \*Mailer for event celebrating the Conservation Foundation's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, at McDonald Farm, 2012
- \*Mailer for 2012 Spring Membership and Awards Luncheon, titled, “After 40 years ... What Is the Future of the Conservation Foundation?”
- \*Poster for the final Chase the Moon Midnight Bike Ride, 2012
- \*2012 brochure
- \*Program for the 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday Bash, including a map and list of events, 2012
- \*Program for 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Green Earth Fair, 2012
- \*Booklet celebrating the Conservation Foundation's 40 year anniversary, including a timeline of milestones (2 copies), 2012
- \*Program for the 2012 Earth Day Benefit Dinner
- \*Invitation to 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration and Recognition Dinner, November 8, 2012
- \*Magazine, “The Heron,” editor Jill Johnson, Fall/Winter 2012 (2)
- \*Invitation to Earth Day Benefit Dinner, 2013
- \*Magazine, “The Heron,” The Oaks Edition, editor Jill Johnson, Winter 2014
- \*Invitation to Earth Day Benefit Dinner, 2014
- \*Invitation to Earth Day Benefit Dinner, 2015
- \*Flier to become a monthly donor, 2015
- \*Flier for DuPage County River Sweep, May 16, 2015