



## **Press Release**

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### **Coffee Creek Watershed Conservancy Wins the United States EPA Conservation and Native Landscaping Award**

Chesterton, IN – The Coffee Creek Watershed is the winner of the Conservation and Native Landscaping Award from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Chicago Wilderness. The award recognizes the outstanding efforts in using native plants in the landscape to replenish the rich natural heritage.

The 2003 recognition awards focus on corporate as well as park district and municipal efforts within the Chicago Wilderness region. The Chicago Wilderness region encompasses the crescent of land around southern Lake Michigan, including southeast Wisconsin, northeast Illinois and northwest Indiana. More than 200,000 acres of protected lands are found there, including globally rare tallgrass prairies, oak woodlands and wetland ecosystems.

The Coffee Creek Watershed Conservancy helps increase the biodiversity of native plants, provides habitats for birds and butterflies and prevents pollution all while saving money.

A representative of the Coffee Creek Watershed Conservancy will accept the award during a spring ceremony that recognizes the successful efforts of all municipal and corporate winners.

For more information about Coffee Creek Center, please visit its website at [www.coffeecreekcenter.com](http://www.coffeecreekcenter.com).