

# Skare Park Stream Restoration and Mitigation Bank



## NEED ADDRESSED:

The State of Illinois required the design, permitting, and construction of the Skare Park project, which focused on the restoration of Deer Creek.

Land and Water Resources, Inc., (LAWR) a member of the Working Lands Investment Partners team, designed, permitted, and constructed the Skare Park project. This unique stream restoration project was the first stream mitigation bank in the State of Illinois. Skare Park was selected by LAWR based on specific site characteristics that maximized the ecological uplift for this a high-quality stream.



## SOLUTION:

The Skare Park stream mitigation bank resulted in a total of 5,280 linear feet of stream restored, including adjacent prairie and wetland buffers consisting of wet and wet mesic prairie, sedge meadow and bottomland savannah communities. All existing wetlands within bank boundaries were also significantly enhanced. The public further benefited by improved water quality benefits as well as other ecosystem services for the Rock River Watershed. The completed project created 57,735 credits in accordance with the Illinois regulations.



## PARTNERSHIPS AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

At Working Lands, we pride ourselves on community engagement and existing relationships with regulatory agencies across the U.S. The Skare Park project involved the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Fish and Wildlife, and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

*Working Lands Investment Partners (WLIP) has a long history of pioneering and implementing water and soil remediation, restoration, rehabilitation, and regeneration. Our ecosystem restoration work delivers economical, sustainable, and verifiable solutions that alleviate the negative impacts of ecological damage resulting from human activity.*

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