

2025 PSCC LAND CONSERVATION CONFERENCE AGENDA

and 20th Anniversary Celebration

MARCH 5 - 7, 2025

Pere Marquette Lodge and Conference Center
13653 Lodge Blvd., Grafton, 62037



Wednesday, March 5 — Land Trust Day

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| 12 noon | Arrival and check-in |
| 12:30 – 1:30 PM | Dissecting the misinformation of The American Stewards of Liberty |
| 1:45 – 5 PM | Rotating Concurrent Workshops <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Session A – Landowner Outreach• Session B – Communicating climate change and the role of land trusts• Session C – Conservation and agriculture through the land trust lens |
| 6 PM Dinner on your own | Enjoy dinner by invite with the Land Trust Alliance or on your own at the Lodge restaurant or area restaurants |
| 6 PM | PSCC Board of Directors dinner meeting at a local restaurant |

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Thursday, March 6

8 AM Buffet Breakfast	Official Welcome and PSCC Business Meeting
9 – 10:15 AM	Panel 1 – All Things Local Program focuses on Rivers and Routes, Let the Sunshine In, Regional Climate Action Plan
10:15 – 11:45 AM	Panel 2 – Indigenous People’s Panel Partnerships, collaborations, and news from around Illinois
12 Noon – 1:15 PM	Panel 3 – Round Robin with Restoration Sponsors for 2025
1:30 PM Field Trips	Field Trip 1 – Principia College tour, rattlesnake research/hill prairie/mammoth dig site Field Trip 2 – National Great Rivers Research and Education Center and Museum Field Trip 3 – Two Rivers National Wildlife Refuge Field Trip 4 – Guided hike at Pere Marquette from Visitor’s Center
6:30 PM Buffet Dinner	PSCC 20 th Anniversary Dinner Celebration, Origin Story with founders and Awards

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Friday, March 7

8:30 AM Breakfast

Policy Updates

- Illinois Environmental Council
- Overview of 2024 Conservation Policy Retreat
- PSCC Policy Committee priorities
- Open Space Ballot measures

9:45 AM

Updates from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources

10:45 AM

Conservation Funding in Illinois

- PSCC's *NEW* grant program
- The feasibility of state-wide conservation funding

11:45 AM

National Updates

- The Land Trust Alliance
- America Is Beautiful/Illinois Is Beautiful program

12:30 PM Wrap-up

A few final words with the Ringhausen Wrap-up

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