

Natural Resources Advisory Board Funding Committee

This committee will review and recommend options for meeting the public funding needs of acquisition of open space and the long-term public funding needs of conservation, stewardship, resource protection and regulation, education and recreation activities and programs provided to the public by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. It will consider:

- what should be funded, the size of the need and the level of acceptance of potential revenue sources by the public,
- the respective role of tax revenues, fees and licenses, federal funds and other sources, and how each may be improved,
- legal and implementation issues as well as yield of various revenue sources, to the extent information is available,
- long term trends and needs, and
- stability and reliability of alternative public funding sources.

Operations

- This committee's work will be bound by the Illinois Open Meetings Act. It will not only allow but actively encourage participation by the public and a wide variety of constituencies.
- The committee will operate by Robert's Rules of Order to the best of the ability of the Chairperson, so that everyone's voice is heard and opportunity to reach consensus is provided.
 - The Committee shall work in close coordination with DNR staff and shall involve other constituent groups that have a stake in programs and issues being considered.
 - The Committee shall report their deliberations and recommendations to the Illinois Natural Resources Advisory Committee and the Director of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, as well as to the Conservation Congress in October 2009.
 - Detailed minutes will not be maintained, but a summary report outlining the deliberations and recommendations of the committee, and to the extent possible ideas and suggestions brought forth by constituents, will be maintained.
 - Reports, recommendations, and presentations resulting from committee deliberations shall be posted on the DNR's web site.
 - Deborah Stone, IDNR Deputy Director, will coordinate support to the committee.