

Glencoe Lake Front Park

Glencoe, Illinois

Applied Ecological Services, Inc., was retained by the Glencoe Park District to assess ecological conditions and design ecological restoration plans for the Lake Michigan Bluff at Glencoe Lake Front Park.

The process began with inventory and mapping of existing vegetation. A large percentage of the bluff was covered with undesirable species that were identified and selected for removal. A schematic restoration plan was then developed to address existing erosion problems, reintroduce native plant communities, re-establish historic views and enhance aesthetics through native landscape design. Enhancement zones using 2" to 1 gallon native forbs were added along the high profile areas. Seeding zones of short to mid-height prairie species were designed to give a sense of unity to the bluff while aiding in slope stabilization.

AES also provided the construction drawings and specifications for the Park District. This construction drawing package included the brushing and removal of undesirable vegetation, native planting plans, and restoration seeding zones for the entire site. Additionally, AES was contracted to provide construction oversight for the project which was completed in June, 1999.



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