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The Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley Awards Technology Grant to The Conservation Foundation

Technology Grant Will Ultimately Save Local Nature

Technology and nature don't always seem like close counterparts, but a recently awarded technology grant will ultimately help save local land and natural resources in the Fox River Valley.

The Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley has generously awarded a grant of \$9,646 to The Conservation Foundation for the purpose of improving its technological resources. These funds will be used to purchase new computers, rewire the organization's aging computer network, and purchase an LCD projector for use during programs educating the public on native landscaping, water conservation, regional wildlife and other topics of environmental interest.

"Grants like this one are a life-giving infusion to non-profit organizations such as ours," said Chere Hayes, The Conservation Foundation's Director of Development. "These days, if you don't keep up with technology, you cannot be effective in carrying out your mission. Thanks to the Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley, we can put more precious donor dollars to work saving land and rivers and still have the updated equipment necessary to spread the message."

The Conservation Foundation works primarily in DuPage, Kane, Kendall and Will Counties to preserve land for parks and forest preserves, clean up our rivers and streams, educate local officials, school groups and families on conservation issues, and be a reasoned voice for conservation where development does occur. The support of more than 4,000 members and generous grantors like the Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley makes this work possible. The group recently announced the acquisition of 253 acres on the Fox River near Ottawa that will become Dayton Bluffs Preserve, a brand new nature preserve for public enjoyment.

Serving charitable donors since 1948, The Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley is a collection of individual funds and resources given by local citizens to enhance and support the quality of life in Illinois' Fox River Valley. Foundation funds are used to provide grants like this one to area non-profit organizations and scholarships to area students. The Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley serves the Greater Aurora Area, the TriCities and Kendall County.

To learn more about The Conservation Foundation visit them at www.theconservationfoundation.org

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