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Dear Friends and Members,

- ❖ Politicians and special interest groups have corrupted the process of environmental checks and balances, gridlocking environmental groups that work against ecological degradation.
- ❖ A potential Fukushima sits on the Illinois shoreline where a nuclear accident or terrorism could happen. Special interests are controlling the demolition of our lakefront nuclear plant, leaving unprotected storage silos that are being built on the shoreline next to one of the largest bodies of fresh water in the world.
- ❖ Pollution of our near shore Lake Michigan waters continues unabated. Microscopic asbestos, pharmaceuticals, and other toxic chemicals are constantly being flushed into our precious drinking water.
- ❖ Flora and fauna are losing their habitats in federal and state preserves due to erosion and non-enforcement of government regulations and negligence of state and federal regulators.
- ❖ As an example of how poor enforcement of laws to protect the public affects the region, deadly, invisible, microscopic asbestos from the Johns Manville Superfund site and its surrounding area has been deposited on the beaches of Zion, Waukegan, Lake Forest, Highland Park, Glencoe, Winnetka, Kenilworth, Wilmette, Evanston, and Chicago for decades. You would not want your children or grandchildren to play in it – but they probably do!
- ❖ Sacred, ancient Native American sites are being desecrated by man's negligence and need our protection.

Many other environmental groups deal on a policy and legislative level, but Dunesland is a grassroots, hands-on organization which is down in the environmental “ditches.” We work on current environmental issues while pursuing the polluters and regulators who continue to desecrate one of the most important ecological areas in the Midwest.

Since the 1910's, the environmentalists and scientists who eventually co-founded the park have been the stakeholders, stewards, and custodians of Illinois Beach State Park, the first state-dedicated nature preserve in the United States. Current members, contributors, and supporters of Illinois Dunesland Preservation Society still share a unique and special interest in this valuable ecological preserve with Dunesland's founders. This park has the highest number of endangered species of any park in the state. Unfortunately, it has suffered severe desecration and destruction to its unique federal and state critical habitats.

Please consider making a financial contribution to help support Dunesland's important environmental goals with a year-end donation! If you haven't paid this year's membership fee, please do it now while you're thinking about it. Next year's dues may also be paid. Although we donate our time, there are expenses and initiatives that need funding. If you have the ability to make a donation, a contribution of any size will be gratefully received. Please feel free to share this letter with like-minded friends.

There are various ways to support our work. You will find more information on our web site Gifting page <http://illinoisdunesland.org/Gifting.html> or please call 312 332-3377. Illinois Dunesland Preservation Society is an Illinois not-for-profit corporation and registered under Internal Revenue Code SEC 501(c)(3). Our federal tax ID number is available upon request.

- Please consider naming Illinois Dunesland as a beneficiary in your trust or will.
- Donations may also be made in honor of a special occasion or as a memorial. A card of acknowledgement will be sent to the recipient or family to announce your gift.
- If you have access to corporate funding, matching funds, or grants, please consider helping Dunesland in this manner. Dunesland representatives are always available to meet with donors or make a corporate presentation.
- You may make a donation of an appreciated investment (stock, bond, mutual funds) or property and not have to pay capital gains tax if you transfer it to Dunesland instead of selling it.
- You will receive the full value of the stock or property at the time of the donation as a tax deduction; Dunesland will receive the benefit of the full appreciated value rather than the amount that you would have received if you had sold it and donated the proceeds to Dunesland.
- This tax benefit will give us a larger amount of money to help the environment and fund our programs.

This is your chance to make a contribution that will make a significant difference to the health and safety of the all of us who live in Chicagoland; bathe in, cook, and drink Lake Michigan water; and walk on our beaches. This is also for the benefit of future generations who will live with the results of what we leave as our legacy. Please help us achieve positive results.

Your Time, Talent, and Treasure are welcome and greatly appreciated! If you are interested in volunteering, please contact us.

Thank you for your support of our efforts to make a difference for the Illinois shoreline and its residents!



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You may make an online donation, become a member, and order a memorial contribution card on our web site using PayPal or a credit card. You may also mail an order or contact us by phone or email if you have questions.

Visit the Dunesland store at <http://illinoisdunesland.org/Store.html> to order Dr. Elizabeth Lunn's acclaimed *Plants of the Illinois Dunesland*. It is still considered to be a classic text on indigenous plants in the area. The cost is \$18 including S & H in the United States.

Dunesland's blue or tan logo T shirt is available in all sizes. It is made of high quality 100% cotton. Show your support of our work protecting the nature preserves at Illinois Beach State Park and the Illinois shoreline by wearing one!

The cost is \$20 each including S & H in the United States.

Yes! I will partner with Illinois Dunesland at this very critical time by making a tax-deductible donation!

My donation is in the amount of \$ _____.

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Illinois Dunesland Preservation Society does not share contact information in order to protect your privacy.

In addition to or instead of a donation, I would like to become a member at the circled amount:

Regular, Individual	\$ 25	Regular, Family	\$ 40
Friend of Dunesland	\$100	Lifetime	\$1500
Full Time Student	\$ 15	Senior (over 65, upon request)	\$ 20

_____ New Membership _____ Renewal Membership

Membership Dues: _____

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