

WILD CITIES PROJECT

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Why WILD Cities?

“Sustainable Cities” → don’t currently focus enough on **wild nature** and an understanding of the city’s role in **the health of the natural land and seascape** of which it is a part



Vision

An interactive, global collaborative of WILD
Cities that are **resilient, permeable** and
connected parts of a larger land/seascape





THE WILD CITIES PROJECT



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1. “Wilding” cities to make them ecologically permeable and resilient
2. Connecting people with nature to advance nature stewardship
3. Strengthening impact of urban conservation through:
 - Alignment with common criteria and guidelines
 - Toolkits for “wilding”

Mission

The WILD Cities Project creates and facilitates a
“collaborative of champions” —

WILD Cities Collaborative

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Facilitates exchange of strategies and practices to
achieve WILD Cities objectives through the

WILD Cities Toolkit



WILD Cities Collaborative

**WILD CITY
CANDIDATE : FRANKFURT**

**WILD Cities Champions for
Frankfurt**



**WILD CITY
CANDIDATE:
SAN FRANCISCO**

**WILD Cities
Champions for San
Francisco**




**SAN FRANCISCO
PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

**WILD CITY
CANDIDATE:
CHICAGO**

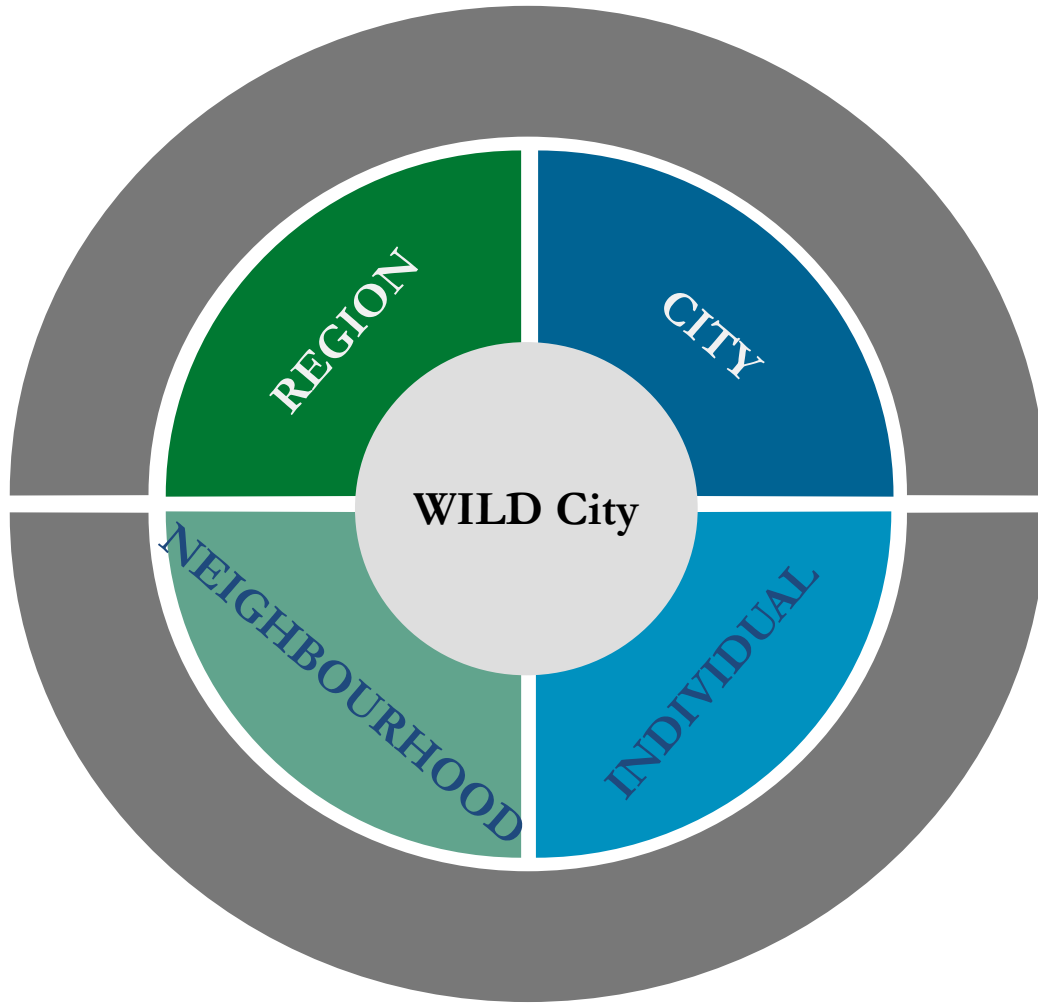
**WILD Cities Champion
for Chicago**



The WILD Cities Program provides urban visionaries and leaders with:

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1. The WILD Cities Brand
 2. Nature Needs Half Framework
 3. The WILD Cities Toolkit
 4. Common outcomes reporting mechanism
 5. An Enabling Global Cooperative

WILD Cities Levels:





REGION



CITY



NEIGHBOURHOOD



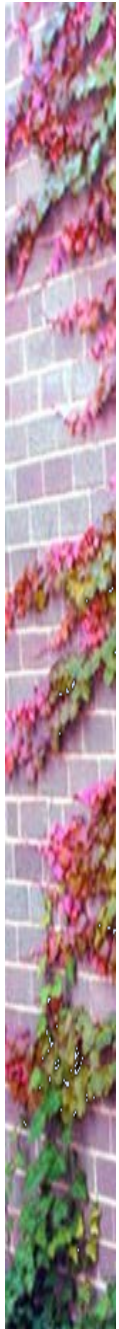
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What is urban “wild nature”?

1. Remnant wilderness
2. Remnants of agrarian, cultural and historic landscapes;
3. “Horticulturally-shaped” urban green spaces
4. Defunct urban infrastructure upon which wild nature has returned on its own and/or with some help from humans
5. Wilderness adjacent to cities in protected areas, farms, ranches and forests, and freshwater and marine environments where nature is predominant

* The first four defined by urban ecologist and landscape architect, Professor Ingo Kowarik of Berlin, Germany





10 Criteria

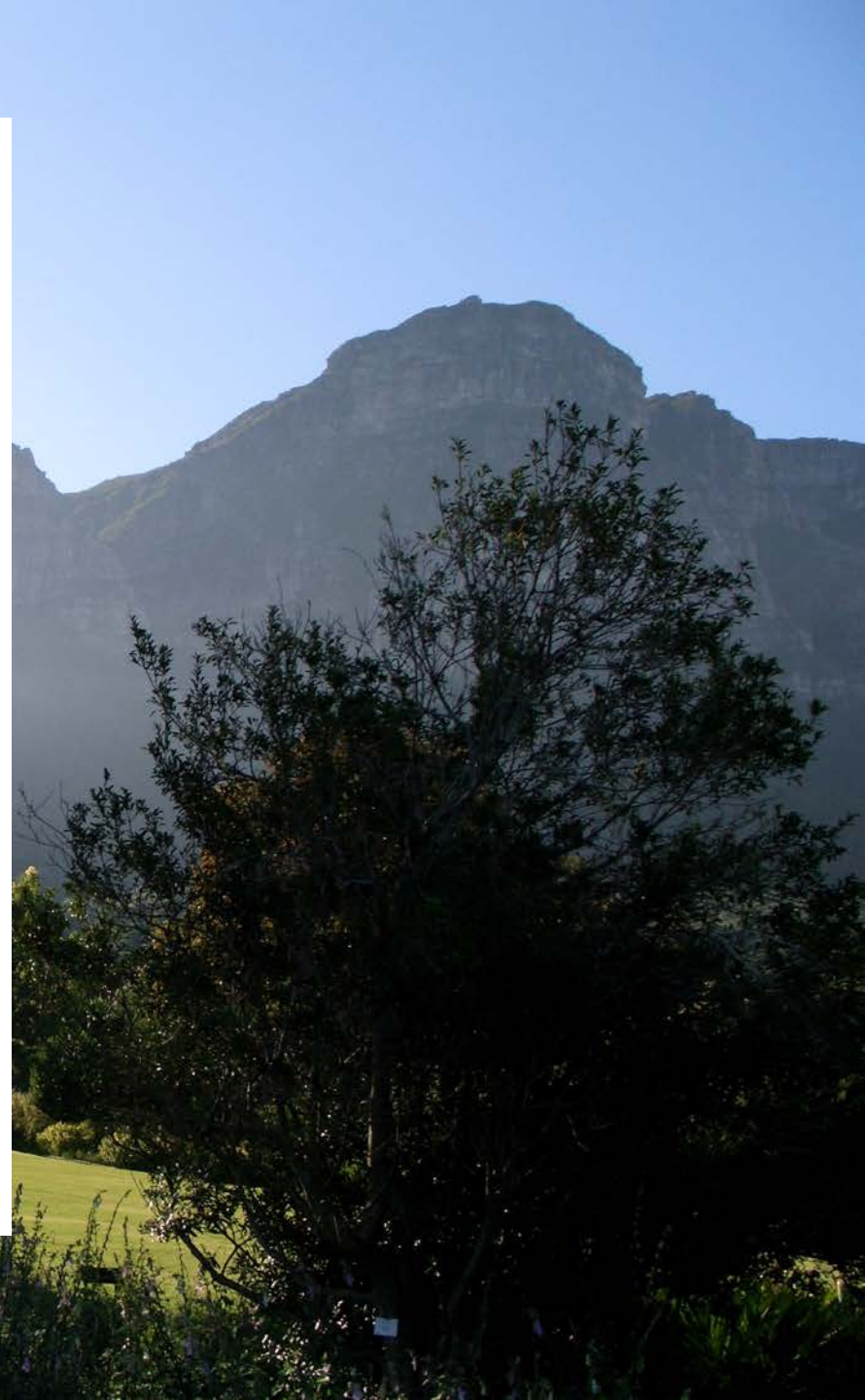
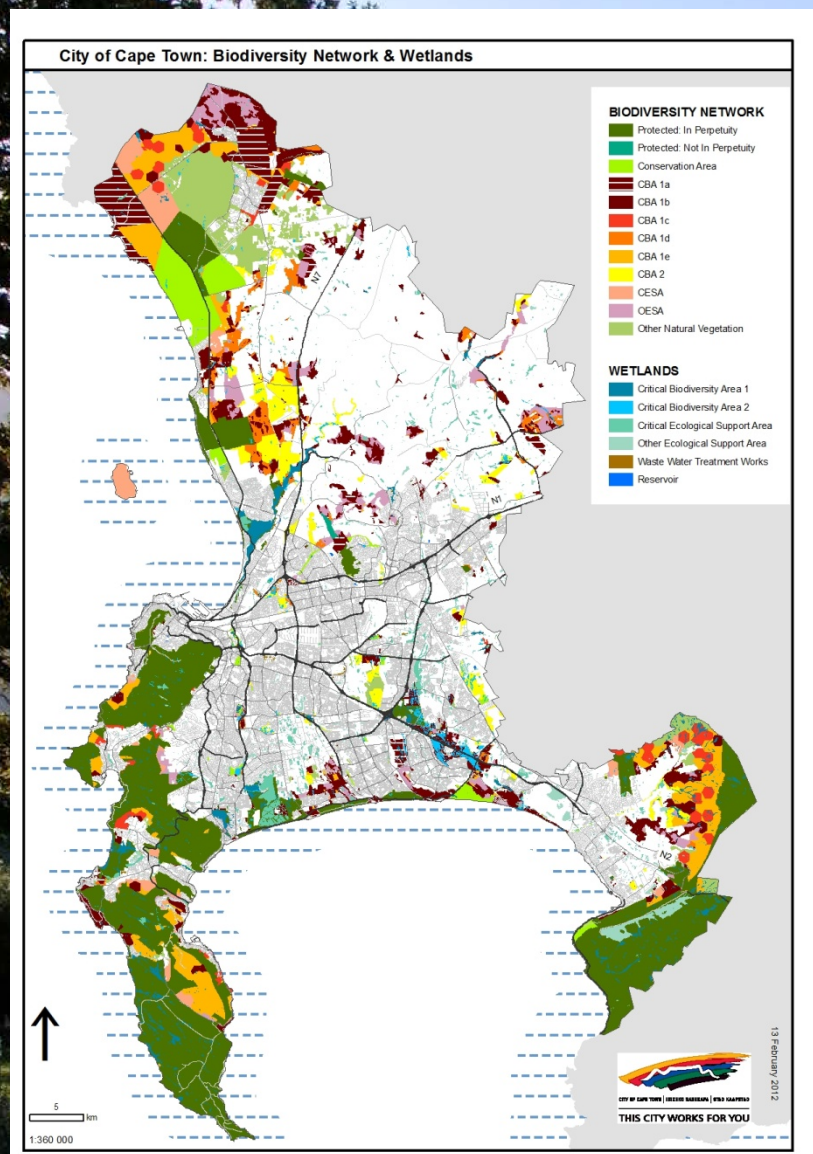
Example- Chicago, IL, USA

- Forest Preserves of Cook County system of 68,000 acres of public land
- 300 miles of trails connecting a “mosaic” of open space and forests
- Chicago Wilderness—model coalition of WILD Cities Champion candidates



Chicago
Wilderness

A regional alliance dedicated to
protecting nature and enriching life





Can you be a WILD Cities Champion?



Project Noah



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Thank you for making the world— and your city— a wilder place.



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