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Biographical Sketch: Chicago Wilderness was established in 1996 as a regional alliance of local institutions and organizations focused on the protection and preservation of the natural ecosystems in the local area. The geographic focus for this alliance was defined as the 'Chicago Wilderness Area', which spans 370,000 acres and covers areas in Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, and Michigan. Chicago Wilderness works on a variety of projects to support the preservation of the natural areas of the Chicago

Wilderness Region, including mapping and describing the regional biodiversity, developing a recovery plan for the regions biodiversity, and restoring biological communities and assessing the results. Chicago Wilderness also produced their Biodiversity Recovery Plan, which was one of the first in the region. This plan had a Biodiversity Council, which the Chicago Academy of Sciences served on through the Science and Land Management team.

Scope and Content: The materials found within this collection are part of the institutional records of the Chicago Academy of Sciences. Content includes letters from Chicago Wilderness to their members; pamphlets and information about Chicago Wilderness; a list of Chicago Wilderness members; letters from Chicago Wilderness to their Biodiversity Council members; meeting minutes for Biodiversity Council meetings; Biodiversity Council teams lists; meeting minutes, notes, and reminders for the Science and Land Management Biodiversity Council team; Chicago Wilderness and Biodiversity Council goals, project proposals, and project notes; Chicago Wilderness newsletters; and a strategic plan for the Chicago Wilderness Bioreserve.

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- Series 1: Correspondence – Chicago Wilderness Bioreserve Strategic Plan (undated)