



Geoff Deigan

WRD Environmental - President & CEO

Geoff founded WRD in 1997 to help clients committed to sustainability realize their vision. Well-versed in sustainable development, he plays a leadership and liaison role on interdisciplinary design and development teams for a variety of municipal, corporate, institutional and nonprofit clients. His cost consciousness and understanding of what constitutes feasible design drive WRD's client services.

Recognition:

Illinois ASLA Honor Award
Nature Boardwalk at Lincoln Park Zoo
Chicago River Fish Hotel

City of Chicago Greenworks Award
Nature Boardwalk at Lincoln Park Zoo
Chicago River Fish Hotel

Chicago Wilderness & US EPA Conservation and Native Landscaping Award
Chicago Center for Green Technology
South Shore Bird Sanctuary
North Park Nature Center
Motorola Campus Plan
Nature Boardwalk at Lincoln Park Zoo
Chicago River Fish Hotel
Napier Settlement

Friends of the Chicago River Silver Ribbon Award
Chicago Riverfront Restoration

USGBC LEED Gold Certification
Prairie Crossing Charter School

Center for Education Reform Top 53 Charter Schools in the US
Prairie Crossing Charter School

US Department of Education Green Ribbon Award
Prairie Crossing Charter School

Service:

Prairie Crossing Charter School
Board of Directors and Board Chair

GreenTOWN Waukegan
Advisory Board

Publications:

"Following Nature's Lead: A New Look at Stormwater Management"
Illinois Parks & Recreation Magazine

Geoff has 30 years of experience in construction project management, including 10 with Weston Services Inc., a former subsidiary of Weston Solutions Inc. There, he oversaw a variety of large-scale environmental projects, consistently completing them on time and on budget.

Geoff has been a juror for the City of Chicago's Greenworks Awards and Friends of the Chicago River's Blue Ribbon Awards. He has also presented at national and regional conferences on sustainable land use, green infrastructure and land health.

Prairie Crossing Charter School - Executive Director

Believing that progress toward lasting ecological stewardship begins with children, Geoff is also executive director of Prairie Crossing Charter School, an environmentally centered public school in Grayslake, Illinois. Previously serving as Chair of the school's Board of Directors, he has been advancing the school's mission of transforming children through academic discovery and interaction with the region's unique natural, ecological, and community resources since 2007.

Geoff co-launched the Institute for Environmental Education, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization that helps groups integrate environmental education into their schools and communities.

Select WRD Projects

Environmental Education

- Greencorps Chicago Program
- Chicago Center for Green Technology Programs
- North Park Village Nature Center, Chicago, IL
- Prairie Crossing Charter School, Grayslake, IL

Community Connections

- Casey Farm Center for Land Health, Libertyville, IL
- Chicago River Fish Hotel, Chicago, IL
- Nature Boardwalk at Lincoln Park Zoo, Chicago, IL

Stewardship & Engagement

- Douglas Hart Nature Center, Mattoon, IL
- Chicago Conservation Corps
- Chicago Rain Barrel Initiative

Healthy Living Communities

- NewAGE (Active Green Environments) Clark Lindsey Village, Urbana, IL
- NewAGE Victory Centre South Chicago, Chicago, IL
- Choices Mental Health, Ottawa, IL
- The Children's Advocacy & Neutral Exchange Center, Wheaton, IL

Select Prairie Crossing Charter School Highlights

- Secured the school's first-ever bond financing
- Negotiated and co-drafted a successful collective bargaining agreement
- Assisted in developing and executing a five-year strategic plan
- Managed development of the first LEED Gold school building constructed in Illinois



Mayor Daley at the Fish Hotel



Chicago Center for Green Technology



Prairie Crossing Charter School



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