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County of Cook and State of Illinois**

**Wilbur Wright College establishes New Native Plant Garden
sponsored by
Openlands and Clean Air Counts.**

THE CHANCELLOR

REPORTS

that the Wright College Environmental Technology Program on May 8, 2008 established a new native garden. There are now three prairie garden plots on the Campus.

that the newly created garden is sponsored by Openlands and Clean Air Counts. It is a Demonstration Garden of Native Habitat, which provides the opportunity for students to get hands on experience with native plants, restore some of the original appearance of the community, and reduce the use of pesticides and fertilizers

that the second garden restored perennial plants and trees native to Chicago and was established in 2003 with the effort of students, faculty, and staff from Wilbur Wright College. It was funded through a National Wildlife Federation Grant and sponsored by the Morton Arboretum, Chicago Botanic Garden, The Care of Trees, City of Chicago Department of the Environment, and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity.

that the oldest demonstration prairie garden was created in the late summer of 1997. It was planted by students and staff from the Environmental Technology Program and volunteers from the Forest Preserve District of Cook County.

that the Environmental Technology Program sponsored the installation of signs naming the partners for the newest garden and for the garden installed in 2003.

that these gardens demonstrate the commitment of Wilbur Wright College to the greening of the Campus where students, faculty, and staff can learn about positive environmental stewardship.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chancellor

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