



## Millennium Reserve GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Millennium Reserve is three things: a place, a collaboration, and a new model for change. It aims to catalyze innovative partnerships and action in the Calumet and southeast Chicago lakefront regions that honor its cultural and industrial past, restore and enhance its natural ecosystems, support healthy and prosperous communities and residents, and stimulate vigorous and sustainable economic growth. These are goals that cannot be attained independently of one another; the achievement of one lends itself to the success of another. In this regard, the Millennium Reserve partnership believes that we can no longer afford to pursue opportunities for economic growth that disregard the impact on the environment. Nor can we forward environmental restoration without prioritizing projects that advance economic prosperity and account for the needs of the community.

In order to promote and extend the holistic, collaborative efforts required to achieve these goals, we have developed a set of guiding principles to which all Reserve partners and communities should aspire. Signing on to these principles makes you eligible to be deemed officially representative of the Millennium Reserve effort. For an entity or community to be considered part of Millennium Reserve, the following ten statements must be true:

1. We work to create wins for the triple bottom line—environment, economy, and community—within the Millennium Reserve geography.
2. We operate with integrity and mutual respect, by being honest, inclusive, and open.
3. We leverage existing and non-traditional resources—including financial, human capital, and knowledge—on behalf of shared projects.
4. We protect and preserve biodiversity by promoting environmental best-practices, and letting science guide the work.
5. We listen to, and seek the active participation of business leaders and residents in local communities.
6. Our efforts span multiple constituencies and invite participation by a diversity of partners.
7. We operate around shared values and goals.
8. We perceive partnership not simply as a means to an end but as a pre-condition for successful development.
9. We prioritize setting goals and achieving tangible results.
10. We empower fellow businesses, projects, partners, and the communities they serve to pursue the principles outlined here.