

Here is the proclamation just released by the City of West Chicago...

**PROCLAMATION  
RECOGNIZING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ANNUAL TRAILS CLEANUP OF THE  
GREAT WESTERN TRAIL & THE ILLINOIS PRAIRIE PATH  
APRIL 26, 2025**

WHEREAS, the Great Western Trail and the Illinois Prairie Path are treasured regional assets that provide West Chicago residents and visitors with access to scenic natural areas, opportunities for outdoor recreation, and alternative transportation routes; and

WHEREAS, these multi-use trails promote physical activity, foster environmental appreciation, and contribute to the overall quality of life in West Chicago and beyond; and

WHEREAS, the Friends of the Great Western Trails have demonstrated outstanding dedication and stewardship by organizing the Annual Trails Cleanup for 30 consecutive years, ensuring that the trails remain clean, safe, and beautiful for all who use them; and

WHEREAS, the Annual Trails Cleanup is a shining example of civic engagement, bringing together volunteers, local organizations, and community leaders to collaborate in preserving these vital public amenities; and

WHEREAS, the City of West Chicago's Comprehensive Plan identifies the importance of trails and open space in shaping the community's future, emphasizing the City's commitment to leveraging trails and open space with a focus on trail-oriented development to increase trail use by West Chicagoans and visitors; and

WHEREAS, by supporting and promoting events such as the Annual Trails Cleanup, the City of West Chicago underscores its dedication to enhancing the accessibility, connectivity, and enjoyment of these trails for generations to come.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ruben Pineda, Mayor of the City of West Chicago, do hereby extend our congratulations to the Friends of the Great Western Trails in recognition of 30 years of devotion and protection of the trails in the City of West Chicago and encourage all residents, businesses, and visitors to join in celebrating this milestone by participating in or supporting the efforts to maintain and promote the Great Western Trail and the Illinois Prairie Path on April 26, 2025.

Proclaimed this 25th day of March, 2025.

Ruben Pineda  
Mayor, City of West Chicago

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