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One Earth Film Festival Announces 5 Lake County Screenings

*Films showcase conservation, sustainability stories
—from local communities to Lake Michigan and Indonesia*

OAK PARK—Through the power of film, the One Earth Film Festival sheds light on the environmental challenges of the day and highlights promising solutions. This year’s festival will present five films in venues around Lake County.

With the support of the **John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation**, One Earth Film Festival will offer a virtual reality experience, “Valen’s Reef” by Arlington, Va.-based Conservation International. It will follow the showing of “A Plastic Ocean” on Friday, March 10 at College of Lake County. Filmed in the waters of eastern Indonesia, Valen’s Reef takes viewers to vibrant reefs where 600 types of corals — far more than the Caribbean — and 1,765 species of fish — more than the Great Barrier Reef — are thriving. Special headsets are required for the viewing experience.

“Our oceans are under severe threat but we know one method — community-based conservation — can and does make a measurable difference,” said Dr. M. Sanjayan, Conservation International’s Executive Vice President and senior scientist.

Award-winning director **Catherine Zimmerman** will be present to introduce her film “Hometown Habitat,” at Prairie Crossing Charter School. Zimmerman and her film crew traveled across the country to visit local heroes, who are reversing detrimental impacts on the land and in the major watersheds, one garden at a time. The stories they tell touch on the benefits of native plants bring to light the sense of community that makes conservation landscaping possible. One of these stories is set right here in Lake County, where Catherine interviewed Vicky and George Ranney about the Prairie Crossing conservation community in Grayslake.

More Lake County residents show up in another of this year’s films, “Years of Living Dangerously: Uprising,” to be shown at Christ Episcopal’s Memorial Hall in Waukegan. The film highlights two different parts of the world that happen to share similar challenges. Film stars America Ferrera and Sigourney Weaver take viewers to communities that are struggling to make the transition from fossil-fuel based energy sources to renewable energy sources.

“Shifting Sands: On the Path to Sustainability,” will take viewers 90 miles south along another Lake Michigan shore. It tells the story of the creation of the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, from its ecological and

industrial beginnings, to designation as a national treasure. Game-changing environmental policies and unique partnerships emerged as this story became a microcosm for one of the most pressing issues of our time: How do we maintain our way of life without destroying the natural world on which we all depend? The film fest is honored to have Mark Bouman, Chicago Region Program Director for the Keller Science Action Center at The Field Museum of Chicago. The Field Museum was a lead sponsor in the making of the film.

At each of the film events, audiences have opportunities to engage in dialogue and find pathways to action. Local sponsors for the Lake County screenings are Faith in Place, Prairie Crossing Charter School, Liberty Prairie Foundation, College of Lake County, Citizens Climate Lobby, Wild Ones: Lake to Prairie Chapter, Sierra Club: Woods & Wetlands Group and Clean Power Lake County.

The five Lake County screenings are:

- **March 4**, 1:30 p.m.: Hometown Habitat, Stories of Bringing Nature Home at Prairie Crossing Charter School in Grayslake
- **March 5**, 5 p.m.: Years of Living Dangerously – Uprising at Christ Episcopal, Memorial Hall, 410 Grand Ave, Waukegan
- **March 10**, 6:30 p.m.: A Plastic Ocean at College of Lake Co., Grayslake Campus, A-Wing Auditorium
- **March 11**, 2:30 p.m.: Shifting Sands on the Path to Sustainability at Waukegan Public Library, 128 N County St.
- **March 11**, 6:30 p.m.: Before the Flood at College of Lake Co., Grayslake Campus, A-Wing Auditorium.

Film descriptions and links to trailers can be found at Lake County screenings page of the One Earth Film Festival website. All Lake County film showings are free and open to the public. Two of this year's films will offer Spanish subtitles: "Shifting Sands" in Waukegan, and "Before the Flood" at CLC in Grayslake.

This year's festival will present 31 films in 47 screening events at 39 venues throughout the City of Chicago and in Lake, DuPage Kane and suburban Cook counties. Information on the full festival is available at oneearthfilmfest.org.

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