

# **Trees are being TOPPED not trimmed**

## **And now Commonwealth Edison wants to spray HERBICIDES along the trails to kill trees, bushes & wildlife habitats.**

**WARNING!**

At meetings on 5/19 & 9/16/2009 at the DuPage County Admin. Building **Com Ed announced plans to use herbicides along the trails and homes of thousands to kill trees, bushes & wildlife** along both the IL Prairie Path and Great Western Trail in DuPage County.

Commonwealth Edison's and its contractor Asplundh has done considerable damage to the trees on the trails including the IL Prairie Path & Great Western Trail and along private property too. Many trail users and neighbors have complained about their practice to cut the tops off the trees instead of trimming the branches. **"When you top off hardwood trees, you are killing them from the top.** Many thousands of trees have just been topped off as far as 20 feet below their power lines along the IL Prairie Path and Great Western Trails. This butchering of the trees takes away from the beauty and the natural feel of our trails." stated Don Kirchenberg, Voluntary Chairman of the Friends of the Great Western Trails.

**Concerned citizens are encouraged to contact their state legislators and county officials to voice their opinions about the tree cutting directed by Commonwealth Edison. The state of Illinois has jurisdiction over the tree maintenance practices of all power companies. They can force the IL Commerce Commission to ensure better tree maintenance that will help protect the trees on the trails and anywhere near power lines. And DuPage County officials can stop the use of herbicides to kill trees, bushes and wildlife along the trails.**

➡ Contact local legislators and elected officials as follows: [Senatorcronin@aol.com](mailto:Senatorcronin@aol.com) State Senator Dan Cronin, [carole@pankau.com](mailto:carole@pankau.com) State Senator Carole Pankau, [community@sandrapihos.com](mailto:community@sandrapihos.com) State Rep Sandra Pihos, , [staterepramey55@aol.com](mailto:staterepramey55@aol.com) State Representative Randy Ramey, [Johnjmillner@aol.com](mailto:Johnjmillner@aol.com) State Senator John Millner, , [joe@josephdunn.com](mailto:joe@josephdunn.com), State Representative Joe Dunn, [franco@il45.com](mailto:franco@il45.com) State Representative Franco Colipietro, [mike.fortner@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mike.fortner@sbcglobal.net) State Rep. Mike Fortner and find more at the website for the IL Board of Elections: <http://www.elections.state.il.us/DLS/Pages/DLSAddressCrit.asp> And **contact these DuPage County officials to stop the use of herbicides** using this list of email addresses: [chairman@dupageco.org](mailto:chairman@dupageco.org), [jmcbride@dupageco.org](mailto:jmcbride@dupageco.org), [geckhoff@dupageco.org](mailto:geckhoff@dupageco.org), [dolson@dupageco.org](mailto:dolson@dupageco.org), [dirk.enger@dupageco.org](mailto:dirk.enger@dupageco.org), [anthony.michelassi@dupageco.org](mailto:anthony.michelassi@dupageco.org), [dpuchalski@dupageco.org](mailto:dpuchalski@dupageco.org), [jredick@dupageco.org](mailto:jredick@dupageco.org), [jzay@dupageco.org](mailto:jzay@dupageco.org), [forest@dupageforest.com](mailto:forest@dupageforest.com), [rita.gonzalez@dupageco.org](mailto:rita.gonzalez@dupageco.org) and get more email addresses at <http://www.dupageco.org/cobrd/> **And always copy the media at:** [news@dailyherald.com](http://news@dailyherald.com), [news@tribune.com](mailto:news@tribune.com), [editorial@mysuburbanlife.com](mailto:editorial@mysuburbanlife.com), [thesun@scn1.com](mailto:thesun@scn1.com), [QuestPublishing@aol.com](mailto:QuestPublishing@aol.com), [news@examinerpublications.com](mailto:news@examinerpublications.com) and [lombardian@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lombardian@sbcglobal.net)

➡ **File a complaint with the IL Commerce Commission about Com Ed's tree butchering on the trails and along private property & plans to use herbicides along miles of the GWT & IPP. Ask for a public hearing too.** Complaints should be filed at the ICC's website <http://www.icc.illinois.gov/consumer/complaint/wizard.aspx>

➡ **Contact your local elected officials about the damage to the trees in your community.** They can be found by calling the IL Board of Elections at 312-814-6440 or by going to webpage: <http://www.elections.state.il.us/DLS/Pages/DLSAddressCrit.asp>

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**For more information on this issue and the Great Western Trails go to the NEW webpage: [www.friendsofthegreatwesterntrails.com](http://www.friendsofthegreatwesterntrails.com) & send an email to [Frndsgrtwstntrl@aol.com](mailto:Frndsgrtwstntrl@aol.com)**