

Data Sharing Agreement

The Rights-of-Way as Habitat Geospatial Database (“Database”) is a central repository that enables participating organizations to map and track lands managed for pollinator habitat through data collection tools and online mapping applications. The Database is owned and managed by the University of Illinois Chicago (UIC). By submitting this intake questionnaire, you acknowledge and consent to the following data sharing conditions.

The Database captures information explicitly related to vegetation management and pollinator habitat. Data submitted to the Database is considered sensitive and will be stored behind a data firewall in a password protected Microsoft SQL Server hosted by UIC. Access to raw data will be restricted to UIC and contracted personnel only, who will take reasonable precautions to protect and maintain the confidentiality of the data. UIC and its contracted personnel agree not to distribute or publish the data except as authorized by this agreement or with express consent for academic research purposes.

The Database supports data sharing between registered users of the Database (i.e., energy companies, transportations agencies, vegetation management contractors, and partner organizations) and through a public-facing online dashboard (i.e., external stakeholders). Data sharing occurs at three levels:

Public: External stakeholders may view limited data aggregated at the county level, including organization type and total acres per county, through the web interface and dashboard on the UIC Rights-of-Way as Habitat Working Group’s website.

Basic: Users may opt to share basic read-only data features, including Site or Management Area names and status, Centerline names and descriptions, Program names, and select pollinator habitat indicators (e.g. milkweed, nectar plant, habitat rating) with other registered users of the Database.

Detailed: Users may designate additional read-only access of detailed data features to specific organizations, such as other ROW organizations, contractors, and/or partners as desired.

Refer to [Data Sharing Levels](#) for more information regarding data sharing and visibility permissions. Account Administrators and Data Managers must specify initial sharing levels in the intake questionnaire. Sharing levels may be modified and/or partner organizations can be added or removed by editing the "Collaborations" table in ArcGIS Pro (see pg. 7 of [Database User Guidance](#) for additional information).

ESRI user credentials and license permissions (i.e. ArcGIS Online and ArcGIS Pro) provided by UIC are intended for the sole purpose of data capture and contribution to the Database. UIC reserves the right to revoke ESRI user credentials and license permissions at any time for the following reasons: (1) user account is no longer active, (2) changes occur to ESRI licensing terms, or (3) ESRI licensing credentials are used for purposes not explicitly granted under this agreement. By submitting this ESRI license request form, you confirm your acceptance of these software license terms.

By submitting data to the Database, you confirm the accuracy of these data to the best of your ability.

If you have any comments or questions regarding this data sharing agreement, please contact rowhwg@uic.edu.