

Emergent Oak-Hickory Woodlands – Around most of the perimeter of Legacy lies young oak-hickory woodlands. These native tree communities, consisting of red oak, shagbark hickory, and burr oak, represent what was once the predominant woodland type in northern Illinois. Like other woodlands in our area, they have been invaded by non-native shrubs, especially European buckthorn. Restoration activity entails removing the buckthorn and replacing it with native woodland plants, including a number of spring flowers such as wild geranium, trillium, columbine, May apple, and many others.



