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Restoration in Chicago

The test of whether we truly understand such a (complex) system is no longer our ability to predict it, but our ability to construct another system that does the same sort of thing as the original.

Frederick Turner
"The Predicting Contest"

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Metric Conversion Table

centimeter	cm	0.39 inch
meter	m	39.37 inches
kilometer	km	0.62 mile
hectare	ha	2.47 acres
liter	l	1.057 quart
kilogram	kg	2.20 pounds
gram	g	0.035 ounce

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Psychological epicenter for modern prairie restoration efforts throughout the Midwest is, somewhat incongruously, the 2 km-diameter proton accelerator ring at Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory in suburban Chicago. Known worldwide as a site for research in particle physics, Fermilab is also famous among prairie people for the work being carried out on the 240 hectares inside the ring, where for the past decade and a half restorationists have been carrying out one of the most ambitious prairie restoration efforts anywhere. Though unique in scale, the Fermilab project in many ways typifies the efforts of a remarkable group of conservationists who are employing a potent combination of restoration, preservation and the help of volunteers to create a patchwork of prairies and other native communities within sight of the Loop. A story about the Chicago restorationists and their work leads off this issue of R&MN.

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