



2045 North Lincoln Park West
Chicago, Illinois 60614

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Leslie Kish
Permits
Chicago Park District
541 N. Fairbanks
Chicago, IL 60611

RE: Permit for Earth Day Run (Mark Cihlar)

Dear Leslie,

The membership of LPAC has requested that I express our deep concern over the issue of a permit for Mark Cihlar and his organization for a run through Lincoln Park as part of Earth Day festivities. Many members have expressed concern over this person's reputation for organizing such events and feel that our park may be further damaged by the runners and more importantly by the spectators if this event is allowed a permit. The ground/grass is extremely soft in April and the spectators will ruin it for the entire summer.

Another great concern is the setting of the route for future years as the event grows. We are concerned as previously mentioned about spectator damage to the grass but also the number of people and closeness of the route to the bird sanctuary during the spring migration/nesting period.

We have been told by the CPD that due to all of the construction that is going on at the North Lakefront and with such limited access to the lakefront for those who live in the area that there wouldn't be any additional permits issued during this major construction period. Issuing a permit for an Earth Day run as proposed to LPAC is not responsible park management and we would be opposed to such an issuance. LPAC would appreciate knowing if a permit is issued for this event.

Respectfully,

Vickie Matthews
President

Cc: Laura Foxgrover
David Doig
Mark Cihlar