



# Kendall County Forest Preserve District Planning and Advisory Committee Overview of Priority Trail System; Habitat Corridor and Soil and Water Conservation Projects

The collage features a grid of nine images and a large map at the bottom. The images show various aspects of the preserve: a forest with autumn foliage, a building entrance with a sign, a dragonfly, a group of people with a horse, a stream in a forest, a group of people sitting on a bench, blue flowers, children in winter gear, and a picnic shelter. The map at the bottom shows the preserve area with a legend indicating different types of forest preservation areas.

**Key**

- Forest Preserve and OHS Conservation Areas
- 2010-2015 Old-Dominion Forests
- Preservation Forested State
- 2010-2015 Old-Dominion Forests

**KENDALL COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT**

APPENDIX 3: LAND ACQUISITION WORKSHEET

**Land Acquisition Worksheet**

Decisions made regarding land acquisition are the responsibility of the Board of Commissioners of the Kendall County Forest Preserve District. This worksheet is meant to assist the board, along with staff recommendations and resident input, in the land acquisition process. Other factors including, but not limited to: price, threats to the property, needs of the District, and grant requirements will also be considered by the Commissioners when making land acquisition decisions.

This worksheet is numerically based, with a high score indicating a property with high value as preserved open space. For each quality that a parcel possesses, it receives the corresponding score. The total score can then be compared with scores of other parcels in order to evaluate the properties as potential forest preserves.

**Preserving Natural Features:**

High Quality Natural Area (prairie, wetland, woodland, stream)	12	___
Fox Riverfront Property	12	___
Linkage between Protected Open Spaces	8	___
Streams / Lakes / Ponds	8	___
Expansion of Current Forest Preserve	4	___
Presence of Endangered or Threatened Species	4	___
Significant Geologic Features	4	___
100-acres or larger	4	___
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>56</b>	___

**Recreation and Education Potential:**

Multi-purpose Trails	12	___
Proximity to Population Centers	8	___
Preserve Access/Parking	3	___
Picnic Areas/High Use Areas	3	___
Nature Trails	3	___
Water/Fishing/Canoe Access	3	___
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>32</b>	___

**Complements Existing Plans:**

Kendall Natural Area Guardians - Protect Kendall Now	8	___
Kendall County Land Resource Management Plan; Watershed Plan; Municipal/Park District Plan, or Trail Plan	4	___
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>12</b>	___

**Deduct Considerations:**

Land-locked Parcel with Public Access Limitations	<b>(10)</b>	___
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**Total Weighted Score (Max. 100)**                      **100**      \_\_\_



# Kendall County Forest Preserve District

Master Plan

2014-2019

KENDALL COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT - MASTER PLAN



## FACILITY CHART

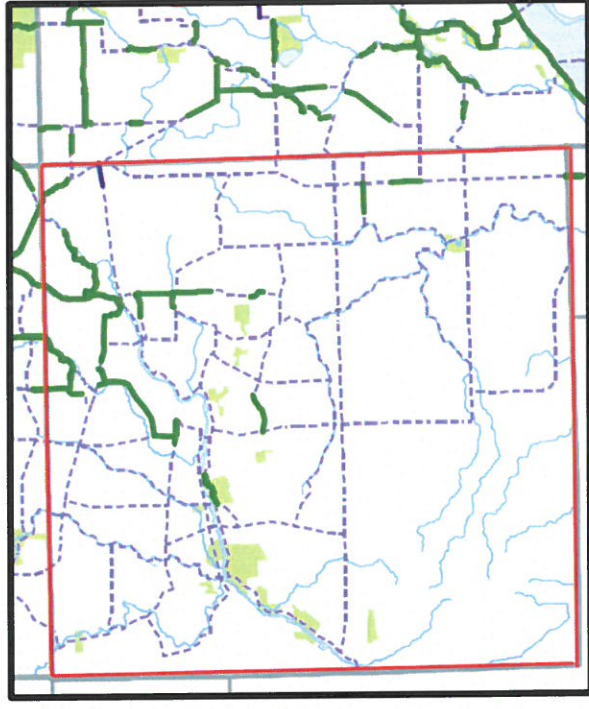
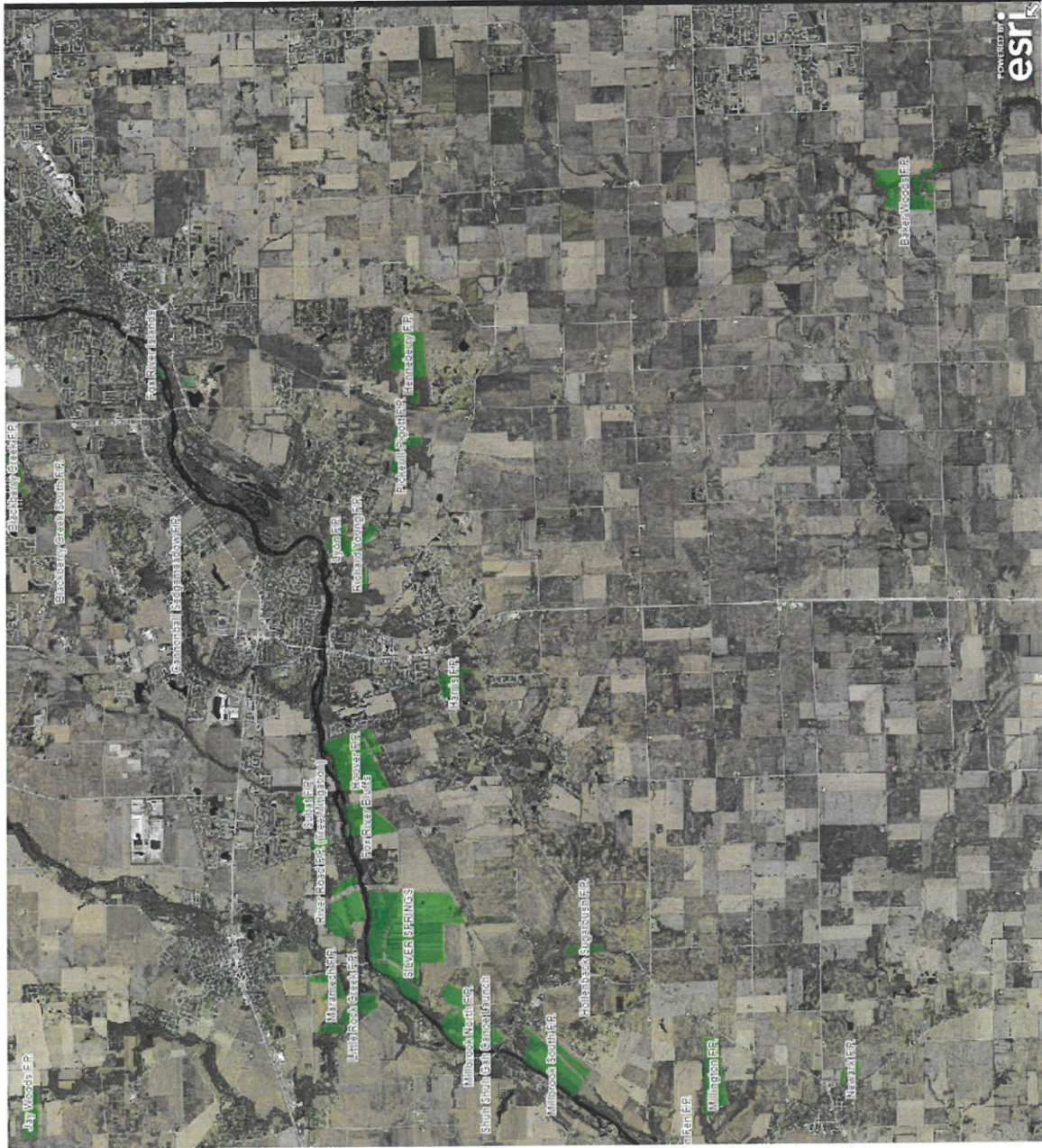
	Acres	Parking	Trails	Picnic Shelters	Drinking Water	Bathrooms	Fishing	Tent Camping	Bank-house	Baseball Field	Horse Arena	Sled Hill	Event Space	Canoe Launch
Baker Woods	252	✓	3.00	2		✓	✓				✓		✓ <sup>1</sup>	
Blackberry Trail	154	✓ <sup>1</sup>	1.42	1 <sup>2</sup>	✓ <sup>3</sup>	✓ <sup>3</sup>	✓				✓	✓		
Harris	94	✓	2.67	7	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓			
Henneperry	216													
Hollenback Sugarbush	46													
Hoover	396	✓	6.64	2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓ <sup>3</sup>	✓		✓	✓ <sup>4</sup>	
Jay Woods	120	✓	1.80	1	✓	✓								
Lyon	59	✓	1.34											
Maramech	92	✓	0.40	1	✓	✓								
Millbrook - North	302													
Millbrook - South	301	✓	2.65											
Millington	198													
Newark	42													
Pickertill-Piggott	96													
Richard Young	118	✓	1.54	2	✓	✓	✓							✓
Shult Shuh Gab	2	✓		1	✓	✓ <sup>3</sup>	✓							
Subat	71	✓	0.08	1	✓	✓								
Other Parcels	104													
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,666</b>			<b>17</b>										

- 1 Ellis House
- 2 Fox Valley Park District
- 3 Hoover has three bunkhouses for overnight camping
- 4 Meadowhawk Lodge
- 5 Seasonal



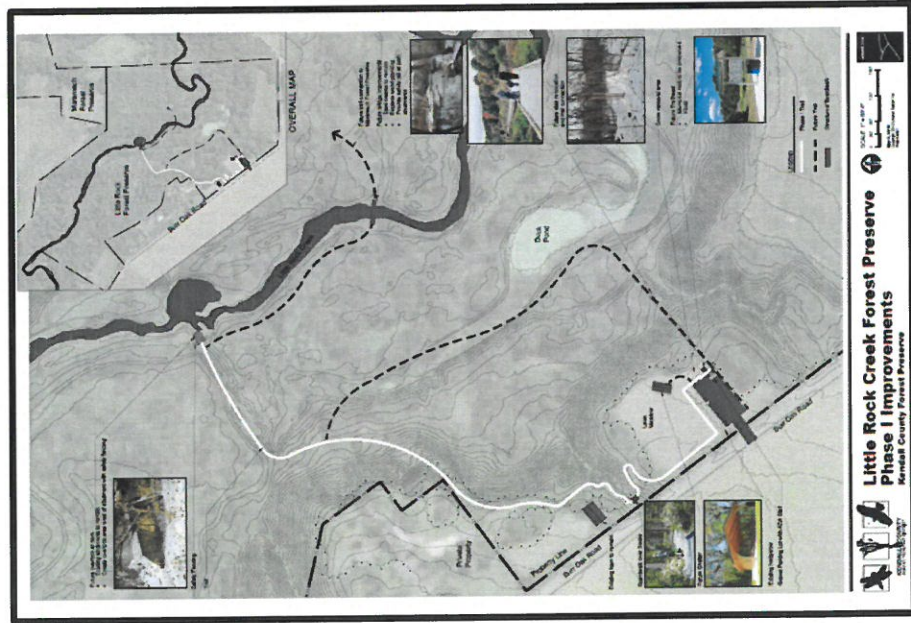
## Trail System Projects and Opportunities

1. Fox River Regional Trail – Subat-Hoover-Fox River Bluffs-Silver Springs
2. Fox River Water Trail – Freeman Canoe Launch
3. Pickerill-Pigott Forest Preserve
4. Aux Sable Springs trail system
5. Maramech-Little Rock Creek Trail Connection
6. Henneberry Turf Trails
7. Encroachment Trail Closures

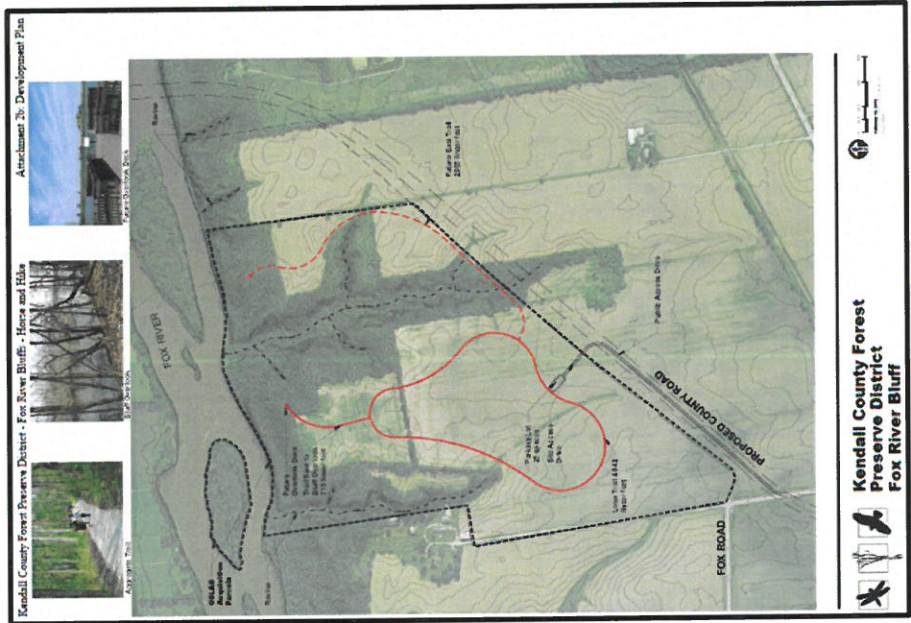




# Little Rock Creek Forest Preserve Phase I Public Access Plan



# Fox River Bluffs Phase I Public Access Plan



# Aux Sable Springs Park Master Plan

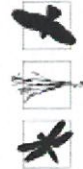




# Pickerill-Pigott Forest Preserve Master Plan Phase I



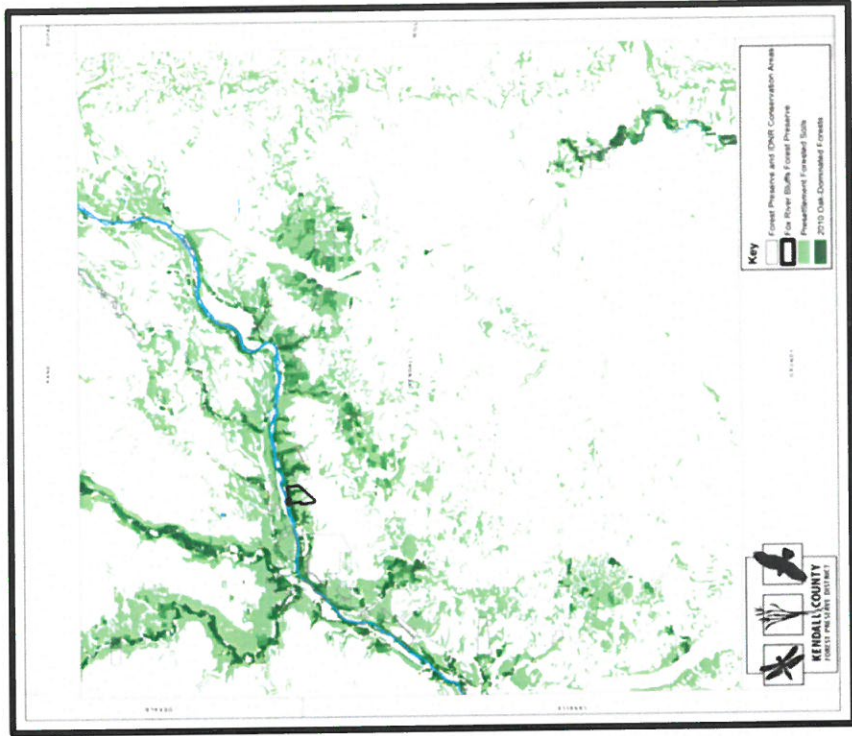
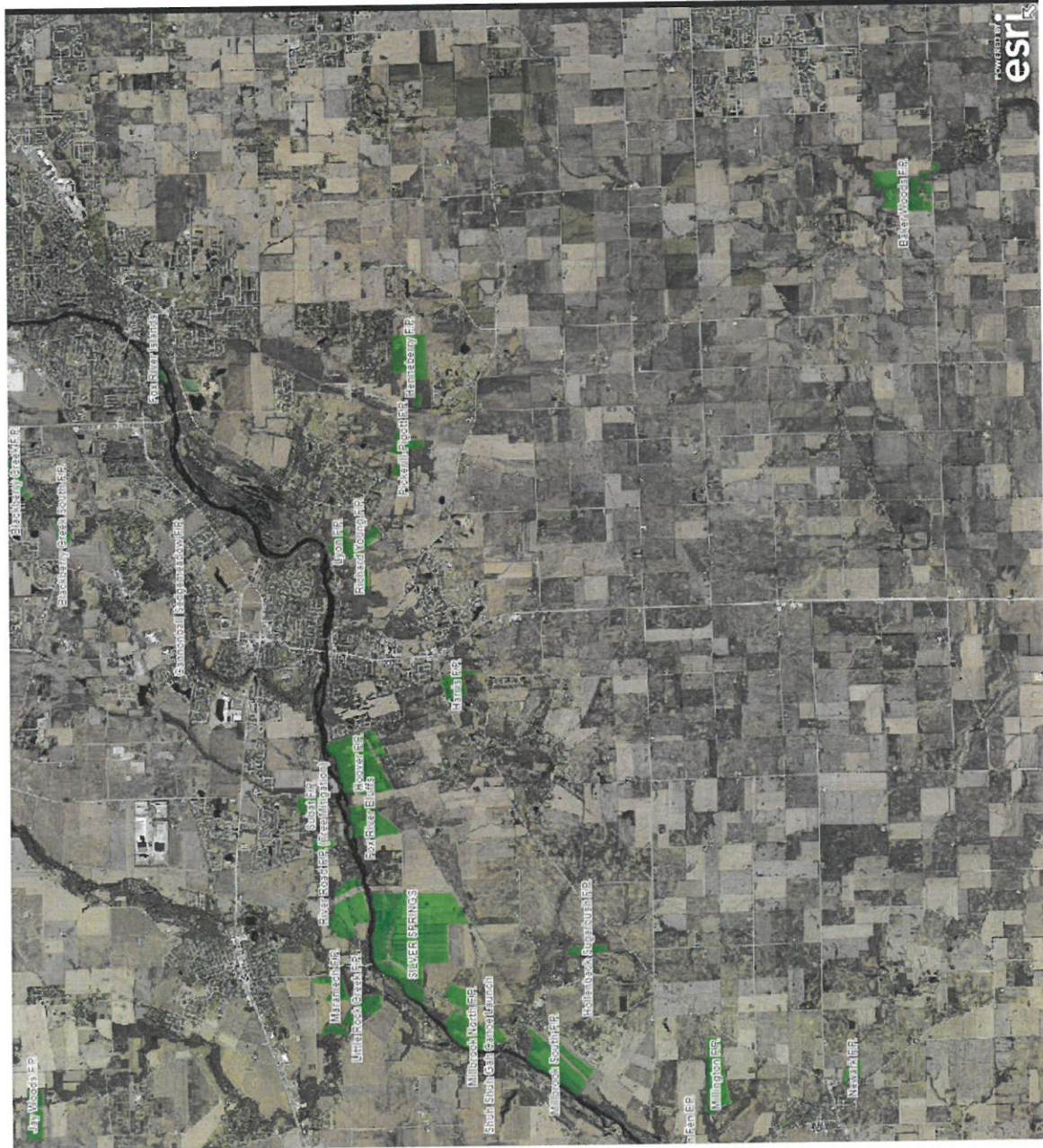
## Master Plan - Phase I Pickerill-Pigott Forest Preserve Kendall County Forest Preserve District





## Habitat Corridor Connections

1. Silver Springs Macro-site
2. Reservation Woods Parcel(s)
3. Hollenback Sugar Bush Addition
4. TBD – 5-Year Plan May Not Include Land







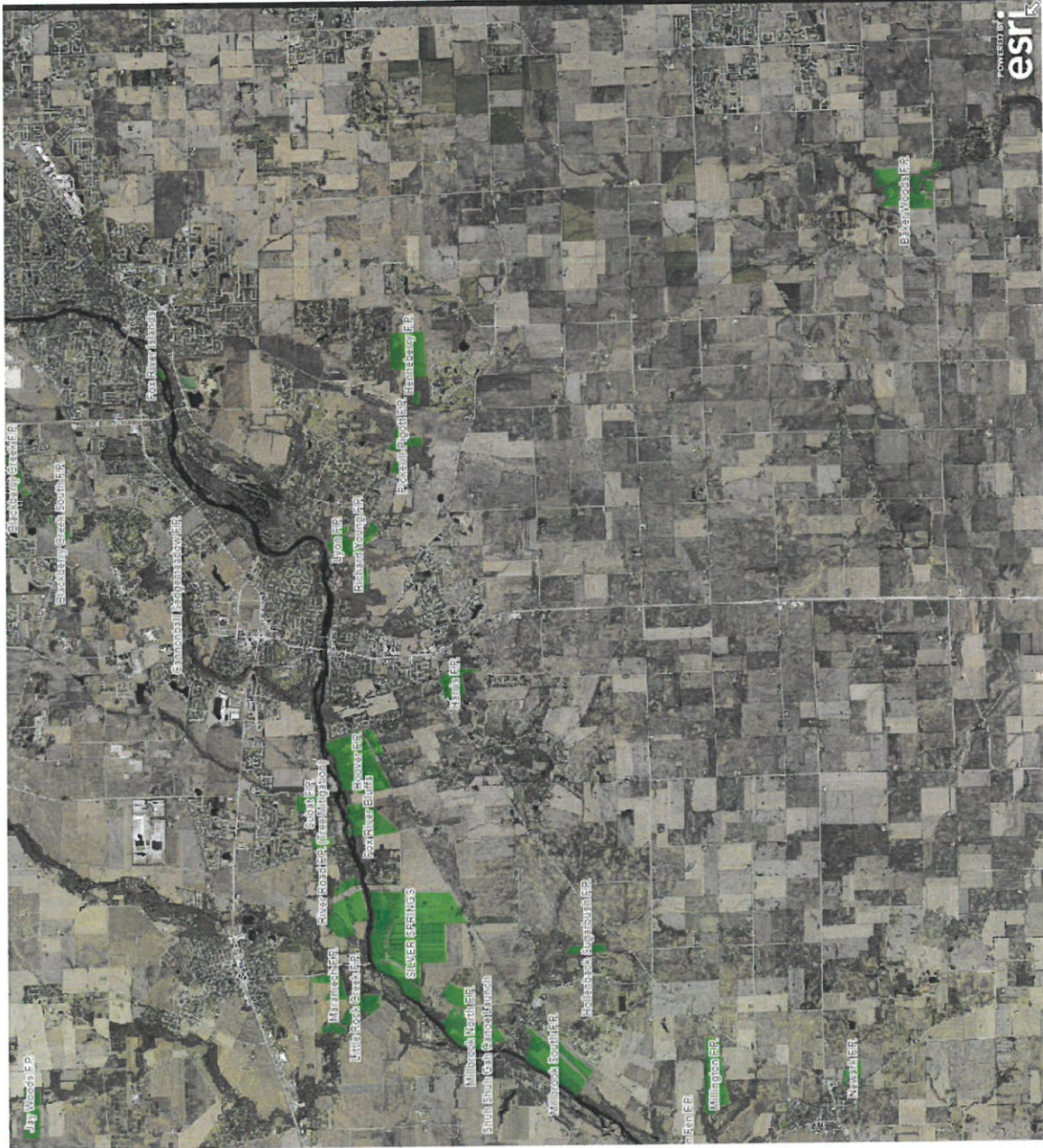
Marmech	87.53
Little Rock Creek	130.0
Millbrook North	295.29
Shuh Shuh Gah Canoe Launch	2.49
River Road	31.0
Subat	101.92
Fox River Bluffs	168.07
Hoover	351.70
Total	1,168



## Soil and Water Conservation Projects

1. Bluff & Shoreline Erosion Control Projects (Hoover; Maramech; Little Rock Creek)
2. Trail Erosion Control Projects (Encroachment Trails & Main Loop Trail Repairs @ Hoover; Maramech Overlook Spur; Hoover Overlook)
3. Creek Fallen Timber Clearing Projects (Rob Roy – Subat; Lyon-Richard Young; Baker Woods)

Figure 11. Erosion along slope in dry-mesic and mesic woodland at Maramech Woods Nature Preserve







## Kendall County Forest Preserve District Planning and Advisory Committee

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January 21, 2020

Dear Planning and Advisory Committee Members:

Thank you for your service and support of the development of 5-year strategic plan recommendations for the Kendall County Forest Preserve District.

An overview of the meeting dates and topics to be addressed is attached to this welcome letter, as well as links to online resources that will help prepare you for your Committee service.

Each meeting will begin promptly at 6:00 pm in the Kendall County Board Room on the Second Floor of the Kendall County Administration Building located at 111 W. Fox Street, Yorkville IL 60560. If you are unable to attend a scheduled meeting date, please contact both Matt Prochaska, Chair at [MProchaska@co.kendall.il.us](mailto:MProchaska@co.kendall.il.us), and the District at [kcforest@co.kendall.il.us](mailto:kcforest@co.kendall.il.us).

Each meeting session will include a brief overview and orientation of the topics to be discussed presented by District staff, with the goal of developing preliminary recommendations for each topic area from Committee discussions.

**January 28, 2020 at 6:00 PM**

KCFPD Overview

Topic 1: Land Preservation: Short-Term v/s Long-Term Acquisition

**February 25, 2020 at 6:00 PM**

Topic 2: Protection and Improvement of Wildlife Habitat and Critical Natural Areas

**March 24, 2020 at 6:00 PM**

Topic 3: Protecting/Improving Water Quality and Drinking Water Resources

**April 28, 2020 at 6:00 PM**

Topic 4: Recreational Access and Nature Education

**May 26, 2020 at 6:00 PM**

Topic 5: Reforestation and Land Conversion to Natural Habitat

**June 23, 2020 at 6:00 PM**

Topic 6: Human Resources; Capital and Preserve Infrastructure Improvement Projects  
Review and Approval of Final Recommendations to Commission



The District will have food available at the beginning of each meeting. Please let us know if you have **any dietary restrictions** or meal preferences to consider when ordering. Also, please let us know your **address and preferred phone number(s)** so we can provide an updated of contacts list to members of the Committee at our first meeting. Your responses can be sent to directly to [kcforest@co.kendall.il.us](mailto:kcforest@co.kendall.il.us).

Thank you again for your time and service. We look forward to your participation and input in helping shape the District's 5-year plan.

Sincerely,

Matt Prochaska  
KCFPD Planning and Advisory Committee Chair





## Kendall County Forest Preserve District Planning and Advisory Committee

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**Purpose:** The Kendall County Forest Preserve District Planning and Advisory Committee is charged with completing a high-level review of District mission-based activities, challenges, directions, and funding support needs. The goal of the Planning and Advisory Committee is to generate recommendations to the District's Board of Commissioners.

Committee Service Pre-Assignments:

1. Review the KCFPD 2014-2019 Master Plan
2. Review the IDNR Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan 2014-2019
3. Review The Conservation Foundation 2019 Regional Conservation Message Study
4. Review the KC-GIS Website: Preserve Locations and Amenities
5. Review the Oak Ecosystem Recovery Project / Plan
6. Review the Chicago Wilderness Green Vision / Protect Kendall Now / iView (Prairie State Conservation Coalition)
7. Review of the CMAP NE IL Regional Greenways and Trails Plan

### **Key Questions for the Planning and Advisory Committee:**

1. Land Conservation Program: How aggressively should the District pursue the purchase of additional forest preserve lands? How many acres should be acquired in the next 5/10/25 years?
2. Natural Area Management: How aggressively should the District pursue natural area restoration projects? How aggressively should the District pursue cropland conversion projects? How many acres should be under management in the next 5/10/25 years? What other natural area management priorities and/or research goals should be considered as part of the District's long-range planning? What priorities should be addressed?
3. Trails and Greenway Corridors: How aggressively should the District pursue greenway connectivity and linear trail corridor development? Where should the District focus trail corridor development efforts?
4. Recreational Opportunities and Facilities: What types of recreational opportunities should be offered/planned in the next 5-10 years? What types of facilities/amenities should be developed to support the recreational interests of Kendall County residents?
5. Nature Education Programming Gap Analysis: What types of programs and services should the District consider developing over the next 5-10 years, considering both active and passive educational focus and opportunities?



6. What, if any, multi-purpose event facilities are needed? Will the District's current facilities and near-term opportunities suffice, or are there future developments that should be considered?

The mission of the Kendall County Forest Preserve District is to acquire, preserve and manage natural areas and open spaces, provide environmental education, and offer recreational opportunities for Kendall County Residents.

Master Plan Goals (abbreviated):

1. Acquire and hold lands and properties. Preserve the flora, fauna, and scenic beauties for future generations.
2. Utilize forest preserves to provide educational opportunities focusing on the natural history of Kendall County.
3. Provide and maintain passive and active recreational opportunities and facilities compatible with the District's natural areas.
4. Provide and maintain multi-purpose event facilities.
5. Implement resource management to maintain and enhance natural area diversity.
6. Enhance practices and policies that promote fiscal responsibility and organizational proficiency.
7. Enhance use of media outlets to connect with County residents.
8. Partner with governmental agencies, conservation organizations, and private landowners to preserve nature, create greenway corridors and develop linear trails.

**Pre-Assignment Links:**

[https://www.co.kendall.il.us/wp-content/uploads/FP\\_MasterPlanRevision.pdf](https://www.co.kendall.il.us/wp-content/uploads/FP_MasterPlanRevision.pdf)

<https://www.dnr.illinois.gov/publications/Documents/00000823.pdf>

<https://www.theconservationfoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/NE-IL-Regional-Conservation-Message-Polling-Nov-2019.pdf>

<https://maps.co.kendall.il.us/portal/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=4e1677e938274588a227eaa33cee6fd9>

<http://chicagorti.org/OakRecovery>

<https://www.chicagowilderness.org/page/GreenVision>

<http://www.protectkendallnow.org/plan.html>

<http://www.prairiestateconservation.org/pscc/iview/>

<https://www.cmap.illinois.gov/mobility/walking-and-bicycling/greenways-and-trails>





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