

# Kendall County Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners FY23 BUDGET AND ORIENTATION BINDER





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Board of Commissioners  
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December 2022**

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**COMMISSION APPROVAL DATE: 11/15/2022**

All meetings of the Kendall County Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners and Committee meetings will be held in the Kendall County Administration Building - Kendall County Board Rooms 209 and 210 located at 111 W. Fox Street Yorkville, IL 60560

The regular meeting dates for Kendall County Forest Preserve District **Commission** meetings are the first and third Tuesdays of each calendar month.

3-Jan-23	6:00 PM	5-Jul-23	6:00 PM	<i>Independence Day Holiday 7/4/23-Meeting moved to 7/5/23</i>
17-Jan-23	9:00 AM	18-Jul-23	9:00 AM	
7-Feb-23	6:00 PM	1-Aug-23	6:00 PM	
21-Feb-23	9:00 AM	15-Aug-23	9:00 AM	
7-Mar-23	6:00 PM	5-Sep-23	6:00 PM	
21-Mar-23	9:00 AM	19-Sep-23	9:00 AM	
4-Apr-23	6:00 PM	3-Oct-23	6:00 PM	
18-Apr-23	9:00 AM	17-Oct-23	9:00 AM	
2-May-23	6:00 PM	7-Nov-23	6:00 PM	
16-May-23	9:00 AM	21-Nov-23	9:00 AM	
6-Jun-23	6:00 PM	5-Dec-23	6:00 PM	
20-Jun-23	9:00 AM	19-Dec-22	9:00 AM	

The regular meeting date for the Kendall County Forest Preserve District **Committee of the Whole** meeting is the first Tuesday following the first Commission meeting of each calendar month.

10-Jan-23	4:30 PM	11-Jul-23	4:30 PM
14-Feb-23	4:30 PM	8-Aug-23	4:30 PM
14-Mar-23	4:30 PM	12-Sep-23	4:30 PM
11-Apr-23	4:30 PM	10-Oct-23	4:30 PM
9-May-23	4:30 PM	14-Nov-23	4:30 PM
13-Jun-23	4:30 PM	12-Dec-23	4:30 PM

The regular meeting date for the Kendall County Forest Preserve District **Finance Committee** meeting is the first Thursday in the week following the second Commission meeting.

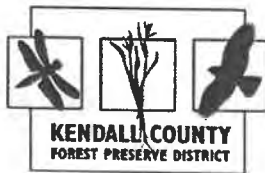
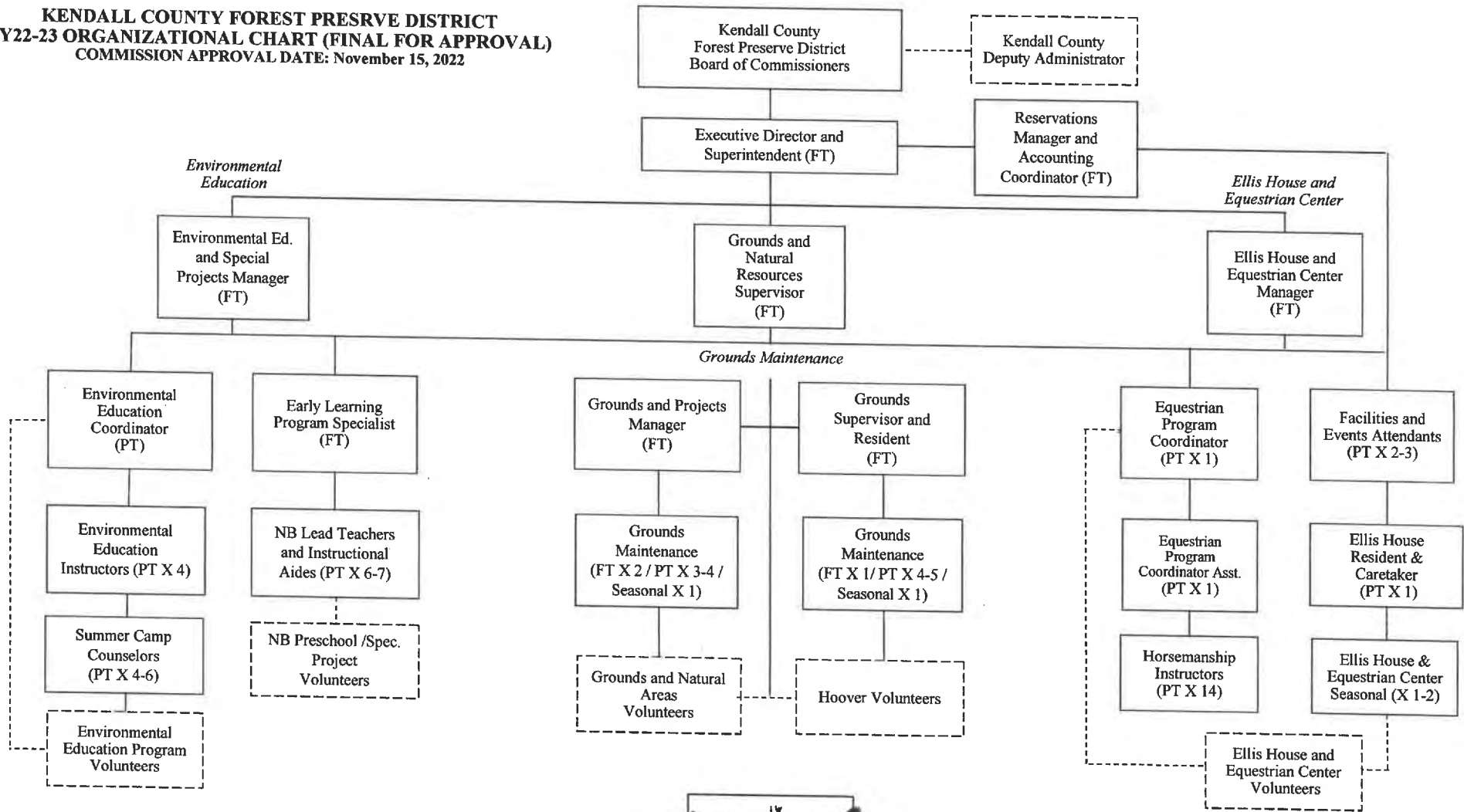
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27-Apr-23	4:00 PM	26-Oct-23	4:00 PM
25-May-23	4:00 PM	30-Nov-23	4:00 PM
29-Jun-23	4:00 PM	28-Dec-23	4:00 PM

The regular meeting date for the Kendall County Forest Preserve District **Operations Committee** meeting is the first Wednesday of each calendar month.

4-Jan-23	6:00 PM	5-Jul-23		<i>No Meeting due to scheduled Commission meeting</i>
1-Feb-23	6:00 PM	2-Aug-23	6:00 PM	
1-Mar-23	6:00 PM	6-Sep-23	6:00 PM	
5-Apr-23	6:00 PM	4-Oct-23	6:00 PM	
3-May-23	6:00 PM	1-Nov-23	6:00 PM	
7-Jun-23	6:00 PM	6-Dec-23	6:00 PM	

New Year's Day (Observed)	Monday	2-Jan-23
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Monday	16-Jan-23
Lincoln's Birthday	Monday	13-Feb-23
Washington's Birthday	Monday	20-Feb-23
Spring Holiday	Friday	7-Apr-23
Memorial Day	Monday	29-May-23
Juneteenth Independence Day	Monday	19-Jun-23
Independence Day	Tuesday	4-Jul-23
Labor Day	Monday	4-Sep-23
Columbus Day	Monday	9-Oct-23
Veteran's Day	Friday	10-Nov-23
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday	23-Nov-23
Day Following Thanksgiving Day	Friday	24-Nov-23
Christmas Day	Monday	25-Dec-23

**KENDALL COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT**  
**FY22-23 ORGANIZATIONAL CHART (FINAL FOR APPROVAL)**  
**COMMISSION APPROVAL DATE: November 15, 2022**





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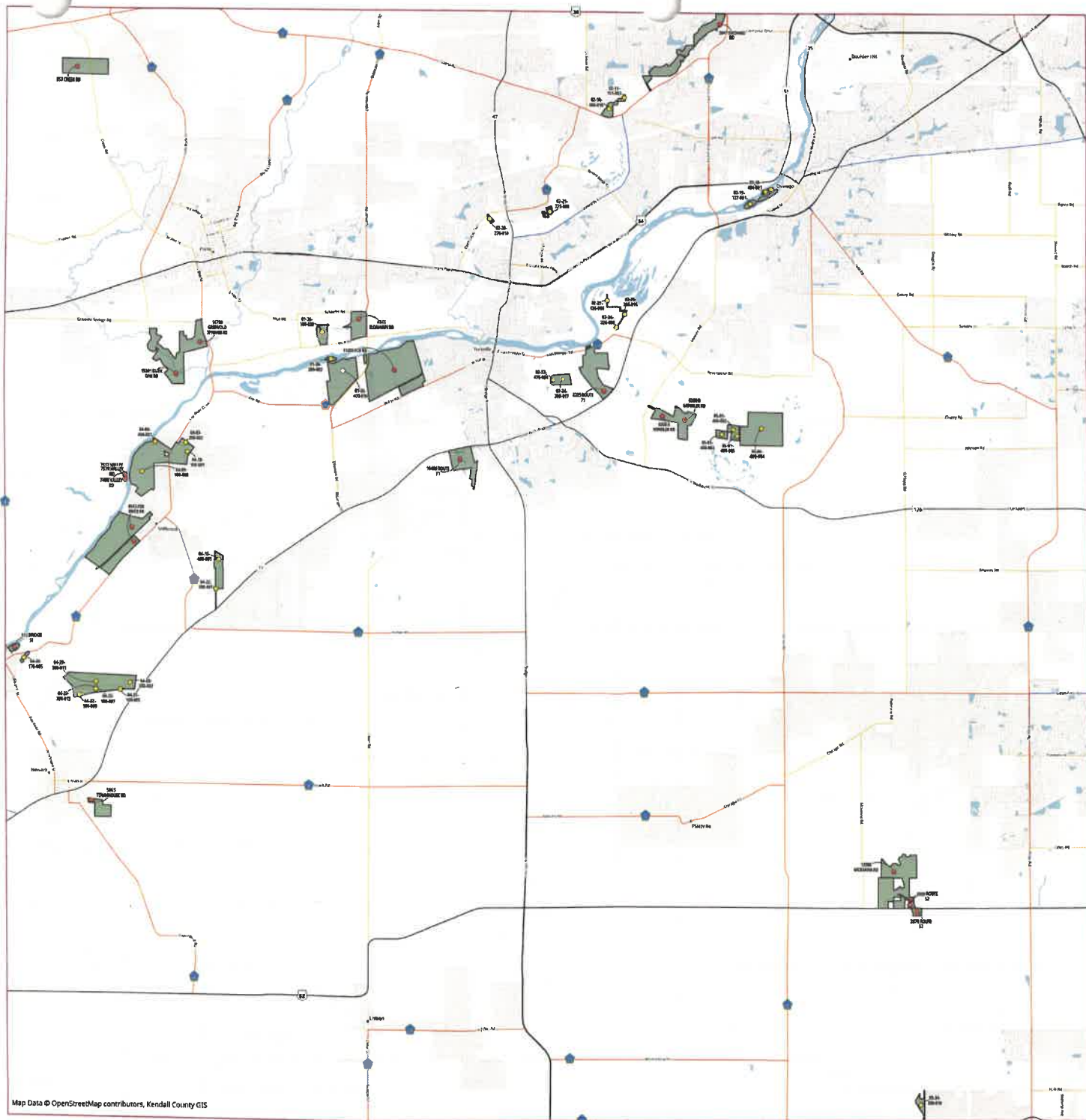
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**Roads**

- Interstate
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**Municipal Areas**

- Municipal Areas



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**Dall County Forest Preserve District**

**2023 Fees and Charges**

1-Dec-23

Description	Type	Security Deposit	Current Rates Schedule
<b>Historic Courthouse Meeting Room and Courtroom Rentals</b>			
East Conference Room	Meeting room	\$100	\$20/hr. resident; \$30/hr. non-resident
Upper Conference Room	Meeting room	\$100	\$20/hr. resident; \$30/hr. non-resident
Historic Courtroom	Courtroom	\$100	\$40/hr. resident; \$60/hr. non-resident
<b>Forest Preserve Shelter, Bunkhouse, and Campsite Rentals</b>			
Richard Young FP	Shelter	N/A	\$60/resident; \$85/non-resident
Jay Woods FP	Shelter	N/A	\$60/resident; \$85/non-resident
Subat FP	Shelter	N/A	\$60/resident; \$85/non-resident
Harris FP	Shelter	N/A	\$60/resident; \$85/non-resident
Harris - Shelter 1 and 4	Shelter	N/A	\$100/resident; \$125/non-resident
Pickerill-Pigott Forest Preserve	Shelter	N/A	\$60/resident; \$85 non-resident
Harris FP	Shelter 1&4 5-day	N/A	\$500 for weekday rental
Shelter Rental for Groups over 100*	Shelter	N/A	\$25 per shelter rental for group sizes greater than 100 people
Shelter, Group Campsite, or Bunkhouse Rescheduling Fee	Shelters and Campsites	N/A	\$25 per event
Hoover FP	Bunkhouse	\$100 per Bunkhouse Rental	\$180/resident; \$240/non-resident
Hoover FP	Group campsite	N/A	\$65/resident; \$85/non-resident
Hoover FP	Family campsite	N/A	\$20/resident; \$30/non-resident
Hoover FP - Campsite and Bunkhouse Non-Emergency Call-out Fee (8 pm to 8 am)*	Bunkhouse and Group Campsite Rentals	N/A	\$40 charge for non-emergency callouts between 8 pm and 8 am the following day
Harris FP	Horse Arena	N/A	\$100 per day
Firewood Bundles	Firewood	N/A	\$25 per bundle
<b>General Use Ordinance Special Use Permits</b>			
Special Event Permit Fees	Permit Fee	N/A	\$75 / \$200 / \$300 Assigned Fee
<b>White-Tailed Deer Bow Hunt CWD Permits</b>			
Hunt Season Permit	Permit Fee	N/A	\$250 R / \$350 NR
Hunt Weekend Permit	Permit Fee	N/A	\$50 R / \$100 NR
<b>Hoover - Meadowhawk Lodge Rental</b>			
Friday, Saturday & Sunday (wedding and/or reception)	Meadowhawk Lodge	50% of total cost	\$1,900 (8 am - 10 pm)
Weekend - other events	Meadowhawk Lodge	50% of contracted time	\$90/hr resident - \$110/hr non-resident
Weekday - other events	Meadowhawk Lodge	50% of contracted time	\$60/hr residents - \$80/hr non-resident
Meadowhawk Lodge Package (weekdays only)	Meadowhawk Lodge & Bunkhouses	\$100 per Bunkhouse Rental	Bunkhouse: \$180/resident; \$240/non-resident Meadowhawk Lodge: \$250
Not-for-Profit and Government Rate	Meadowhawk Lodge	50% of contracted time	10% (May-Oct)-10% (Nov - Apr) discount
Client Set-up / Clean-up Time	Meadowhawk Lodge	N/A	\$15 per hour for each hour of set-up / clean-up
Set-up / Clean-up by District (optional)	Meadowhawk Lodge	N/A	\$50 setup <u>or</u> cleanup/\$75 for setup <u>and</u> clean-up
Sound System	Meadowhawk Lodge	N/A	\$25 per rental event
<b>Pickerill-Pigott - Ken Pickerill Estate House Rental</b>			
Friday, Saturday & Sunday (wedding and/or reception)	House, Patio, Shelter	50% of total cost	\$2,500 (8 am - 10 pm)
Weekend - other events	House, Patio, Shelter	50% of contracted time	\$125/hr resident - \$150/hr non-resident
Weekday - other events	House, Patio, Shelter	50% of contracted time	\$80/hr residents - \$105/hr non-resident
Pickerill House	House/Meeting Space	50% of contracted time	\$100/hr resident; \$120/hr non-resident
Not-for-Profit and Government Rate	House, Patio, Shelter	N/A	10% (May-Oct) - 10% (Nov - Apr) discount
Client Set-up / Clean-up Time	House, Patio, Shelter	N/A	\$15 per hour for each hour of set-up / clean-up
Set-up / Clean-up by District (optional)	House, Patio, Shelter	N/A	\$75 for setup <u>and</u> clean-up
<b>Baker Woods - Ellis House Rental</b>			
Friday and Sunday (wedding)	Ellis House/Grounds	\$1,000	\$2,100
Saturday (wedding)	Ellis House/Grounds	\$1,000	\$2,100
Weekday and Weekend House and Grounds - Other Events	Ellis House/Grounds	50% of contracted time	\$150/hr
Weekday & Weekend other events (House)	Ellis House	50% of contracted time	\$75/hr
Weekday & Weekend Classroom	Ellis Classroom	50% of contracted time	\$50/hr
Not-for-Profit and Government Rate	Ellis House	N/A	10% (May-Oct) discount - 10% (Nov - Apr) discount
Set-up / Clean-up (optional)	Ellis House/Tent	N/A	\$300 setup and clean-up
Firewood	Ellis House	N/A	\$30
Preferred Catering Program	Ellis House	\$200 First-Time Security Deposit	\$150 annual fee
<b>Wedding Rental - Promotional Package</b>			
Ellis House or Meadowhawk Lodge Rental	Ellis House / Meadowhawk Lodge	50% of contracted time	50% discount off the hourly rental fees at Ellis House or Meadowhawk Lodge with a Wedding Event rental purchase at either facility

Description	Type	Security Deposit	Current Rates Schedule
<b>Ellis Equestrian Center - Lessons</b>			
Beginner Rider Lessons (Single Lesson)	Public Program	N/A	Resident: \$53 / Non-Resident: \$61
Beginner Rider Lessons (5-Lesson Package)	Public Program	N/A	Resident: \$210 / Non-Resident: \$240
Beginner Rider Semi-Private (Single Lesson)	Public Program	N/A	Resident: \$42 / Non-Resident: \$48
Beginner Rider Semi-Private (5-Lesson Package)	Public Program	N/A	Resident: \$165 / Non-Resident: \$193
Lead Line Lessons (Single Lesson)	Public Program	N/A	Resident: \$30 / Non-Resident: \$34
Lead Line Lessons (5-Lesson Package)	Public Program	N/A	Resident: \$130 / Non-Resident: \$145
Pony Club (Apr-June; July-Sept; Oct-Dec)	Public Program	N/A	\$150 Per Session (Non-Lesson Student) / \$125 (Concurrent Lesson Enrollment)
Pony Club (Jan-Mar)	Public Program	N/A	\$75 Per Session (Non-Lesson Student) / \$65 (Concurrent Lesson Enrollment)
<b>Ellis Equestrian Center - Camps</b>			
Parent and Tot Day Camp	Camp Program	N/A	Resident: \$60 / Non-Resident: \$66
Pony 2-Overnight/3-Day Camp Experience	Camp Program	N/A	Resident: \$450 / Non-Resident: \$500
3-Day Pony Camp	Camp Program	N/A	Resident: \$236 / Non-Resident: \$247
<b>Ellis Equestrian - Center Birthdays Parties</b>			
Ellis Horse & Pony Birthday Parties	Public Program	\$100 at time of reservation applied to total cost	Resident: \$250 + \$25 for each child over 10 - Non-Resident \$260 + \$26 for each child over 10
<b>Ellis Equestrian Center - Other</b>			
Group Adventure Tours (1-Hour)	Public Program	50% of total cost	Resident: \$85 max 7 pp + \$14 for each add'l pp / Non-Resident: \$85 max 6 pp + \$14 for each add'l pp
Cub Scout and Girl Scout Badge Programs	Public Program	\$100 at time of reservation applied to total cost	Resident: \$250 for up to 10 pp - \$25 per for each add'l - Non-Resident \$260 for up to 10 pp - \$25 per for each add'l
Equestrian Center Field Trip Programs	School Program	50% of total cost	\$12 per student (Min: 10)
Hay Wagon Ride /Horseshoe Craft/Ellis Patch Options	Public Program	N/A	\$3 per person
Face Paint Option	Public Program	N/A	\$2 per person
Pony Ride Add On Option	Public Program	N/A	\$10 per person
<b>Environmental Education Birthday Party, Announced Nature, Scout and Senior Programs</b>			
Cub Scout and Girl Scout Badge Programs	Scout Program	N/A	\$8 per scout (minimum \$64 program fee)
Nature-themed Birthday Parties	Public Program	N/A	\$150 (5-10); \$175 (11-20); \$200 (21-30)
Bunkhouse Package Discount	Scout Program	N/A	R \$140 per night/NR \$200 per night NR
Group Campsite Package Discount	Scout Program	N/A	R \$35 per night/NR \$55 per night
Canoe Trips	Public Program	N/A	\$30 per person
Programs for Seniors	Public Program	N/A	\$70 per 1-Hour Program / \$60 per Program for Seasonal Series
<b>Environmental Education School Programs</b>			
Animals In Winter	School Program	N/A	\$3.50 per student
Biomimicry	School Program	N/A	\$7 per student
Bugfest	School Program	N/A	\$7 per student
Zoochory	School Program	N/A	\$7 per student
Fossils	School Program	N/A	\$7 per student
Native Americans	School Program	N/A	\$7 per student
Teeth Younger	School Program	N/A	\$3.50 per student
Teeth Older	School Program	N/A	\$7 per student
Adaptations in School	School Program	N/A	\$7 per student
Adaptations Harris	School Program	N/A	\$7 per student
Ecosystems Harris	School Program	N/A	\$7 per student
Wetland In School	School Program	N/A	\$7 per student
Maple Syrup	School Program	N/A	\$7 per student
Project Hoover	School Program	N/A	\$10 per student
Weather	School Program	N/A	\$7 per student
Reptiles and Amphibians	School Program	N/A	\$7 per student
Other Pre-School	Preschool Program	N/A	\$7 per student
Other School Age	School Program	N/A	\$7 per student

<u>Description</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Security Deposit</u>	<u>Current Rates Schedule</u>
<b>Environmental Education Camp Programs</b>			
Winter and Spring Break Camp	Camp Program	N/A	\$90.00
1-Day Summer Camp	Camp Program	N/A	\$40.00
Camp for Ages 1-3 Years	Camp Program	N/A	\$40.00
Camp for Ages 4 through Kindergarten	Camp Program	N/A	\$145.00
Camp for Grades 1 through 3	Camp Program	N/A	\$200.00
Camp for Grades 4 through 6	Camp Program	N/A	\$200.00
Camp for Grades 7 through 9	Camp Program	N/A	\$200.00
NatureQuest	Camp Program	N/A	\$220.00
Laws of Nature Family Exploration	Family Program	N/A	\$15 (group size 1-5) / \$25 (group size 6-10)
Summer Family Adventures - 1-Hour Program	Family Program	N/A	\$35 (1-5 part.) / \$55 (6-9 part.)
Summer Family Adventures - 2-Hour Program	Family Program	N/A	\$55 (1-5 part.)/\$75 (6-9 part.)
Summer Family Adventure - Family Horse Adventure	Family Program	N/A	Resident/NR: \$75 - Additional \$12.50 fee per person for groups over 6
Summer Family Adventures - Full Moon Adventures	Family Program	N/A	\$80 (1-5 part.)/\$100 (6-9 part.)
Afternoon Adventures	After School Program	N/A	\$360.00
After-school Enrichment (Various Titles/Age Groups)	After School Program	N/A	\$70.00
Counselor in Training	Camp Program	N/A	\$200.00
<b>Environmental Education - Natural Beginnings</b>			
Registration Fee	Preschool Program	N/A	150 + 10% non-refundable tuition applied to 4th quarterly payment
Late Payment Fee	Preschool Program	N/A	\$15 after 5-Day Grace Period
3-Day Sessions	Preschool Program	N/A	\$2,200
2-Day Sessions	Preschool Program	N/A	\$1,700

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**To: Kendall County Forest Preserve District  
Board of Commissioners**

**From: David Guritz, Director**

**Date: September 14, 2015**

**RE: Approval of a Policy Establishing Criteria for the Waiver of Fees and Charges for the Use of District Facilities**

During the Programming and Events Committee meeting on September 2, 2015, the Committee approved a final version of a policy that establishes the criteria for waiving fees and charges for use of District facilities, with a recommendation for approval of the policy by the Board of Commissioners.

The Kendall County Forest Preserve District also processes reservations for the use of the Kendall County Historic Courthouse, with requests to waive fees for use of this facility presented to the Kendall County Forest Preserve District's Programming and Events Committee for consideration and approval.

Below, please find the proposed policy establishing the criteria for evaluating requests for the waiver of fees and charges for the use of District facilities.

**Kendall County Forest Preserve District  
A Policy Establishing Criteria for the Waiver of Fees and Charges for the  
Use of District Facilities**

The Kendall County Forest Preserve District will waive rental fees and charges for the following requests with approval from the Programming and Events Committee:

1. Meetings and events of the Forest Foundation of Kendall County, a 501(c)3 organization dedicated to the support of the mission of the Kendall County Forest Preserve District, is allowed use of District facilities, upon request, for business meetings, public events, programs, and other related functions.
2. Special requests from Kendall County government offices requiring use of District facilities.
3. Events, programs, and workshops conducted in cooperation and partnership between the District and other local, state, and federal government and not-for-profit agencies directly supporting the District's mission of conservation of natural resources in Kendall County and the region.

4. Requests from other not-for-profit groups for events that directly support the District through contributions that support the maintenance and care of District facilities and preserves.

ORDINANCE #22-11-002: FY23 COMBINED BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE  
 KCFPD OPERATING FUND (FUND #1900) - FINAL FY22 AMENDED AND FY23 BUDGET FOR COMMISSION APPROVAL  
 15-Nov-22

FY2023 OPERATING FUND #1900 - FINAL BUDGET (PAGE 1 OF 1)

GL SERIES (BUDGET CATEGORIES)	FISCAL YEAR BUDGETS	ACTUAL 2016	ACTUAL 2017	ACTUAL 2018	ACTUAL 2019	ACTUAL 2020	BUDGET AMD 11-21	BUDGET 2022	BUDGET AMD 08-22	BUDGET AMD 11-22	BUDGET 2023
	Beginning Fund Balance	249,695	317,672	309,838	344,356	341,881	171,805	351,514	470,609	470,609	500,927
Revenues											
19011 40300 - 43450	Total Revenue	1,072,905	1,043,443	1,125,586	1,147,684	1,062,126	1,373,272	1,203,394	1,231,011	1,260,474	1,317,254
Expenditures											
19011 51090 TO 19001183 - 51390	Total Personnel	506,723	605,573	630,846	638,297	683,620	692,657	673,925	673,924	668,609	747,865
190011 61160 TO 19001183 63060	Total Employee Benefits	191,059	201,617	208,442	242,888	225,230	243,708	268,732	268,732	273,051	284,389
190011 62030 TO 19001183 63540	Total Contractual	41,844	57,595	56,409	62,981	51,798	56,610	58,008	60,504	69,015	69,218
190011 62000 TO 19001184 63100	Total Commodities	114,642	126,405	127,607	132,664	141,338	113,686	120,800	138,377	138,377	143,516
190011 62160 TO 19001183 68530	Total Other	61,949	60,096	66,881	73,327	105,201	86,902	81,930	89,474	81,104	70,557
	Total Expenditure	916,217	1,051,286	1,090,185	1,150,157	1,207,186	1,193,563	1,203,395	1,231,011	1,230,156	1,315,545
	Surplus / (Deficit)	156,688	(7,843)	35,400	(2,474)	(145,061)	179,710	(0)	(0)	30,318	1,709
	Ending Balance	406,383	309,829	345,238	341,883	196,820	351,514	351,514	470,609	500,927	502,636

The attached Kendall County Forest Preserve District Operating Fund (Fund #1900) budget spreadsheet provides a breakdown of the anticipated revenues and expenditures for the District's proposed FY23 Operating Fund (Fund #1900) appropriations as presented for approval. Revenues and expenditures will be tracked during the fiscal year within the MUNIS accounting software supported by the Kendall County Treasurer's Office. Total FY23 appropriations within each of the stated budget categories above shall not be exceeded without prior approval of an amending ordinance by the Kendall County Forest Preserve District's Board of Commissioners.

## Kendall County Forest Preserve District Operating Fund

KCFPD FY22 AMENDED AND FY23 FINAL BUDGET FOR COMMISSION APPROVAL: NOVEMBER 15, 2022	END-OF-YEAR	BUDGET	2022 AMD	2022 YTD	2022 EOY (EST)	2022 AMD	BUDGET
KCFPD Operating Fund #1900	11/30/2021	2022	16-Aug-22	2-Nov-22	30-Nov-22	15-Nov-22	2023
<b>ACCOUNT &amp; DESCRIPTION</b>							
<b>Beginning Balance (est.)</b>	171,805	412,140	470,609	470,609	470,609	470,609	500,927
<b>REVENUE</b>							
190011 40350 Transfer In from Forest Preserve Improvement Fund #1906	215,086						
190011 40300 Transfer In from Forest Preserve 2007 Bond Proceeds Fund #1901	46						
190011 Transfer In from Kendall County - American Rescue Plan Act Transfer							
190011 41010 Current Tax	635,646	660,740	660,740	657,738	657,738	657,738	710,448
190011 41350 Interest Income	170	200	200	467	467	467	533
190011 42250 Other Income (Sponsorship Income)	9,006						
190011 42250 Other Income (Carbon Credits Sales - Fox River Bluffs & Res. Woods)		17,262	18,358	18,358	18,358	18,358	11,543
19001162 42250 Ellis Center Grounds (Farm License Rev.)	24,204	24,614	24,998	24,998	24,998	24,998	27,250
19001163 42250 Ellis Center Camps	8,033	8,000	11,760	11,760	11,760	11,760	11,760
19001164 42250 Ellis Center Riding Lessons	70,129	70,000	70,000	58,772	58,772	58,772	70,000
19001165 42250 Ellis Center Birthday Parties	5,621	5,500	5,500	6,533	6,533	6,533	6,000
19001166 42250 Ellis Center-Public Programs	3,381	3,000	3,000	2,403	2,403	2,403	3,000
19001167 42250 Sunrise Center North License Agreement	23,360	13,760	13,760	13,449	13,449	13,449	13,760
19001168 42250 Ellis Center Weddings	13,475	14,000	14,000	8,075	8,075	8,075	9,000
19001169 42250 Ellis Center Other Rentals	3,195	3,400	3,400	3,050	3,050	3,050	3,400
19001170 42250 Ellis Center 5K Event	250	250	250	300	300	300	300
19001171 42250 Hoover Revenue (Yorkville Athletic Assoc. License)	2,500	2,500	2,500	3,877	3,877	3,877	3,800
19001171 42250 Hoover Revenue (Residence Lease)	3,000	3,000	3,000	2,800	3,000	3,000	3,000
19001172 42250 Hoover Bunkhouse Rental Rev	9,207	8,500	22,502	28,367	28,367	28,367	28,500
19001173 42250 Hoover Campsite Rental Rev	4,680	4,000	4,000	5,410	5,410	5,410	5,400
19001174 42250 Hoover Meadowhawk Rental Rev	17,647	15,000	16,016	24,225	24,225	24,225	24,500
19001176 42250 Env. Educ. - School Programs (KC-OEC)	2,496	20,000	20,000	6,775	6,775	6,775	20,000
19001177 42250 Env. Educ. - Camps	34,860	32,000	35,790	36,665	36,665	36,665	37,000
19001178 42250 Env. Educ. - Natural Beginnings	106,996	122,880	122,880	156,704	156,704	156,704	141,060
19001179 42250 Env. Educ. - Other Public Programs	22,567	20,000	20,000	15,386	15,386	15,386	20,000
19001179 42250 Env. Educ. - Other Revenue							
19001183 42250 Other Income - Grounds & Natural Resources (Bowhunt App. Fees)	23,410	24,000	24,000	34,212	34,212	34,212	30,500
19001183 42250 Other Income - Grounds & Nat. Res. (Millbrook North Trail Use Lic. Agreement)							
190011 42860 Donations - Administration (Forest Foundation Contributions)	1,661	5,000	5,000	3,432	5,000	5,000	5,000
19001164 42860 Donations - Ellis Equestrian Center - Lessons							
19001175 42860 Donations - Hoover							
19001175 42860 Donations - Environmental Education	-	500	500	-	-	-	500
19001178 42860 Donations - Env. Educ. Natural Beginnings (FF Sch. Program)	-	2,400	2,400	2,016	2,016	2,016	-
19001183 42860 Donations - Env. Educ. Other Programs							
19001183 42860 Donations - Natural Area Volunteers							
19001183 42860 Donations - Grounds & Natural Resources	1,000	1,000	1,000	-	-	-	1,000
19001183 42900 Picnic & Shelter Rental - Grounds & Natural Resources	4,250	4,000	5,365	7,095	7,095	7,095	7,000

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KCFPD Operating Fund #1900	END-OF-YEAR 11/30/2021	BUDGET 2022	2022 AMD 16-Aug-22	2022 YTD 2-Nov-22	2022 EOY (EST) 30-Nov-22	2022 AMD 15-Nov-22	BUDGET 2023
19001184 42900 Rental Revenue - Pickerill-Pigott	5,230	750	750	-	-	-	7,000
19001183 42920 Preserve Improvements - Grants (K-12 Pollinator)							
19001183 42920 Preserve Improvements - Grants (Pollinator Meadows Pilot)							
190011 42930 Farm License Revenue	96,000	95,379	96,682	96,682	110,000	110,000	97,000
190011 42940 Credit Card Revenue - All Preserves	2,960	2,960	2,960	3,287	3,287	3,287	3,500
19001168 43450 Security Deposit Revenue - Ellis Weddings	8,575	10,000	10,000	3,500	3,500	3,500	5,000
19001169 43450 Security Deposit Revenue - Ellis Other Rentals	1,925	2,500	2,500	700	700	700	2,500
19001172 43450 Security Deposit Revenue - Hoover Bunkhouse	700	1,300	2,200	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,000
19001174 43450 Security Deposit Revenue - Hoover Meadowhawk	4,279	5,000	5,000	4,852	4,852	4,852	4,000
19001184 43450 Security Deposit Revenue - Pickerill-Pigott					-	-	1,000
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>1,373,272</b>	<b>1,203,395</b>	<b>1,231,011</b>	<b>1,245,388</b>	<b>1,260,474</b>	<b>1,260,474</b>	<b>1,317,254</b>

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**KCFPD Operating Fund #1900**

		END-OF-YEAR	BUDGET	2022 AMD	2022 YTD	2022 EOY (EST)	2022 AMD	BUDGET
		11/30/2021	2022	16-Aug-22	2-Nov-22	30-Nov-22	15-Nov-22	2023
<b>PERSONNEL</b>								
190011	51090	Board Per Diem	1,500	5,500	5,500	-	-	5,500
190011	51160	Salary - Part Time Administration	13,375	31,425	31,425	27,281	31,425	
190011	51390	Salary - Full Time Administration	152,290	124,773	124,773	111,806	124,773	152,175
190011	51470	Stipend - Full Time Administration (Executive Director)	10,668	10,934	10,934	9,937	10,934	11,262
190011	51470	Stipend - Full Time Administration (HR, Acct. Payable & Reserv. Coord.)	641					
190011	51470	Stipend - Full Time Administration (Asst. County Admin.)	6,031	5,820	5,820	5,234	5,820	5,820
19001183	51160	Salary - Part Time Grounds & Natural Resources	15,299	16,764	16,764	11,920	16,764	18,805
19001183	51390	Salary - Full Time Grounds & Natural Resources	89,085	89,963	89,963	84,058	89,963	128,740
		Salary - Part Time Pickerill Pigott						
<b>Salary Full Time: Env. Education</b>								
19001176	51390	Env. Educ. FT Salary - School Programs Expense	18,079					
19001177	51390	Env. Educ. FT Salary - Camps Expense	11,174	6,000	6,000	5,395	6,000	2,500
19001178	51390	Env. Educ. FT Salary - Natural Beginnings Expense	29,981	50,000	50,000	44,840	50,000	6,000
19001179	51390	Env. Educ. FT Salary - Other Public Programs Expense	2,894	2,500	2,500	2,215	2,500	52,770
19001180	51390	Env. Educ. FT Salary - Laws of Nature	1,344					2,500
<b>Salary Part Time: Env. Education</b>								
19001176	51160	Env. Educ. PT Salary - School Programs Expense	6,000	11,213	11,213	5,459	7,500	
19001177	51160	Env. Educ. PT Salary - Camps Expense	11,741	20,175	20,175	21,659	22,500	12,300
19001178	51160	Env. Educ. PT Salary - Natural Beginnings Expense	64,287	45,298	45,298	36,629	45,298	22,000
19001179	51160	Env. Educ. PT Salary - Other Public Programs Expense	7,822	9,756	9,756	10,324	11,000	58,770
19001180	51160	Env. Educ. PT Salary - Laws of Nature	615	3,481	3,481	1,669	11,000	10,000
19001181	51160	Env. Educ. PT Salary - Other Expense	165				2,400	3,780
<b>Salary Full Time: Ellis</b>								
19001160	51390	Salary FT - Ellis House	10,071	10,344	10,344	9,269	10,344	10,394
19001161	51390	Salary FT - Ellis Barn	10,071	10,344	10,344	9,269	10,344	10,394
19001162	51390	Salary FT - Ellis Grounds	20,142	20,688	20,688	18,539	20,688	20,788
<b>Salary Part Time - Ellis</b>								
19001160	51160	Salary PT - Ellis House (ARPA - S)	1,728			60	150	
19001161	51160	Salary PT - Ellis Barn (ARPA - S)	1,481			1,023	1,500	150
19001162	51160	Salary PT - Ellis Grounds (ARPA - S)	1,621			36	250	1,500
19001163	51160	Salary PT - Ellis Center Camps Expense	3,110	3,200	3,200	5,416	5,750	250
19001164	51160	Salary PT - Ellis Center Riding Lessons Expense	45,969	39,325	39,325	36,752	39,325	3,484
19001165	51160	Salary PT - Ellis Center Birthday Parties Expense	6,799	6,500	6,500	5,082	6,500	42,818
19001166	51160	Salary PT - Ellis Center Public Programs Expense	6,716	2,015	2,015	3,462	3,750	7,077
19001167	51160	Salary PT - Ellis Sunrise License Agreement	17,500	17,500	17,500	18,727	21,000	3,750
19001168	51160	Salary PT - Ellis Center Weddings Expense	3,500	1,538	1,538	1,871	2,000	21,000
19001169	51160	Salary PT - Ellis Center Other Rentals Expense	459	1,538	1,538	291	500	2,000
19001171	51160	Salary PT - Hoover Grounds	15,670	18,376	18,376	12,270	14,501	19,054
19001172	51160	Salary PT - Hoover Bunkhouse	7,839	9,188	9,188	6,158	7,278	1,695
								1,695
								10,127

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KCFPD Operating Fund #1900			11/30/2021	2022	16-Aug-22	2-Nov-22	30-Nov-22	15-Nov-22	2023
19001173	51160	Salary PT - Hoover Campsite	3,920	4,594	4,594	3,077	3,636	3,636	5,064
19001174	51160	Salary PT - Hoover Meadowhawk	3,916	4,594	4,594	3,078	3,638	3,638	5,064
19001171	51390	Salary FT - Hoover Grounds	44,449	45,289	45,289	41,050	45,289	45,289	47,420
19001172	51390	Salary FT - Hoover Bunkhouse	22,353	22,645	22,645	20,525	22,645	22,645	23,710
19001173	51390	Salary FT - Hoover Campsite	11,176	11,322	11,322	10,263	11,322	11,322	11,855
19001174	51390	Salary FT - Hoover Meadowhawk	11,176	11,322	11,322	10,263	11,322	11,322	11,855
<b>Total Personnel</b>			<b>692,657</b>	<b>673,924</b>	<b>673,924</b>	<b>594,907</b>	<b>668,609</b>	<b>668,609</b>	<b>747,865</b>
<b>EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</b>									
190011	61160	IMRF Expense - Administration	30,449	12,055	12,055	11,193	12,055	12,055	12,308
190011	61170	SS Expense - Administration		13,231	13,231	12,028	13,231	13,231	13,509
19001160	63050	IMRF/SS Expense - Ellis House	1,836	1,604	1,604	1,419	1,604	1,604	1,638
19001161	63050	IMRF/SS Expense - Ellis Barn	1,860	1,604	1,604	1,492	1,604	1,604	1,638
19001162	63050	IMRF/SS Expense - Ellis Grounds	3,541	3,208	3,208	2,703	3,208	3,208	3,275
19001163	63050	IMRF/SS Expense - Ellis Center Camps Expense	257	316	316	601	850	850	322
19001164	63050	IMRF/SS Expense - Ellis Center Riding Lessons Expense	5,900	3,878	3,878	3,469	3,878	3,878	3,959
19001165	63050	IMRF/SS Expense - Ellis Center Birthday Parties Expense	835	641	641	603	641	641	654
19001166	63050	IMRF/SS Expense - Ellis Center Public Programs Expense	700	199	199	405	500	500	203
19001167	63050	IMRF/SS Expense - Sunrise Center North	2,260	1,726	1,726	1,833	1,900	1,900	1,762
19001168	63050	IMRF/SS Expense - Ellis Center Weddings Expense	400	157	157	143	157	157	160
19001169	63050	IMRF/SS Expense - Ellis Center Other Rentals Expense	200	157	157	22	157	157	160
19001171	63050	IMRF/SS Expense - Hoover Grounds	9,728	9,139	9,139	7,327	9,139	9,139	9,332
19001172	63050	IMRF/SS Expense - Hoover Bunkhouse	4,864	4,570	4,570	3,673	4,570	4,570	4,666
19001173	63050	IMRF/SS Expense - Hoover Campsite	2,432	2,285	2,285	1,837	2,285	2,285	2,333
19001174	63050	IMRF/SS Expense - Hoover Meadowhawk	2,432	2,285	2,285	1,837	2,285	2,285	2,333
19001175	63050	IMRF/SS Fund Expense - Env. Education							
19001176	63050	IMRF/SS Fund Expense - Env. Education School Programs	3,896	3,987	3,987	512	3,987	3,987	4,070
19001177	63050	IMRF/SS Fund Expense - Env. Education Camps	3,152	1,615	1,615	2,656	3,000	3,000	1,649
19001178	63050	IMRF/SS Fund Expense - Env. Education Natural Beginnings	12,222	12,079	12,079	10,140	12,079	12,079	12,708
19001179	63050	IMRF/SS Fund Expense - Env. Education Other Public Programs	1,172	1,816	1,816	1,185	1,816	1,816	1,854
19001180	63050	IMRF/SS Fund Expense - Env. Education Laws of Nature	277	563	563	143	563	563	575
10001181	63050	IMRF/SS Fund Expense - Env. Educ. PT Salary - Other Expense	13						
19001183	63050	<b>IMRF/SS Expense - Grounds &amp; Nat. Resources</b>	<b>15,883</b>	<b>14,435</b>	<b>14,435</b>	<b>13,685</b>	<b>14,435</b>	<b>14,435</b>	<b>14,738</b>
<b>IMRF/SS Expense - Pickerill Pigott</b>									
190011	61230	<b>Medical Insurance - Administration</b>	<b>31,550</b>	<b>53,383</b>	<b>56,146</b>	<b>20,122</b>	<b>56,146</b>	<b>56,146</b>	<b>59,365</b>
<b>Medical Insurance - Hoover</b>									
19001171	63060	Medical Insurance - Hoover Grounds	10,804	12,525	11,928	10,761	11,928	11,928	12,611
19001172	63060	Medical Insurance - Hoover Bunkhouse	5,628	6,263	5,964	5,381	5,964	5,964	6,306
19001173	63060	Medical Insurance - Hoover Campsite	2,814	3,132	2,982	2,690	2,982	2,982	3,153

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	END-OF-YEAR 11/30/2021	BUDGET 2022	2022 AMD 16-Aug-22	2022 YTD 2-Nov-22	2022 EOY (EST) 30-Nov-22	2022 AMD 15-Nov-22	BUDGET 2023
19001174 63060 Medical Insurance - Hoover Meadowhawk	2,814	3,132	2,982	2,690	2,982	2,982	3,153
19001175 63060 Medical Insurance - Environmental Education							
19001178 63060 Medical Insurance - Env. Education Natural Beginnings							
19001168 63060 Medical Insurance - Ellis Weddings							
<b>19001183 63060 Medical Insurance - Grounds &amp; Nat. Resources</b>	<b>29,395</b>	<b>36,909</b>	<b>35,343</b>	<b>31,680</b>	<b>35,343</b>	<b>35,343</b>	<b>37,369</b>
190011 68000 Annual Insurance Premiums (ICRMT)	56,394	61,840	61,840	63,764	63,764	63,764	68,586
190011 Transfer to FP Liability Insurance Fund							
Insurance Deductible							
<b>Total Employee Benefits</b>	<b>243,708</b>	<b>268,732</b>	<b>268,732</b>	<b>215,994</b>	<b>273,051</b>	<b>273,051</b>	<b>284,389</b>
<b><u>CONTRACTUAL</u></b>							
190011 62150 Contractual Services (RecPro Software)	1,650	1,815	1,815	1,815	1,815	1,815	1,815
190011 62150 Contractual Services (Kendall County Email Accounts)	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
190011 62150 Contractual Services (City Forest Credits)	1,500	3,023	6,877	5,593	5,593	7,000	11,543
190011 62150 Contractual Services (EquineGenie Software)	698						
190011 62150 Contractual Services (kendallforest.com website)	720	720	720	540	720	1,000	720
190011 62150 Contractual Services (Teams Course Inspection and Maint.)							
190011 62030 Dues/Memberships				500	1,000	1,000	1,000
190011 62040 Conferences	910	1,300	1,599	1,156	1,156	2,000	1,500
190011 62090 Legal Publications	1,750	1,200	1,576	1,554	2,000	2,000	1,500
190011 Environmental Education Presenters							
19001163 63020 Veterinarian & Farrier - Ellis Camps							
19001164 63020 Veterinarian & Farrier - Ellis Riding Lessons	9,000	9,000	9,000	6,825	7,363	9,000	9,000
19001165 63020 Veterinarian & Farrier - Ellis Birthday Parties					-		
19001166 63020 Veterinarian & Farrier - Ellis Public Programs	500				-		
19001166 63020 Veterinarian & Farrier - Sunrise Center		500	500	-	400	500	500
19001168 63070 Refuse Pickup - Ellis	1,700	1,700	1,000	1,243	1,356	1,700	1,700
19001183 63070 Refuse Pickup - Grounds & Natural Resources	10,000	8,500	8,500	10,399	10,793	11,500	8,500
1901183 Event Tent Lease - Ellis							
19001183 63540 Telephone - Grounds & Natural Resources	9,000	10,000	8,000	6,089	7,000	8,000	8,000
190011 65490 Audit	8,000	8,250	8,250	8,240	8,240	8,250	8,500
190011 68340 Farm Lease Contract Expenses (Hay Crop Inputs)	500	500	500	1,727	1,727	1,750	1,750
190011 68560 Credit Card Fee	9,682	10,500	11,167	11,174	12,190	12,500	12,189.82
<b>Total Contractual</b>	<b>56,610</b>	<b>58,008</b>	<b>60,504</b>	<b>57,855</b>	<b>62,353</b>	<b>69,015</b>	<b>69,218</b>



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		END-OF-YEAR	BUDGET	2022 AMD	2022 YTD	2022 EOY (EST)	2022 AMD	BUDGET
		11/30/2021	2022	16-Aug-22	2-Nov-22	30-Nov-22	15-Nov-22	2023
<b>COMMODITIES</b>								
190011 62000	Office Supplies & Postage - Administration	7,000	7,000	7,000	4,440	6,000	6,000	6,000
190011 62000	CARES Act Purchases	1,906						
19001160 62000	Office Supplies & Postage - Ellis House	750	750	750	237	300	300	750
19001183 62180	Fuel: Gas & Oil Grounds	10,000	13,100	13,863	15,239	16,624	18,136	20,316
19001183 62400	Uniforms - Grounds	500	1,000	2,244	1,509	1,509	1,509	2,500
	Environmental Education							
19001176 63030	Env. Educ. - School Programs Expense		700	700	139	700	700	700
19001177 63030	Env. Educ. - Camps Expense	800	1,500	1,500	1,031	1,500	1,500	1,500
19001178 63030	Env. Educ. - Natural Beginnings Expense	2,000	2,000	2,000	1,489	2,000	2,000	4,000
19001179 63030	Env. Educ. - Other Public Programs Expense	250	750	750	272	750	750	750
19001180 63030	Env. Educ. - Laws of Nature Expense	200	500	570	483	570	570	600
19001183 63090	Gas - Grounds & Natural Resources	4,999	5,000	5,559	4,902	4,902	4,902	5,700
19001184 63100	Electric - Pickerill Pigott	5,200	7,450	8,255	6,259	7,328	8,494	6,000
19001182 63130	Natural Area Volunteer Supplies							
	Natural Area Management Supplies							
190011 63510	Electric - Administration	3,000	2,750	2,750	2,147	2,293	2,293	2,500
190011 68500	Project Fund Expense (Forest Foundation Purchases)	1,661	5,000	5,000	5,505	7,505	9,505	5,000
190011 68430	Promotion/Publicity	1,750	1,000	1,000	710	710	710	1,000
190011 68440	Newsletter	400	450	450	342	450	450	450
	<b>Utilities - Ellis</b>							
19001160 62270	Utilities - Ellis House	8,000	7,400	7,400	5,105	5,569	5,569	6,500
19001161 62270	Utilities - Ellis Barn	6,120	7,400	7,400	3,879	4,232	4,232	6,500
	<b>Utilities &amp; Maintenance - Hoover</b>							
19001171 62270	Hoover - Other Utilities	4,600	4,600	4,600	2,735	4,000	4,000	4,600
19001171 63090	Hoover - Gas	6,000	6,200	9,813	8,297	8,599	8,599	9,800
19001171 63100	Hoover - Electric	14,100	14,300	16,518	13,286	13,886	13,886	16,000
19001171 63110	Hoover - Shop Supplies	3,000	3,000	3,252	3,274	3,572	3,896	3,250
19001171 63120	Hoover - Building Maintenance	8,050	6,000	6,940	8,685	9,475	10,336	7,000
19001171 66500	Hoover - Other Expenses	1,000	1,000	1,338	892	1,300	1,300	1,400
19001171 68580	Hoover - Grounds Maintenance	4,100	4,000	5,198	3,972	4,333	4,727	5,000
	<b>Promotion/Publicity - Ellis</b>							
19001163 68430	Promotion/Publicity - Ellis Camps							
19001164 68430	Promotion/Publicity - Ellis Riding Lessons							

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KCFPD Operating Fund #1900	11/30/2021	2022	16-Aug-22	2-Nov-22	30-Nov-22	15-Nov-22	2023
19001165 68430 Promotion/Publicity - Ellis Birthday Parties							
Promotion/Publicity - Ellis Weddings							
19001169 68430 Promotion/Publicity - Ellis Other Rentals							
19001170 68430 Promotion/Publicity - Ellis 5k							
19001166 68570 Volunteer Expense - Ellis Public Programs	150	150	150	-	-	-	150
<b>Animal Care &amp; Supplies - Ellis</b>							
19001163 63000 Animal Care & Supplies - Ellis Camps							
19001164 63000 Animal Care & Supplies - Ellis Riding Lessons	9,200	9,200	14,350	12,575	14,350	14,350	14,100
19001165 63000 Animal Care & Supplies - Ellis Birthday Parties							
19001166 63000 Animal Care & Supplies - Ellis Public Programs							
19001167 63000 Animal Care & Supplies - Sunrise Center North	1,200	1,200	3,804	2,536	3,804	3,804	3,800
<b>Horses Acquisition &amp; Tack - Ellis</b>							
19001163 63010 Horses Acquisition & Tack - Ellis Camps							
19001164 63010 Horses Acquisition & Tack - Ellis Riding Lessons	1,500	2,500	-	-	-	-	2,500
19001165 63010 Horses Acquisition & Tack - Ellis Birthday Parties							
Horses Acquisition & Tack - Ellis Public Programs							
<b>Uniforms - Ellis</b>							
19001163 62400 Uniforms - Ellis Camps							
19001164 62400 Uniforms - Ellis Riding Lessons							
19001165 62400 Uniforms - Ellis Birthday Parties							
19001168 62400 Uniforms - Ellis Weddings							
<b>Program Supplies - Ellis</b>							
19001163 63030 Program Supplies - Ellis Camps	450	450	450	249	249	249	450
19001165 63030 Program Supplies - Ellis Birthday Parties	300	300	441	294	441	441	450
19001170 63030 Program Supplies - Ellis 5K							
19001184 63030 Supplies: Shop - Pickerill Pigott							
19001183 63110 Supplies: Shop - Grounds	5,500	4,150	4,332	4,480	4,873	5,169	4,250
<b>Total Commodities</b>	<b>113,686</b>	<b>120,800</b>	<b>138,377</b>	<b>114,963</b>	<b>131,823</b>	<b>138,377</b>	<b>143,516</b>

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KCFPD Operating Fund #1900		11/30/2021	2022	16-Aug-22	2-Nov-22	30-Nov-22	15-Nov-22	2023
<b>OTHER</b>								
190011 62160	Equipment - Administration	228						
19001183 62160	Equipment - Grounds & Natural Resources	32,000	20,000	36,290	26,723	36,290	36,290	35,000
	Preserve Improvements - Administration							
19001183 68530	Preserve Improvements - Grounds & Natural Resources	750						
190011 68540	Contributions (Drainage District Tax Assessments & Carb. Cred. Fee)	892	900	2,697	2,697	2,697	2,697	2,697
<b>Grounds &amp; Maintenance Equipment - Ellis</b>								
19001160 68580	Grounds & Maint. - Ellis House	4,850	3,800	3,800	3,634	3,964	3,964	3,800
19001161 68580	Grounds & Maint. - Ellis Barn	3,350	2,700	2,700	2,275	2,482	2,700	2,700
19001162 68580	Grounds & Maint. - Ellis Grounds	5,440	4,700	5,800	5,754	6,277	6,277	5,500
<b>Security Deposit Refunds</b>								
Security Deposit Refunds								
19001163 63040	Security Deposit Refunds - Ellis Camps	-	500	500	435	435	435	500
19001164 63040	Security Deposit Refunds - Ellis Riding Lessons	500	1,000	1,000	-	-	-	1,000
19001166 63040	Security Deposit Refunds - Ellis Public Programs							
19001168 63040	Security Deposit Refunds - Ellis Weddings	10,675	9,000	9,000	3,500	3,500	3,500	5,000
19001169 63040	Security Deposit Refunds - Ellis Other Rentals	1,000	300	300	700	700	1,700	1,000
19001171 63040	Security Deposit Refunds - Hoover	11,082	11,082	9,000	8,392	9,000	9,000	9,000
19001176 63040	Security Deposit Refunds - Env. Education School Programs							
19001177 63040	Security Deposit Refunds - Env. Education Camps	955	2,200	2,200	555	555	555	500
19001178 63040	Security Deposit Refunds - Env. Education Natural Beginnings	1,500	3,500	3,500	2,209	2,209	2,209	2,200
19001179 63040	Security Deposit Refunds - Env. Education Public Programs	2,130	1,000	1,000	150	150	150	500
19001183 63040	Security Deposit Refunds - Grounds	50	100	180	120	120	120	160
19001184 63040	Security Deposit Refunds - Pickerill-Pigott							1,000
190011 69790	Contingency	11,500	21,147	11,507	-	-	11,507	
	Credit Card Fee Expense - Ellis Camps							
	Credit Card Fee Expense - Public Programs							
<b>Total Other</b>		<b>86,902</b>	<b>81,929</b>	<b>89,474</b>	<b>57,144</b>	<b>68,379</b>	<b>81,104</b>	<b>70,557</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>		<b>1,193,563</b>	<b>1,203,393</b>	<b>1,231,011</b>	<b>1,040,863</b>	<b>1,040,863</b>	<b>1,040,863</b>	<b>1,315,545</b>
<b>Operating Surplus / (Deficit)</b>		<b>179,709</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>(0)</b>	<b>204,525</b>	<b>204,525</b>	<b>204,525</b>	<b>1,709</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>		<b>351,514</b>	<b>412,141</b>	<b>470,609</b>	<b>675,134</b>	<b>675,134</b>	<b>675,134</b>	<b>502,636</b>
<b>Beginning Balance</b>		<b>171,805</b>	<b>412,140</b>	<b>470,609</b>	<b>470,609</b>	<b>470,609</b>	<b>470,609</b>	<b>500,927</b>

## Kendall County Forest Preserve District Operating Fund

**KCFPD FY22 AMENDED AND FY23 FINAL BUDGET FOR COMMISSION APPROVAL:  
NOVEMBER 15, 2022**

**KCFPD Operating Fund #1900**

	END-OF-YEAR 11/30/2021	BUDGET 2022	2022 AMD 16-Aug-22	2022 YTD 2-Nov-22	2022 EOY (EST) 30-Nov-22	2022 AMD 15-Nov-22	BUDGET 2023
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>1,373,272</b>	<b>1,203,395</b>	<b>1,231,011</b>	<b>1,245,388</b>	<b>1,260,474</b>	<b>1,260,474</b>	<b>1,317,254</b>
Total Personnel	692,657	673,924	673,924	594,907	668,609	668,609	747,865
Total Employee Benefits	243,708	268,732	268,732	215,994	273,051	273,051	284,389
Total Contractual	56,610	58,008	60,504	57,855	62,353	69,015	69,218
Total Commodities	113,686	120,800	138,377	114,963	131,823	138,377	143,516
Total Other	86,902	81,929	89,474	57,144	68,379	81,104	70,557
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>1,193,563</b>	<b>1,203,393</b>	<b>1,231,011</b>	<b>1,040,863</b>	<b>1,204,215</b>	<b>1,230,156</b>	<b>1,315,545</b>
<b>Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>179,709</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>(0)</b>	<b>204,525</b>	<b>56,259</b>	<b>30,318</b>	<b>1,709</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>351,514</b>	<b>412,143</b>	<b>470,609</b>	<b>675,134</b>	<b>526,868</b>	<b>500,927</b>	<b>502,636</b>

**FOREST PRESERVE DEBT SERVICE - SERIES 2003/2012**  
**Fund 1902**

ACCOUNT & DESCRIPTION	BUDGET 2021	EOY 2021	BUDGET 2022	FY22 AMD 8/16/2022	2022 YTD 19-Oct-22	BUDGET 2023	% CHANGE IN BUDGET
<b>Beginning Balance</b>	924,379	924,432	939,454	937,583	937,583	947,396	0.8%
REVENUE							
190211 41010 Current Tax	430,500	429,513	442,900	442,900	432,942		
190211 41350 Interest Income	1,300	363	250	250	959	950	
Total Revenue	431,800	429,876	443,150	443,150	433,901	950	-99.8%
EXPENDITURE							
Other Expenditure							
190211 68640 Fiscal Agent Fee	900	900	1,057	1,057	113	1,057	
190211 68650 Debt Service - Interest 2012	30,825	30,825	18,975	18,975	18,975	6,450	
109211 68700 Debt Service - Principal 2012	385,000	385,000	405,000	405,000	405,000	430,000	
Total Expenditure	416,725	416,725	425,032	425,032	424,088	437,507	2.9%
<b>Revenue over/(under) Expenditure</b>	15,075	13,151	18,118	18,118	9,813	(436,557)	
<b>Ending Balance</b>	939,454	937,583	957,572	955,701	947,396	510,840	-46.7%

**FOREST PRESERVE DEBT SERVICE - SERIES 2007/2015/2016/2017**  
**Fund 1903**

ACCOUNT & DESCRIPTION	BUDGET 2021	EOY 2021	BUDGET 2022	FY22 AMD 8/16/2022	YTD 2022 19-Oct-22	BUDGET 2023	% CHANGE IN BUDGET
<b>Beginning Balance</b>	4,222,406	4,222,577	4,640,537	4,635,395	4,635,395	4,947,852	6.6%
<b>REVENUE</b>							
190311 41010 Current Tax	4,605,188	4,599,919	4,937,318	4,937,318	4,831,846	5,294,458	
190311 41350 Interest Income	1,200	1,154	650	650	4,101	4,000	
Total Revenue	4,606,388	4,601,073	4,937,968	4,937,968	4,835,947	5,298,458	7.3%
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>							
190311 66500 Other Expenditure	475	475	475	475	338	475	
190311 68640 Fiscal Agent Fee	950	950	1,107	1,107	1,900	1,900	
190311 68710 Debt Service - Interest 2015	355,018	355,018	354,040	354,040	354,040	352,950	
190311 68720 Debt Service - Principal 2015	45,000	45,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	45,000	
190311 68730 Debt Service - Interest 2016	294,188	294,188	290,088	290,088	290,088	285,688	
190311 68740 Debt Service - Principal 2016	100,000	100,000	105,000	105,000	105,000	115,000	
190311 68750 Debt Service - Interest 2017	627,625	627,625	477,125	477,125	477,125	302,250	
190311 68760 Debt Service - Principal 2017	2,765,000	2,765,000	3,255,000	3,255,000	3,255,000	3,740,000	
Total Expenditure	4,188,256	4,188,255	4,522,835	4,522,835	4,523,490	4,843,263	7.1%
<b>Revenue over/(under) Expenditure</b>	418,132	412,818	415,133	415,133	312,457	455,195	9.7%
<b>Ending Balance</b>	4,640,537	4,635,395	5,055,670	5,050,528	4,947,852	5,403,047	6.9%

**KCFP Endowment Fund  
Fund 1904**

ACCOUNT & DESCRIPTION	BUDGET 2022	FY22 AMD 8/16/2022	FY22 YTD 19-Oct-22	FY22 EOY 11/30/2022	BUDGET 2023	% CHANGE IN BUDGET	NOTES
<b>Beginning Balance</b>	883,210	883,179	883,179	883,179	862,298	97.6%	
REVENUE							
190411 41350 Interest	6,715	6,715	6,744	6,744	6,700	99.8%	
190411 42970 Grant Award					600,000		
Total Revenue	6,715	6,715	6,744	6,744	606,700	9035.0%	
EXPENDITURE							
190411 62150 Contractual Services	27,625	27,625	11,662	27,625	145,800	527.8%	Design/Arch./CPA
190411 70330 Construction					1,268,500		
Total Expenditure	27,625	27,603	11,662	27,625	1,414,300	5123.7%	
<b>Revenue over/(under) Expenditure</b>	(20,910)	(20,888)	(4,918)	(20,881)	(807,600)	3866.3%	
<b>Ending Balance</b>	862,300	862,291	878,261	862,298	54,698	6.3%	

**Forest Preserve Capital Fund  
Fund 1907**

ACCOUNT & DESCRIPTION	BUDGET 2021	BUDGET 2022	FY22 AMD 08-16-2022	FY22 YTD 19-Oct-22	FY22 EOY 30-Nov-22	FY22 AMD 15-Nov-22	BUDGET 2023	% CHANGE IN BUDGET	BUDGET NOTES
Beginning Balance	0	288,916	286,713	286,713	286,713	286,713	45,837	-84.0%	
REVENUE									
190711 40300 Transfer In from 2007 Bond Proceeds Fund #1901 (950)	393,698	0	0	0	0	0	0		
190711 40330 Transfer In from Land Cash Fund #1910 (956)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
190711 40340 Transfer In from FRB Cropland Conversion #1909 (954)	30,000	0	0	0	0	0	0		
190711 40350 Transfer In from Project Improvement Fund #1906 (951)	164,116	0	0	0	0	0	0		
190711 40370 Transfer In from OSRAD Fund #1905	158,250	0	0	0	0	0	0		
190711 40370 Transfer in from RTP Fund #1908	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
190711 40400 Transfer in from 2021 Bond Proceeds Fund #1912		100,784	0	0	0	0	230,377		FRB-RTP Grant Reimbursement + Proj. Savings
190711 40390 Transfer in from IDNR-PARC Fund #1913							0		
190711 41350 Interest Income	200		568	1,805	1,805	1,805	0	-100.0%	
190711 42490 IPMG Insurance Reimbursements	19,450	5,000	10,837	18,736	8,736	8,736	0	-100.0%	
190711 43430 Grant Award - Morton Arboretum Landscape	25,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	0	-100.0%	
190711 43740 Grant Award - ICECF Reservation Woods	0	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	0	-100.0%	
190711 43770 Grant Award - ICECF K-12 Pollinator	11,000	11,000	11,000	11,000	11,000	11,000	0	-100.0%	
190711 43780 Grant Award - ICECF Pilot Pollinator Meadows	10,000	10,000	10,000	0	10,000	10,000	0	-100.0%	
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>811,714</b>	<b>186,784</b>	<b>91,837</b>	<b>91,541</b>	<b>91,541</b>	<b>91,541</b>	<b>230,377</b>	<b>150.9%</b>	
EXPENDITURE									
190711 61430 Transfer to Land Cash Fund - Reservation Woods	52,700	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
190711 62160 Equipment Replacement Contingency	33,762	200,000	53,317	0	0	53,317	165,373	210.2%	
190711 66500 Project Fund Expense	33,762	33,762	46,000	41,739	50,000	50,000	32,006	-30.4%	Hey & Associates - \$20,000 + Proj. Cont.
190711 68500 Project Fund Expense - Pickerill Estate House Roof	95,000	82,121	82,121	20,086	49,635	50,888	60,651	-26.1%	Pickerill Estate House Roof Costs
190711 68500 Maramech Forest Preserve Gate Replacement			10,550	10,550	10,550	10,550	0	-100.0%	
190711 68510 Project Fund Expense - ICECF K-12 Pollinator	12,000	275	275	275	275	275	0	-100.0%	
190711 68520 Project Fund Expense - ICECF Pollinator Meadows	20,000	5,550	5,550	4,834	4,834	4,834	0	-100.0%	
190711 68610 Project Fund Expense - Morton Arboretum Landscape	25,000	37,714	37,714	19,530	19,530	19,530	18,184	-51.8%	Possible IDNR Pheasant Fund Grant
190711 61420 Transfer Out to Fund 1908			143,023	0	143,023	143,023	0	-100.0%	
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>602,814</b>	<b>381,422</b>	<b>378,550</b>	<b>97,014</b>	<b>277,847</b>	<b>332,417</b>	<b>276,214</b>	<b>-27.0%</b>	
<b>Revenue Over/(Under) Expenditure</b>	<b>208,900</b>	<b>(194,638)</b>	<b>(286,713)</b>	<b>(5,473)</b>	<b>(186,306)</b>	<b>(240,876)</b>	<b>(45,837)</b>	<b>-84.0%</b>	
Ending Balance	208,900	94,278	(0)	281,240	100,407	45,837	(0)	-31.6%	



**FP Fox River Bluffs Public Access RTP Grant Fund  
Fund 1908**

ACCOUNT & DESCRIPTION	BUDGET 2020	BUDGET 2021	BUDGET 2022	FY22 AMD 16-Aug-22	FY22 YTD 19-Oct-22	FY22 EOY 30-Nov-22	FY22 AMD 15-Nov-22	BUDGET 2023	% CHANGE IN BUDGET
<b>Beginning Balance</b>	0	0	30,300	30,300	30,300	30,300	30,300	71,195	
<b>REVENUE</b>									
190811 42970 Grant Award	177,100		30,300			17,918	17,918	159,182	
190811 43800 Transfer In from Series 2021 Bond Proceeds Fund #1912		30,300	0	100,941	0	100,941	100,941	0	
190811 40300 Transfer In from Capital Fund #1907	44,375			143,023	0	143,023	143,023	0	
190811 40300 Transfer In from Land Cash Fund #1910				52,700	0	52,700	52,700	0	
Total Revenue	221,475	30,300	30,300	296,664	0	314,582	314,582	159,182	
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>									
190811 61420 Transfer out to Fund 1907								230,377	Project residual
190811 66500 Other Expenditures	221,475							0	
190811 70650 Professional Services (Architect & Engineer)		30,300	30,300	30,300	22,798	29,396	29,396	0	
190811 70330 Construction				296,664	103,407	244,292	244,292	0	
Total Expenditures	221,475	30,300	30,300	326,964	126,205	273,687	273,688	230,377	
<b>Revenue over/(under) Expenditure</b>	0	0	0	(30,300)	(126,205)	40,895	40,895	(71,195)	
<b>Ending Balance</b>	0	0	30,300	0	(95,905)	71,195	71,195	0	

**FP Land Cash  
Fund 1910**

Notes

ACCOUNT & DESCRIPTION	BUDGET 2021	Current YTD 31-Oct-21	Est. Year End 30-Nov-21	BUDGET 2022	FY22 AMD 16-Aug-22	FY22 YTD 19-Oct-22	FY22 EOY 30-Nov-22	BUDGET 2023
<b>Beginning Balance</b>			0	205,214	205,214	205,214	205,214	140,668
<b>REVENUE</b>								
191011 40330 Transfer In From Land Cash	157,514	157,514	157,514	0	0	0	0	66,959
191011 41350 Interest Income								
191011 42970 Grant Awards	136,640	0	0	124,271	124,271	124,271	124,271	
191011 42490 Other Revenue		3,000	3,000			50	50	
191011 40380 Transfer in From Forest Preserve Capital Fund (1907)	52,700		52,700	0	0			
<b>Total Revenue</b>	346,854	160,514	213,214	124,271	124,271	124,321	124,321	66,959
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>								
191011 67410 Land Acquisition	210,214	8,000	8,000	329,485	276,785	136,167	136,167	207,627
191011 61300 Transfer Out to Fox River Bluffs RTP Fund 1908					52,700	0	52,700	
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	210,214	8,000	8,000	329,485	329,485	136,167	188,867	207,627
<b>Revenue over/(under) Expenditure</b>	136,640	152,514	205,214	(205,214)	(205,214)	(11,846)	(64,546)	(140,668)
<b>Ending Balance</b>	136,640	152,514	205,214	0	0	193,369	140,668	0

KC Land Cash  
Fund Balance

## KCFP Liability Insurance Fund

### Fund 1911

ACCOUNT & DESCRIPTION	BUDGET 2021	BUDGET 2022	FY22 AMD 16-Aug-22	FY22 YTD 19-Oct-22	FY22 EOY 30-Nov-22	BUDGET 2023	% CHANGE IN BUDGET
<b>Beginning Balance</b>	50,000	45,000	46,300	46,300	46,300	46,300	
REVENUE							
191111 40320 Transfer from FP Operation Fund							
191111 42120 Insurance Claim Reimbursements				0	0	0	
Total Revenue	0	0	0	0	0	0	
EXPENDITURE							
191111 68990 Claims/Deductibles	25,000	25,000	25,000	0	0	25,000	
Total Expenditure	25,000	25,000	25,000	0	0	25,000	
<b>Revenue over/(under) Expenditure</b>	(25,000)	(25,000)	(25,000)	0	0	0	
<b>Ending Balance</b>	25,000	20,000	21,300	46,300	46,300	21,300	

**FOREST PRESERVE SERIES 2021 BOND PROCEEDS**

**Fund 1912**

ACCOUNT & DESCRIPTION	BUDGET 2021	BUDGET 2022	FY22 AMD 16-Aug-22	FY22 YTD 19-Oct-22	FY22 EOY 30-Nov-22	BUDGET 2023	% CHANGE IN BUDGET	BUDGET NOTES
<b>Beginning Balance</b>	0	100,919	100,919	100,919	100,919	145		
<b>REVENUE</b>								
191211 43790 Series 2021 Bond Proceeds	1,200,000	0	0					
191211 41350 Interest	0	0	22	101	167	0		
Total Revenue	1,200,000	0	22	101	167	0		
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>								
191211 61370 Transfer Out to FRB RTP Project Fund #1908	30,300		100,941	0	100,941			
191211 61420 Transfer Out to FP Capital Exp. Fund #1907		100,784				145		
191211 61440 Transfer Out to Pickerill-Pigott IDNR-PARC Project Fund #1913	1,111,895							
Total Expenditure	1,142,195	100,784	100,941	0	100,941	145		
<b>Ending Balance</b>	57,805	135	0	101,020	145	0		

**FP Pickerill-Pigott IDNR-PARC Project Fund  
Fund 1913**

ACCOUNT & DESCRIPTION	BUDGET 2021	BUDGET 2022	FY22 AMD 16-Aug-22	FY22 VTD 19-Oct-22	FY22 EOY 30-Nov-22	BUDGET 2023	% CHANGE IN BUDGET	Notes
<b>Beginning Balance</b>		1,063,405	1,062,110	1,062,110	1,062,110	595,766	-44.0%	
<b>REVENUE</b>								
191311 40390 ARPA Grant Award - Kendall County				0	0	100,000		KC ARPA Fund Grant Disbursement
191311 41350 Interest Income		200	200	0	0	200	0.0%	
191311 42970 IDNR PARC Grant Award		828,200		0	0	828,200	0.0%	FY23 IDNR PARC Grant Reimb.
191311 43800 Transfer from Bond Proceeds #1912	1,111,895							
<b>Total Revenue</b>	1,111,895	828,400	200	0	0	928,400	12.1%	
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>								
191311 61420 Transfer to FP Capital Fund #1907								
191311 66500 Other Expenditures								
191311 68530 Preserve Improvements/Master Plan								
191311 70040 Supplies								
191311 70050 Contractual Services								
191311 70060 Consultants								
191311 70330 Construction	400,000	1,036,265	1,034,970	15,471	445,004	684,583	-33.9%	Remaining Lite Const. (\$653,127) + Cont. (\$31,453)
191311 70650 Professional Services - A&E Services	75,800	27,340	27,340	12,791	21,340	11,384	-58.4%	Remaining Kluber Cont. + Project Reimb.
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	475,800	1,063,605	1,062,310	28,262	466,344	695,966	-34.6%	
<b>Revenue over/(under) Expenditure</b>	636,095	(235,205)	(1,062,110)	(28,262)		232,434	-198.8%	
<b>Ending Balance</b>	636,095	828,200	0	1,033,848	595,766	828,200	0.0%	

**FP American Rescue Plan Act Fund  
Fund 1914**

<b>ACCOUNT &amp; DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>BUDGET 2021</b>	<b>BUDGET AMD 11-21</b>	<b>BUDGET 2022</b>	<b>FY22 AMD 16-Aug-22</b>	<b>FY22 YTD 19-Oct-22</b>	<b>FY22 EOY 30-Nov-22</b>	<b>FY23 Budget</b>
<b>Beginning Balance</b>			2,976	7,594	7,594	7,594	40,728
<b>REVENUE</b>							
191411 Interest Income							
191411 40390 Transfer of American Rescue Plan Act Funds from Kendall County	30,000	30,000	100,000	100,000	0	100,000	100,000
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>30,000</b>	<b>30,000</b>	<b>100,000</b>	<b>100,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>100,000</b>	<b>100,000</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>							
191411 51160 Salaries - Part Time Grounds Maintenance			17,280	17,280	4,082	8,000	20,160
191411 51390 Salaries - Full Time Grounds Maintenance	8,000	3,700	32,600	32,600	28,739	32,600	36,474
191411 61160 Transfer to KC IMRF Fund	716	331	2,272	2,272	2,016	2,272	2,145
191411 63050 Transfer to KC SSI Fund	612	283	2,494	2,494	2,419	2,494	4,333
191411 63060 ER Contr Health/Dental	5,000	2,710	11,500	11,500	9,685	11,500	12,432
191411 66500 Other Expenditures							
191411 68530 Preserve Improvements/Master Plan			36,830	41,448	4,066	10,000	65,184
191411 70040 Supplies							
191411 70050 Contractual Services	15,672						
191411 70060 Professional Services - A&E Services							
191411 70330 Construction		20,000					
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>30,000</b>	<b>27,024</b>	<b>102,976</b>	<b>107,594</b>	<b>51,007</b>	<b>66,866</b>	<b>140,728</b>
<b>Revenue over/(under) Expenditure</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,976</b>			<b>(51,007)</b>	<b>33,134</b>	<b>(40,728)</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,976</b>	<b>(0)</b>	<b>(0)</b>	<b>(43,413)</b>	<b>40,728</b>	<b>0</b>

Notes

**FOREST PRESERVE DEBT SERVICE - SERIES 2021**  
**Fund 1915**

<b>ACCOUNT &amp; DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>BUDGET 2022</b>	<b>2022 YTD 19-Oct-22</b>	<b>BUDGET 2023</b>
<b>Beginning Balance</b>			45,008
<b>REVENUE</b>			
191511 41010 Current Tax	82,226	80,174	84,544
191511 41350 Interest Income	100	0	100
Total Revenue	82,326	80,174	84,644
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
191511 66500 Other Expenditure	475	338	475
191511 68640 Fiscal Agent Fee	1,107	475	1,107
191511 68790 Debt Service - Interest Series 2021	34,354	34,354	35,144
191511 68800 Debt Service - Principal Series 2021			30,000
Total Expenditure	35,935	35,166	66,726
<b>Revenue over/(under) Expenditure</b>	46,391	45,008	17,918
<b>Ending Balance</b>	46,391	45,008	62,926

**KENDALL COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT**

**County Revenues by Source and Expenditures by Function  
Last Five Fiscal Years  
(Information Presented Under Modified Accrual Basis)  
For Discussions Purposes Only**

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
<b>Revenues by amount</b>					
Property taxes	4,973,937	5,298,411	4,843,318	5,282,543	5,664,649
Intergovernmental revenues	-	667,250	174,390	168,520	157,514
Grant revenue	-	-	-	-	218,250
Fees, fines, and charges	304,047	320,931	358,281	250,362	323,451
Project fund	263,419	158,834	189,684	150,492	175,790
Interest	2,654	25,884	33,730	13,842	2,396
Other revenues	58,675	704,405	63,293	71,631	93,398
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>5,602,732</b>	<b>7,175,715</b>	<b>5,662,696</b>	<b>5,937,390</b>	<b>6,635,448</b>
<b>Revenues by percentage</b>					
Property taxes	88.78%	73.84%	85.53%	88.97%	85.37%
Intergovernmental revenues	0.00%	9.30%	3.08%	2.84%	2.37%
Grant revenue	-	-	-	-	3.29%
Revenues from services	5.42%	4.47%	6.33%	4.22%	4.87%
Project fund	4.70%	2.21%	3.35%	2.53%	2.65%
Interest	0.05%	0.36%	0.60%	0.23%	0.04%
Other revenue	1.05%	9.82%	1.12%	1.21%	1.41%
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
<b>Expenditures by amount</b>					
Culture and recreation	1,109,092	1,057,798	1,405,745	1,346,121	1,295,524
Debt service	4,135,658	4,663,913	4,367,016	4,492,141	4,604,506
Capital outlay	239,953	1,509,487	-	588,063	407,151
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>5,484,703</b>	<b>7,231,198</b>	<b>5,772,761</b>	<b>6,426,325</b>	<b>6,307,181</b>
<b>Expenditures by percentage</b>					
Culture and recreation	20.22%	14.63%	24.35%	20.95%	20.54%
Debt service	75.40%	64.50%	75.65%	69.90%	73.00%
Capital outlay	4.38%	20.87%	0.00%	9.15%	6.46%
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>



**KENDALL COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT**

**County General Information  
Last Five Fiscal Years  
(Information Presented Under Modified Accrual Basis)  
For Discussions Purposes Only**

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Total fund balance - all funds	7,730,220	7,674,737	7,564,672	7,075,737	8,646,983
Cash and investments on hand	7,739,740	7,701,229	7,581,121	7,092,594	8,544,760
General fund - fund balance	303,042	317,983	326,072	179,115	470,606
Change in fund balance - all funds	316,209	(55,483)	(110,065)	(488,935)	1,571,246
General fund expenditures	1,045,771	1,087,971	1,102,348	1,209,419	1,126,201
Number of days in general fund balance	104.32	106.68	106.68	54.06	152.52

Kendall County Forest Preserve District Committee of the Whole  
 Renewal of 2023 Farm License Agreements  
 6-Dec-22

<u>Forest Preserve Property ID</u>	<u>Licensee</u>	<u>2022 Rate</u>	<u>Base Rent Calculations</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>IDNR-OSLAD, ICECF and NPS-LWCF Funded Projects</u>	<u>Acres in Production Scheduled for Cropland Conversion (3-year plan)</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Baker Woods	Connell	\$250	\$14,695.00	58.78			Voluntarily Increased - Hay Production
		\$215	\$10,302.80	47.92			Recommend 1-Year Contract Extension
Millbrook North	Mathre	\$220	\$34,608.20	157.31			Increased \$20 per acre for all over FY21 Farm License Agreement
Millbrook South		\$235	\$27,866.30	118.58	X		
Millington		\$200	\$25,482.00	127.41			
				\$87,956.50	403.3		
Henneberry	Ormiston	\$100	\$375.00	3.75			
Henneberry	Jr. Collins	\$150	\$7,725.00	51.5			Preserve access permissions - Ormiston
Little Rock Creek	Anderson	\$100	\$0.00	0	X	6	Cropland conversion in-progress
<b>TOTALS</b>			<b>\$121,054.30</b>	<b>565.25</b>		<b>6</b>	
<b>FY23 Rev. Projections</b>	<b>\$121,054.30</b>	<b>FY23 Budget</b>	<b>\$124,250.00</b>				
<b>FY23 Yield Payment (Est.)</b>	<b>\$7,000.00</b>						
<b>Baker Woods 50/50 Hay Contract (Fazio)</b>							
	<b>Field A (AC.)</b>	<b>Field B (AC.)</b>	<b>Field C (AC.)</b>	<b>Inputs</b>	<b>Farm Operator Surplus Buyback</b>	<b>Storage</b>	
23.6 total acres	14.7	2.7	6.2 50/50 alfalfa	50% of cost (\$3,113.11 in FY22)	Market Value - Iowa Hay Report	\$0.50 per small bale delivered	
Small Bale Est. (2021)	2930 - bales						
Small Bale 2021 Actual	2392 bales (1-failed cutting)						
Small Bale 2022 Actual	2320 bales						
Recommend 1-year extension through FY23							

KENDALL COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT

RESOLUTION 08-21-001 AMENDING

RESOLUTION 02-21-001

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A GENERAL FUND BALANCE RESERVE POLICY**

WHEREAS, the Kendall County Forest Preserve District's Board of Commissioners desires to retain a level of financial reserves to fund current and future operations and capital needs as well as cash flow requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Kendall County Forest Preserve District established an unrestricted Fund Balance Reserve for the General Fund and Fund Balance Policy for maintaining a calculated Fund Balance Reserve by Approval of Resolution #15-010 on December 17, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Kendall County Forest Preserve District revised the District's unrestricted Fund Balance Reserve for the General Fund and Fund Balance Policy by approval of Resolution 02-21-001 on February 2, 2021; and


WHEREAS, the Kendall County Forest Preserve District Policy outlines requirements for the Kendall County Forest Preserve District's Board of Commissioners to follow in order to maintain the approved level of unrestricted Fund Balance Reserve.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE KENDALL COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT, AS FOLLOWS:**

The Kendall County Forest Preserve District's Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the amended *General Fund- Fund Balance Reserve Policy*, attached hereto as "Exhibit A"

Approved and adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Kendall County Forest Preserve District of Kendall County, Illinois, this 3<sup>RD</sup> day of August, 2021.

Attest:

  
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Judy Gilmour, President  
Kendall County Forest Preserve District

  
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Elizabeth Flowers, Secretary  
Kendall County Forest Preserve District

## EXHIBIT A

### KENDALL COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT FINANCIAL POLICY General Fund - Fund Balance Reserve Policy

#### Purpose

The Kendall County Forest Preserve District's Board of Commissioners desires to maintain a sufficient level of financial resources to fund current and future operations and capital needs as well as annual cash flow requirements. This includes a requirement that no District fund shall post a negative balance at any time. This policy establishes an unrestricted Fund Balance Reserve for the General Fund and the method to calculate the Fund Balance Reserve. This policy is also intended to document the procedure the Kendall County Forest Preserve District's Board of Commissioners will follow in order to sustain a sufficient unrestricted Fund Balance Reserve.

#### Appropriate Level of Unrestricted Fund Balance Reserve for General Fund

The Kendall County Forest Preserve District has established that the appropriate level of unrestricted Fund Balance Reserve for the General Fund shall be sufficient to cover approximately three and one half (3.5) months of each subsequent fiscal year's appropriated expenditures for operations and continued growth of reserve funds until such time as the sufficient fund balance is achieved. The FY21 fund balance reserve was increased following amendment of the FY21 budget and subsequent transfer of \$215,000 from the District's Project Reserve Fund (Fund 1906) to the Operating Fund (Fund 1900).

#### Procedure to Achieve a Sufficient Level of Unrestricted Fund Balance Reserve for General Fund

During each annual budget development and appropriation process between June and November, the projected ending unrestricted Fund Balance Reserve for the General Fund for the current fiscal year, and the expenditure projections for each subsequent fiscal year will be calculated. If the projected unrestricted Fund Balance Reserve is below \$360,000 within the General Fund, the Kendall County Forest Preserve District's Board of Commissioners will reduce expenditures and appropriations to support continued growth of the unrestricted Fund Balance Reserve of the General Fund to achieve a balance of approximately three and one half (3.5) months, or 30% of appropriated expenditures.

Annually in November, a year-end report projection will be presented for the unrestricted Fund Balance Reserve for the General Fund. At or before the last Commission meeting in November of each fiscal year, the Board of Commissioners will approve a budget that anticipates growth of the Fund Balance Reserve until such time as a three and one half months operating reserve balance representing 30% of appropriated expenditures for each subsequent fiscal year is achieved.

Approval Date: November 17, 2015  
Revision Date: February 2, 2021  
Revision Date: August 03, 2021

Kendall County Forest Preserve District  
Capital Fund 1913 Fund Balance Policy

1. The District shall establish an initial capital funding balance of \$828,200.00 in Fund 1913 in FY22 representing the total amount reimbursed to the District from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources following completion of PARC Grant Project #21-114).
2. The Fund 1913 fund balance may be transferred to other capital project funds so long as the following criteria are met:
  - a. Funds proposed and approved for use or transfer from Fund 1913 to another capital project fund or funds must be fully reimbursed or otherwise received and transferred to Fund 1913 following completion of the capital project(s).
    - i. Example 1 – no project match requirement: \$250,000.00 is transferred out of Fund 1913 to complete a grant funded project where the grant amount to be reimbursed is \$250,000.00.
    - ii. Example 2 – project matching requirement: The District issues LTGO bonds to cover the required District match to a capital grant project. \$400,000 is transferred out of Fund 1913 to complete a project where the grant amount to be reimbursed is \$400,000.00. Following reimbursement, the \$400,000.00 received is transferred back into Fund 1913.
    - iii. Example 3 – match provided through donation: \$750,000.00 is transferred out of Fund 1913 to complete a \$1.5M land acquisition project where the District will receive a donation of property carrying a certified appraised fair market value of \$750,000.00 that provides the required match for a reimbursable \$750,000.00 grant.
  - b. The Board of Commissioners must approve any/all Fund 1913 transfers by approval of a motion that includes sufficient detail to explain the mechanism for replenishing the Fund 1913 principal fund balance of \$828,200.00.
3. Interest earnings within this fund may be transferred in accordance with (70 ILCS 805/23) of the Downstate Forest Preserve District Act:

*(70 ILCS 805/23)*

*Sec. 23. Transfer of interest income. Each forest preserve district shall have the power to transfer the interest earned from any moneys of the district into the respective fund of the district that is most in need of the interest income, as determined by the board of commissioners. This Section does not apply to any interest earned that has been earmarked or restricted by the board for a designated purpose. This Section does not apply to any interest earned on any funds for purposes of the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund under the Pension Code or tort immunity under the Local Governmental and Governmental Employees Tort Immunity Act. Interest earned on these exempted funds shall be used only for the purposes authorized for the respective exempted funds from which the interest earnings were derived.*

*(Source: P.A. 90-176, eff. 1-1-98.)*

**Ordinance 17-06-002**

**Endowment Fund Ordinance  
Kendall County Forest Preserve District**

**WHEREAS**, the Kendall County Forest Preserve District (hereinafter the "District") is a body politic and corporate and municipal corporation organized and existing under the Downstate Forest Preserve District Act, 70 ILCS 805/0.001 et seq., as amended (hereinafter the "Act"); and

**WHEREAS**, it is reasonable, necessary and desirable for the Kendall County Forest Preserve District, hereinafter called "District," to establish an Endowment Fund for the District ; and,

**WHEREAS**, 70 ILCS 805/13.7 provides as follows:

*"Each forest preserve district may create, maintain, and increase a separate fund to be known as the "Endowment Fund" to pay all costs and expenses incurred or anticipated by the forest preserve district for the long-term maintenance and improvement of forest preserve facilities and lands, and for the future purchase of real property. Only one "Endowment Fund" may be created by a forest preserve district, but the fund may provide for the collection, maintenance, investment, and expenditure of monies for more than one purpose. All revenues deposited in the Endowment Fund shall be designated by purpose and appropriated and expended for the purpose for which it was designated. No appropriation in the Endowment Fund shall lapse, and the monies received and designated for a specific purpose shall not become part of the general funds of the district or considered an asset available for appropriation for another purpose in a subsequent year unless the purpose for which the monies were originally appropriated has been completed. Revenues deposited in the Endowment Fund must come from private sources, whether received before, on, or after the effective date of this amendatory Act of 1995. No revenues shall come from any Federal, State, or local government source, except for those received as a result of agreements obligating the district to the long-term maintenance of improvements constructed on district lands. The Fund shall be audited annually by a licensed certified public accountant."; and,*

**WHEREAS**, the District has accepted private contributions totaling \$842,469.20 held in restriction from the Trusts of John Edward and Mary M. Subat, and John Subat, Jr. "to build a Nature Preserve Building in Subat Forest Preserve in Memory of Mary M. Subat"; and,

**WHEREAS**, it is reasonable, necessary and desirable for the District to invest the Subat Project Funds until such time the District is prepared to complete construction and operate the Nature Preserve Building at Subat Forest Preserve; and,

**WHEREAS**, the District anticipates acceptance of future private contributions for specific long-term maintenance and improvement projects on forest preserve facilities and lands, and for the future purchase of real property; and,

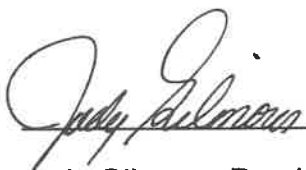
**WHEREAS**, in consultation with the Kendall County State's Attorney's Office and pursuant to applicable statute, investment earnings within each restricted project fund of the Endowment Fund shall be reinvested and applied to the principal balance of that project fund until such time as that project has been fully completed; and, no appropriation in the Endowment Fund shall lapse, and the monies received and designated for a specific purpose shall not become part of the general funds of the district or considered an asset available for appropriation for another purpose in a subsequent year unless the purpose for which the monies were originally appropriated has been completed.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Board of Commissioners of the District as follows:

1. The Board of Commissioners hereby establishes an "Endowment Fund of the Kendall County Forest Preserve District."
2. The Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes and directs the District's President, Treasurer, and Executive Director to take the necessary actions to establish the Endowment Fund for the District.
3. The Board of Commissioners hereby orders that restricted funds held within the Subat Project Fund shall be accounted for separately, and made part of the District's Endowment Fund.
4. The District's Treasurer is authorized to take the necessary actions now, and in the future to deposit, invest, and apply the proportional share of investment earnings from private sources accepted by the District in order to grow, but separately account for each restricted project fund held in the Endowment Fund.
5. The Fund shall be audited annually by a licensed certified public accountant.

**Passed and approved by the President and Board of Commissioners of the District this 20th day of June, 2017.**

Approved:

  
Judy Gilmour, President

Attest:

  
Elizabeth Flowers, Secretary

# MOODY'S

## INVESTORS SERVICE

### **Rating Action: Moody's revises outlook to positive on Kendall County Forest Preserve District, IL's A1 GOULT; assigns A1 to Series 2021 GOLT**

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02 Jun 2021

New York, June 02, 2021 – Moody's Investors Service has assigned an A1 rating to Kendall County Forest Preserve District, IL's \$1.2 million General Obligation Limited Tax Bonds, Series 2021. Concurrently Moody's affirms the A1 rating on the district's outstanding general obligation unlimited tax (GOULT) debt and revises the outlook to positive from no outlook. Following the sale, the district will have \$29.5 million of GOULT and \$1.2 million of GOLT debt outstanding.

#### RATINGS RATIONALE

The A1 rating reflects the district's large, diverse tax base and stable, though limited, financial operations. Additionally incorporated in the rating is an elevated direct debt burden with high fixed costs and modest pension burden.

The lack of rating distinction between the A1 rating on the district's GOLT debt and the district's A1 GOULT rating reflects the presence of an all available funds pledge to pay debt service. The district's GOLT is secured by district's debt service extension base (DSEB), which is unlimited as to rate but limited as to the amount by the district's DSEB.

#### RATING OUTLOOK

The positive outlook reflects our expectation that the district's general fund reserves will strengthen in fiscal 2021 and operating reserves inclusive of the debt service fund will remain strong going forward.

#### FACTORS THAT COULD LEAD TO AN UPGRADE OF THE RATINGS

- Moderation of debt burden and fixed costs
- Continued growth in reserves

#### FACTORS THAT COULD LEAD TO A DOWNGRADE OF THE RATINGS

- Deterioration of fund balance or liquidity
- Material growth in the district's debt or pension burdens

#### LEGAL SECURITY

The district's general obligation unlimited tax (GOULT) bonds are secured by the full faith, credit and resources of the district and payable from ad valorem taxes which may be levied without limitation as to rate or amount.

The district's general obligation limited tax (GOLT) bonds are secured by an all available funds pledge and are payable from the district's Debt Service Extension Base (DSEB), which is limited as to amount but unlimited as to rate. The district's current DSEB is \$85,617 and the maximum annual debt service on the district's GOLT debt is \$85,600 in 2035, providing for coverage assuming no annual growth in the DSEB. By law, the DSEB increases each year by the lesser of 5% or the consumer price index.

#### USE OF PROCEEDS

The Series 2021 bonds will fund projects under the district's 5 year capital plan including renovation of the Pickerill estate house which was donated to the district along with land restoration and trail and parking lot upgrades.

#### PROFILE

The forest preserve district is coterminous with Kendall County, located roughly 45 miles southwest of the City





## Kendall County Forest Preserve District, Illinois

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DEBT BRIEFING BOOK

DECEMBER 8, 2022

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# Illinois Forest Preserve District Borrowing Options

## Property Tax Supported

- **General Obligation Limited Tax Bonds:**
  - Source of repayment: Payable from a direct property tax unlimited as to rate but limited as to amount.
  - Constraint:
    - Constrained to 2.3% of the District's EAV (How much the District can have outstanding in total.)
    - Limited to the District's Debt Service Extension Base (DSEB) (How much the District can levy each year to pay the principal and interest due on the bonds.)
  - Not subject to a voter referendum
- **General Obligation Bonds:**
  - Source of repayment: Payable from a direct property tax unlimited as to rate or amount.
  - Constraint:
    - Constrained to 2.3% of the District's EAV (How much the District can have outstanding in total.)
  - **Subject to a successful referendum**

## Non-Property Tax Supported

- **General Obligation (Alternate Revenue Source) Bonds:**
  - Source of repayment: Often referred to as "double-barreled" bonds. Alternate revenue source bonds are paid from any lawfully available resource and have a property tax levy as back up should the primary source of repayment not be available to pay the principal and interest on the bonds.
  - Constraint:
    - Generally, not subject to any debt capacity constraints
    - 1.25x coverage required
  - Subject to a 30-day backdoor referendum period
- **Debt Certificates:**
  - Source of repayment: Payable from any lawfully available resource.
  - Constraint:
    - Constrained to 2.3% of the District's EAV (How much the District can have outstanding in total.)





# Debt Limit Calculation

			<b>Total Debt Capacity</b> 2.3% of EAV
District EAV of Taxable Property, 2021		\$3,781,079,971.00	
Total		\$3,781,079,971.00	
Statutory Debt Limitation (2.3% of EAV)			\$86,964,839.33
<u>Applicable Debt:</u>	<u>Final Maturity Date</u>	<u>Total Outstanding</u>	<u>Total Applicable</u>
Series 2012	1/1/2023	\$430,000	\$430,000
Series 2015	1/1/2027	\$8,880,000	\$8,880,000
Series 2016	1/1/2026	\$8,500,000	\$8,500,000
Series 2017	1/1/2024	\$7,915,000	\$7,915,000
Series 2021	1/1/2041	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000
Total		\$26,925,000.00	\$26,925,000.00
<b>Legal Debt Margin</b>			<b>\$60,039,839.33</b>

# General Obligation Limited Tax Bond Capacity

Debt Service Extension Base (DSEB) Calculation			
Year	DSEB	CPI Increase	Cumulative Increase
Base	69,042.15		
2009	69,111.19	0.10%	69.04
2010	70,977.19	2.70%	1,935.04
2011	72,041.85	1.50%	2,999.70
2012	74,203.11	3.00%	5,160.96
2013	75,464.56	1.70%	6,422.41
2014	76,596.53	1.50%	7,554.38
2015	77,209.30	0.80%	8,167.15
2016	77,749.77	0.70%	8,707.62
2017	79,382.51	2.10%	10,340.36
2018	81,049.54	2.10%	12,007.39
2019	82,589.49	1.90%	13,547.34
2020	84,489.04	2.30%	15,446.89
2021	85,671.89	1.40%	16,629.74
2022	89,955.48	5.00%	20,913.33

DSEB Margin Calculation					
Levy Year	Bond Year	Debt Service Extension Base (DSEB) (1)	Series 2021 Bonds Total Debt Service	DSEB Margin	DSEB Margin At 2% CPI Growth
2021	2023	85,671.89	\$ 82,226	3,446.29	3,446.29
2022	2024	89,955.48	84,544	5,411.72	5,411.72
2023	2025	89,955.48	82,544	7,411.72	9,210.83
2024	2026	89,955.48	81,544	8,411.72	12,045.93
2025	2027	89,955.48	84,544	5,411.72	10,917.72
2026	2028	89,955.48	82,344	7,611.72	15,026.95
2027	2029	89,955.48	85,144	4,811.72	14,174.36
2028	2030	89,955.48	82,744	7,211.72	18,560.73
2029	2031	89,955.48	80,944	9,011.72	22,386.82
2030	2032	89,955.48	84,144	5,811.72	21,253.43
2031	2033	89,955.48	82,194	7,761.72	25,311.37
2032	2034	89,955.48	85,244	4,711.72	24,411.47
2033	2035	89,955.48	83,144	6,811.72	28,704.58
2034	2036	89,955.48	81,044	8,911.72	33,041.55
2035	2037	89,955.48	83,944	6,011.72	32,423.25
2036	2038	89,955.48	81,694	8,261.72	37,000.59
2037	2039	89,955.48	85,100	4,855.48	35,968.24
2038	2040	89,955.48	83,400	6,555.48	40,089.60
2039	2041	89,955.48	81,700	8,255.48	44,259.40
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 1,578,182.00</b>		

# Debt Service Levy Impact

Levy Year	Bond Year	Equalized Assessed Value (EAV) (1)	Unlimited Tax General Obligation Bonds			Limited Tax General Obligation Bonds			Total	
			Unlimited Tax G.O. Debt Service	Tax Rate	Estimated Annual Tax on Average Home (2)	Limited Tax G.O. Debt Service	Tax Rate	Estimated Annual Tax on Average Home (2)	Tax Rate	Estimated Annual Tax on Average Home (2)
2021	2023	3,781,079,971	5,380,218	\$0.1423	\$113	82,226	\$0.0022	\$2	\$0.1445	\$114
2022	2024	3,856,701,570	5,294,458	\$0.1373	\$109	84,544	\$0.0022	\$2	\$0.1395	\$110
2023	2025	3,933,835,602	5,710,248	\$0.1452	\$115	82,544	\$0.0021	\$2	\$0.1473	\$117
2024	2026	4,012,512,314	5,940,513	\$0.1480	\$117	81,544	\$0.0020	\$2	\$0.1501	\$119
2025	2027	4,092,762,560	6,624,800	\$0.1619	\$128	84,544	\$0.0021	\$2	\$0.1639	\$130
2026	2028	4,174,617,811		\$0.0000	\$0	82,344	\$0.0020	\$2	\$0.0020	\$2
2027	2029	4,258,110,168		\$0.0000	\$0	85,144	\$0.0020	\$2	\$0.0020	\$2
2028	2030	4,343,272,371		\$0.0000	\$0	82,744	\$0.0019	\$2	\$0.0019	\$2
2029	2031	4,430,137,818		\$0.0000	\$0	80,944	\$0.0018	\$1	\$0.0018	\$1
2030	2032	4,518,740,575		\$0.0000	\$0	84,144	\$0.0019	\$1	\$0.0019	\$1
2031	2033	4,609,115,386		\$0.0000	\$0	82,194	\$0.0018	\$1	\$0.0018	\$1
2032	2034	4,701,297,694		\$0.0000	\$0	85,244	\$0.0018	\$1	\$0.0018	\$1
2033	2035	4,795,323,648		\$0.0000	\$0	83,144	\$0.0017	\$1	\$0.0017	\$1
2034	2036	4,891,230,121		\$0.0000	\$0	81,044	\$0.0017	\$1	\$0.0017	\$1
2035	2037	4,989,054,723		\$0.0000	\$0	83,944	\$0.0017	\$1	\$0.0017	\$1
2036	2038	5,088,835,818		\$0.0000	\$0	81,694	\$0.0016	\$1	\$0.0016	\$1
2037	2039	5,190,612,534		\$0.0000	\$0	85,100	\$0.0016	\$1	\$0.0016	\$1
2038	2040	5,294,424,785		\$0.0000	\$0	83,400	\$0.0016	\$1	\$0.0016	\$1
2039	2041	5,400,313,280		\$0.0000	\$0	81,700	\$0.0015	\$1	\$0.0015	\$1
2040	2042	5,508,319,546		\$0.0000	\$0		\$0.0000	\$0	\$0.0000	\$0

Note: (1) Current equalized assessed value for the District as of the 2021 levy year. Assumes a 2% annual growth. Subject to change.  
(2) Average home value assumed to be \$255,400 based on the 2017-21 US Census American Community Survey for the County. Assumes the homeowner receives the annual homeowner's exemption.



# Bond Rating History

- Current bond rating:
  - Moody's A1/Positive Outlook
  - S&P: A / Stable
- Ratings were downgraded beginning between 2012 and 2015 due to operating deficits.
- Beginning 2017, the District's bond rating stabilized and has begun to be upgraded due to strong financial performance.

Moody's		
Date	Rating	Action
6/2/2021	A1/ Positive	Outlook Change
2/13/2019	A1	Upgrade
3/15/2017	A2 / Stable	Outlook Change
5/26/2015	A2 /Negative	Downgraded
8/27/2012	A1	Downgraded

Standard and Poor's		
Date	Rating	Action
3/11/2020	A / Stable	Upgrade
3/11/2020	A / Stable	Upgrade
4/2/2015	A- / Negative	Downgraded
5/1/2014	A / Negative	Downgraded
5/7/2012	A+ / Stable	Downgraded

# Current Rating Factors <sup>1</sup>

- Credit Strengths:
  - Large, diverse, growing tax base with strong income levels.
  - Strong fund balance and liquidity relative to budget size.
  - Modest pension burden.
- Credit Challenges:
  - Elevated debt burden relative to operations.
  - Above average fixed costs.
- Factors that may lead to an upgrade:
  - Moderation of debt burden and fixed costs.
  - Continued growth in reserves.

<sup>1</sup> – Source: Moody's Investors Service Credit Opinion, Dated June 2, 2021.

# Market Snapshot



Market Indicators (amounts are in millions)			
Rate/Index	Current	Last Week	
Bond Buyer 20-Bond Index	3.65%	3.72%	
Bond Buyer 11-Bond Index	3.55%	3.62%	
Bond Buyer Revenue Bond Index	3.93%	4.00%	
10- Year Treasury	3.54%	3.71%	
30- Year Treasury	3.64%	3.74%	
30-Day Visible Supply	Current	Annual High	Annual Low
Total	\$12,315.80	\$19,580.30	\$5,177.70
Competitive	\$4,311.80	\$5,474.10	\$732.80
Negotiated	\$8,004.10	\$15,825.00	\$3,098.00
New-Issue Sales	Current	Last Week	Two Weeks
Long-Term Bonds	\$5,892.90	\$3,485.10	\$1,296.00
Negotiated Bonds	\$4,285.20	\$1,442.40	\$1,167.00
Competitive Bonds	\$1,604.70	\$1,994.10	\$97.80
Short-Term Bonds	\$173.50	\$285.90	\$89.30

**Footnotes:**

- AAA MMD Yields represent the fair market offer side for most liquid and available credits in each ratings category as determined by MMD. the above data provided by Thomson Reuters Municipal market data.

- General obligation bonds maturing in 20 years are used in compiling these bond buyer indexes. The 20-bond index has an average rating equivalent to Moody's Aa2 and S&P's AA, while the 11-bond index is equivalent to Aa1 and AA-plus. (No average Fitch rating is provided because Fitch does not rate one of the bonds.) The 11 bonds used in the higher-grade index are marked with an asterisk. Source: The Bond Buyer.

- 30-Day Visible Supply reflects the total dollar volume of bonds to be offered at competitive bidding and through negotiation over the next 30 days. It includes issues scheduled for sale on the date listed along with anticipated offerings listed in that day's Competitive Bond Offerings" and "Negotiated Bond Offerings" tables published on BondBuyer.com.

To: Kendall County Forest Preserve District Committee of the Whole

From: David Guritz, Executive Director

RE: FY23 Goals (Updated)

Date: December 8, 2022

## KCPFD FY23 Goals

### Capital Projects

Complete the Ken Pickerill Estate House Renovation Project

Complete the ENRG-Nelnet solar panel construction

Close out the IDNR-PARC Grant

Plan for the estate house grand opening in late June – early July with the FFKC

Generate an order and purchase tables and chairs for the new venue

Open Fox River Bluffs Forest Preserve to the general public.

Plan for a late June grand opening with the FFKC

Coordinate with KC-Highway for the opening of Eldamain Road

Generate probable costs for construction and leverage Kendall County storm water funding to complete the removal of the dam at Little Rock Creek

Evaluate rolling grant fund needs

Complete planning for the Subat Nature Center (Wight and Company)

Coordinate development of construction drawings and bid documents if IDNR-OSLAD funding is awarded

Evaluate rolling grant fund needs.

Replace District vehicles based on priorities and available funding

### Land Acquisition

Complete the acquisition of the Baker Woods – south addition from The Conservation Foundation

Apply for voluntary carbon credits

### Education

Integrate the KC-Outdoor Education Center cooperative into District Education Division operations (decision pending)

Plan and implement a conservation-focused vendor and natural area land services market

### Natural Areas Management

Implement the IDNR Habitat Grant (if awarded)

### Administration

Complete the District's emergency response plan

Prepare a document showing fire numbers and addresses of all preserves for Commissioners and KenCom

Explore options for future move of the District's main office



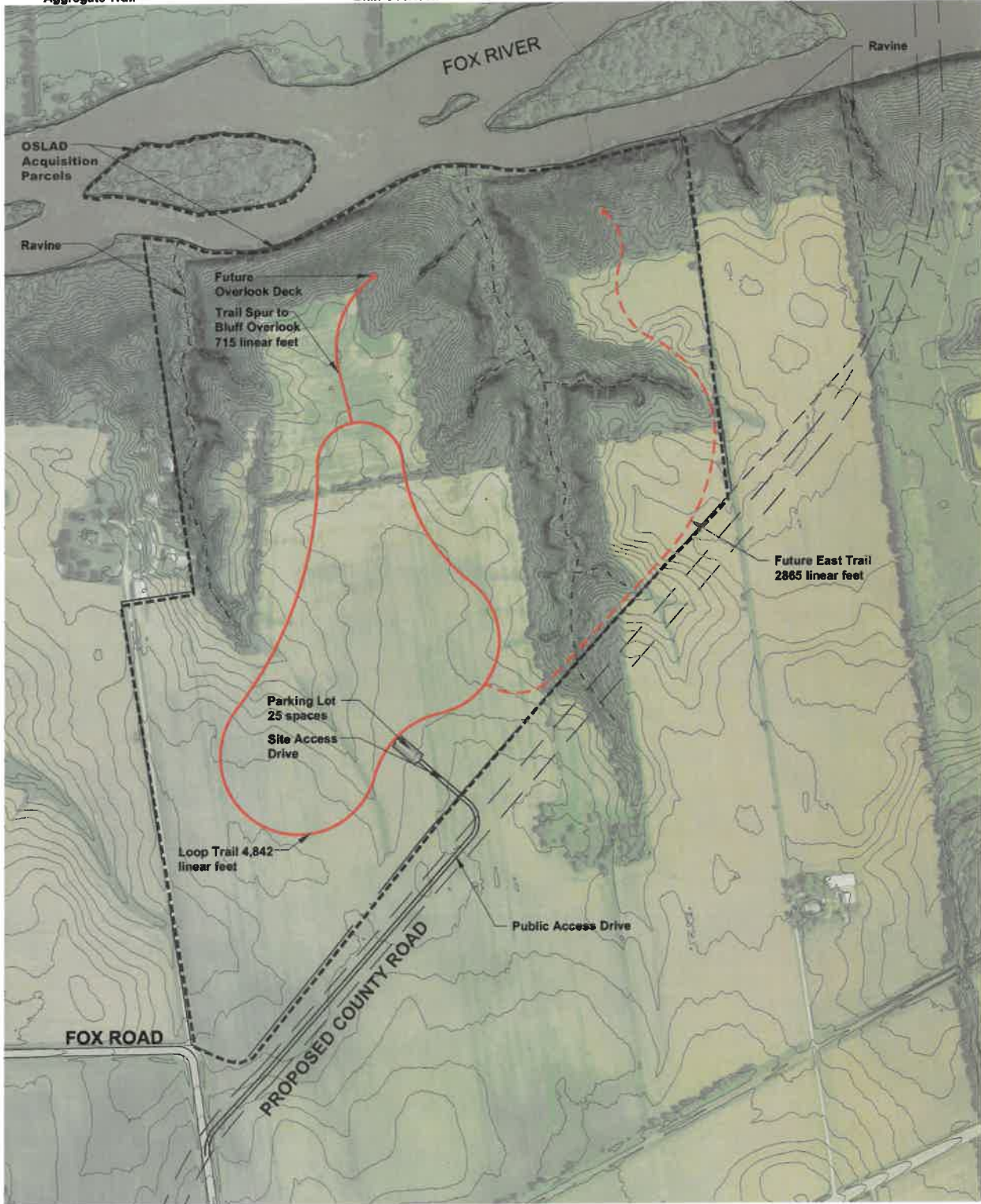
Aggregate Trail

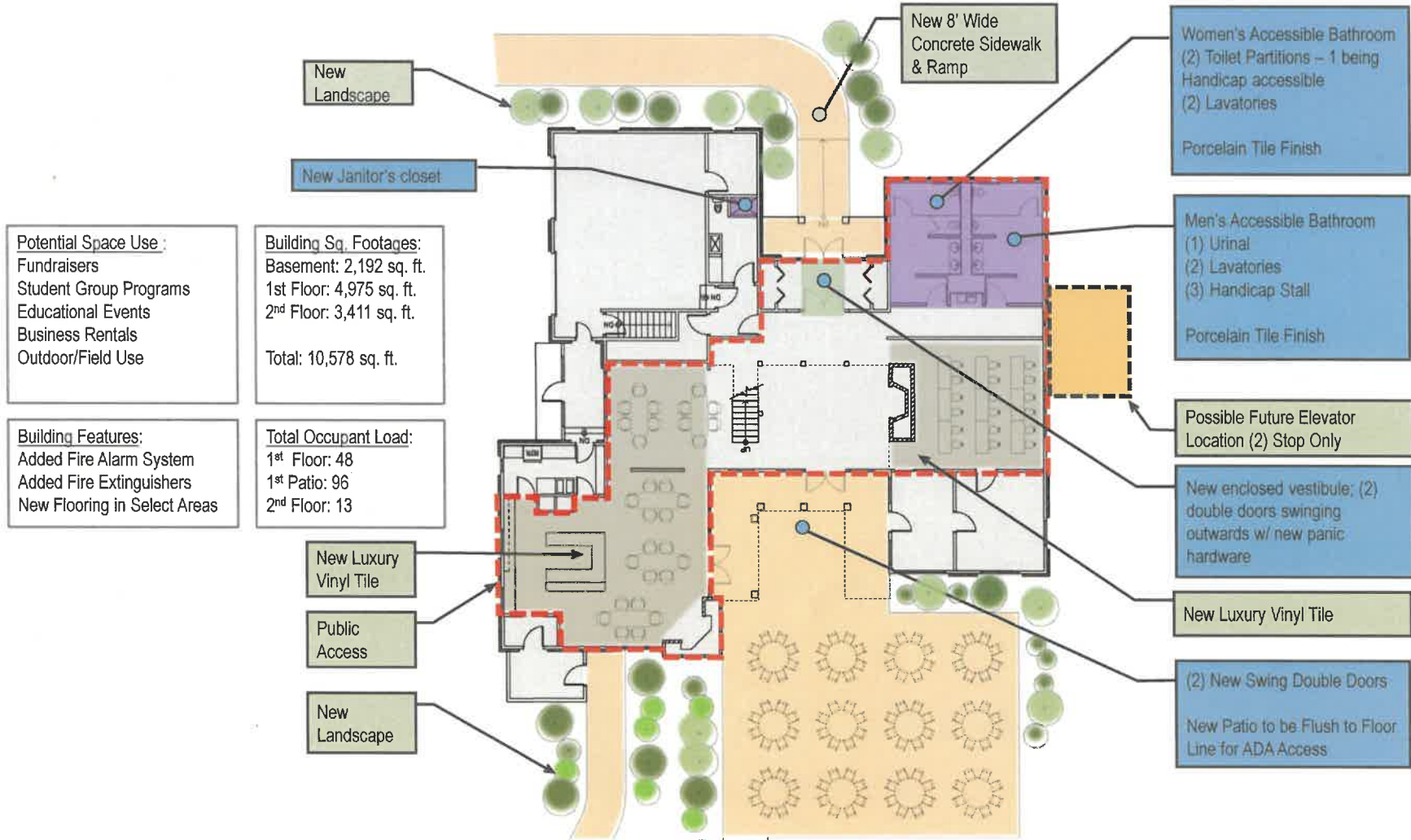


Bluff Overlook



Future Overlook Deck





Proposed 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Pickerill Estate House

Kendall County Forest Preserve –  
Pickerill Estate House Conversion



Exterior Patio View with Roof Structure

Kentucky County Forest Preserve -  
Pickwell & Kluber House Construction

**LEGEND**

- ① Main Entry (Refer to "Entry Layout Plan"): Parking Lot, Nature Center, Information Sign, Compost Toilet, Existing Overlook Deck
- ② Trail (Refer to "Trail Route Plan")
- ③ Boardwalk
- ④ Overlook Deck
- ⑤ Educational Stop with Simple Sign
- ⑥ Maintenance Access
- ⑦ Monument Sign
- ⑧ South Pedestrian Access with Bike Racks
- ⑨ North Pedestrian Access
- ⑩ Creek Access
- ⑪ Future Bike Trail (by others)



Date: 09/12/2022



Master Plan  
**SUBAT NATURE CENTER**  
 Kendall County Forest Preserve District





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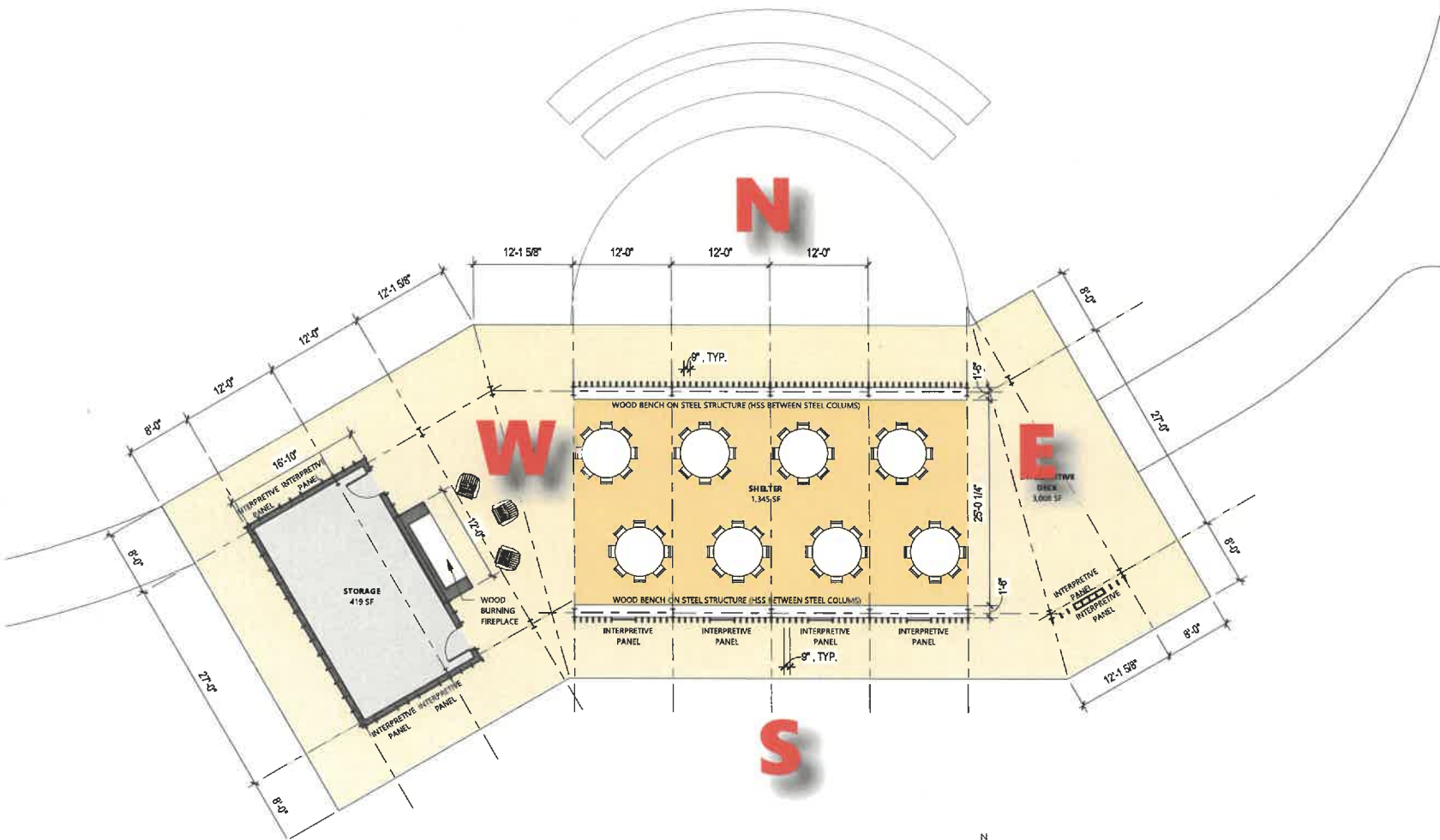
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Phase 1  
**SUBAT NATURE CENTER**  
 Kendall County Forest Preserve District



NATURE CENTER / THREE SEASON SHELTER  
**FLOOR PLAN**



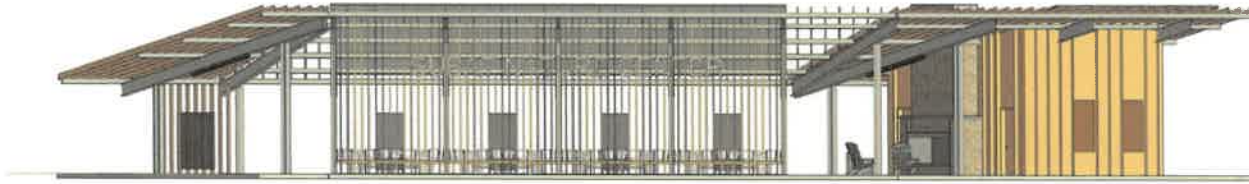
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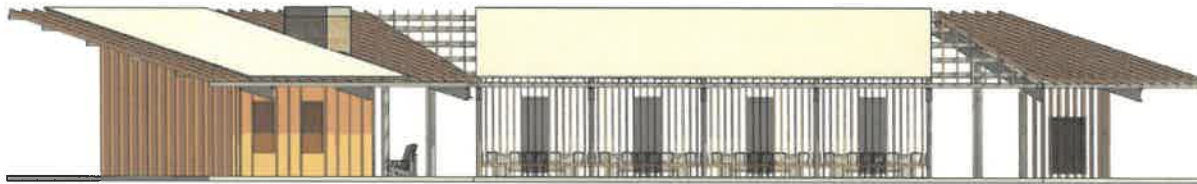
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NATURE CENTER / THREE SEASON SHELTER  
**ELEVATIONS**



**NORTH ELEVATION**



**SOUTH ELEVATION**



**EAST ELEVATION**



**WEST ELEVATION**

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# *Hey and Associates, Inc.*

Engineering, Ecology and Landscape Architecture

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November 15, 2022

Mr. Dave Guritz, Director  
Kendall County Forest Preserve District  
110 W. Madison Street  
Yorkville, Illinois 60560

Proposal No.: 22-0380

Re: Proposal for Engineering and Ecologic Consulting Services for Little Rock Creek Forest Preserve Dam Removal – Concept Design Services  
Kendall County, Illinois

Dear Mr. Guritz:

We understand that there is an existing breached low-head dam on Little Rock Creek on the Little Rock Creek Forest Preserve that the Kendall County Forest Preserve District (KCFPD) wishes to remove and restore the creek in the general vicinity. We offer the following scope of services to provide concept plan development services and assistance in pursuit of grant funding for the project.

## **Task 1: Dam Removal and Riparian Restoration Concept Plan**

We will complete the following tasks in preparation of a concept plan and supporting information:

1. Perform a field reconnaissance of the project area to ascertain site specific conditions.
2. Prepare a draft concept plan for dam removal and corridor restoration of the upstream riparian corridors and the areas surrounding the dam for KCFPD review.
3. Attend a virtual discussion to review the draft concept plan with staff and make edits, as necessary.
4. Prepare a final concept plan, including concept level details, for use in consensus building and pursuit of grant funding.
5. Prepare a concept level opinion of probably cost.
6. Prepare a concept design memorandum outlining key design features and approach, including potential access and equipment limitations, and a summary of likely regulatory needs including timeline and fees.
7. Attend a meeting to present the concept plan and discussion to the Kendall County Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners.

We will complete this task for a lump sum fee of \$9,500.

**Task 2: Grant Application Assistance**

We will assist the KCFPD with pursuit of project grant funding through sources such as the IEPA Section 319 program. This may include preparation of forms and applications, additional exhibits, narrative information and other information and data necessary.

We will complete this task on a time and materials basis for a fee not to exceed \$4,500, assuming submittal for up to two grant opportunities.

**Task 3: Site Master Planning Assistance**

We understand that an existing master plan for the site has been prepared but this project and other trail funding opportunities may require updates to that plan for pursuit of funding. We will assist in master plan updates on an as requested basis.

We will complete this task on a time and materials basis for a fee not to exceed \$5,000, assuming submittal for up to two grant opportunities.

**FEE SUMMARY**

TASKS	FEE
Task 1	\$9,500 LS
Task 2	\$4,500 T&M
Task 3	\$5,000 T&M
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$19,000</b>

Reimbursable expenses are included in the lump sum fees noted above and include, but are not necessarily limited to, travel, reproductions, shipping/delivery, aerial photographs, phone and other communication charges, consultants and subcontractor fees, equipment and supply costs related to the execution of the project. Any additional meetings or supplemental work would be in addition to the above amount or by separate proposal. Our Standard Terms and Conditions are attached.

If this agreement is acceptable, please sign below and return this proposal to our office. Upon receipt, we will sign and return a fully executed copy for your records. This proposal is valid for 60 days from the date of this letter. Should you have any questions, please contact the project manager, Dave Kraft at our Volo office.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Hey and Associates, Inc.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Attest

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

*Judy Gilman, President*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Kendall County Forest Preserve District

*Dave Kraft, Exec. Dir.*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Attest

*11/15/2022*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Compensation**

**Profession**

**Engineering**

Senior Principal Civil Engineer	\$210
Principal Civil Engineer	\$185
Senior Civil Engineer	\$170
Civil Engineer I to V	\$115-155
Water Resources Specialist I to V	\$110-150
Engineering Technician I to V	\$110-150
Lake and Survey Services Manager	\$150

**Ecological Services**

Senior Principal Ecologist	\$200
Senior Project Scientist	\$165
Environmental Services Manager	\$145
Environmental Scientist I to V	\$95-135
Environmental Intern	\$45

**Landscape Architecture**

Senior Landscape Architect	\$170
Landscape Architect I to V	\$105-145
Landscape Designer	\$100

**Erosion Control**

Senior Erosion and Sediment Control Specialist	\$165
Erosion and Sediment Control Specialist	\$95

**Subsurface Drainage Services**

Subsurface Drainage Services Manager	\$120
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**Design Support**

CAD Technician	\$100
GIS Specialist	\$100

**Administration**

Senior Administrator	\$110
Accounting/Marketing Administrator	\$75
Administrative Assistant	\$70

**Expert Testimony**

Rates to be determined on per-project basis

**Reimbursable Expense**

Reimbursable expenses shall be reimbursed at cost plus an 8% administrative service charge. Such expenses shall include, but are not necessarily limited to travel, reproduction, shipping/delivery, aerial photographs, phone and other communication charges, consultants and subcontractor fees, equipment and supply costs related to the execution of the project. Fixed reimbursable expense costs are as follows:

Travel	\$ .65/mile
Copies	\$ .20/page
Software/Digital Resource Charge	\$100.00/project
ATV Usage	\$ 40.00/hour
ATV Discing, Herbicide, Spraying, Mowing	\$ 45.00/hour
Boat Usage	\$ 75.00/hour
Chain Saw Usage	\$ 20.00/hour
Additional Plotting, B & W	\$ .90/sq. ft.
Additional Plotting, Color	\$ 2.75/sq. ft.
Additional Plotting, Mylar	\$ 4.50/sq. ft.
Flow Meter	\$ 50.00/day
GPS Rover	\$350.00/day
Total Station/GPS Equipment	\$100.00/day
Unmanned Aerial Reconnaissance	Per Project

**Insurance**

Throughout the duration of the project, Hey will procure and maintain the following insurance:

<b>Liability</b>	<b>Limits of Liability</b>
Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability	\$ 500,000 each incident
Commercial General Liability	\$ 2,000,000
Professional Liability	\$ 2,000,000
Automobile Liability	\$ 1,000,000

Within the limits of this insurance, Hey agrees to hold the Client harmless from and against loss, damage, injury or liability arising directly from the negligent acts or omissions of employees, agents, or subcontractors of Hey.

Client will limit any and all liability, claim for damages, losses, cost of defense, or expenses to be levied against Hey on account of any design defect, error, omission, or professional negligence to a sum not to exceed the amount of Hey's fee under this agreement. Should the Client require other types of insurance coverage, limits in excess of the above limits, and/or certificates naming any other(s) than the Client as additional insured parties, Hey's cost of obtaining such coverage, limits, or certificates shall be reimbursable by the Client.

**Billing**

Billings shall be on a monthly basis and are payable upon receipt. An additional charge of 1½ percent per month (18% per annum) shall be applied to any balance unpaid more than 30 days beyond date of invoice. Client shall pay any attorney's fees, court costs or other expenses incurred collecting delinquent accounts.

Hey and Associates Inc. (Hey), with seven (7) days written notice, reserves the right to suspend or terminate work under this agreement on any account that is past due. The Client's obligation to pay for the work contracted is in no way dependent upon the Client's ability to obtain financing, zoning, permit approval by governmental or regulatory agencies, or upon the Client's successful completion of the project. The rates presented herein are effective for the period January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

**Limitation of Costs**

Hey will not be obligated to continue performance or incur costs beyond the estimated costs unless the Client agrees in writing to a revised cost estimate.

**Client's Responsibilities**

Client shall arrange for access to and make all provisions for Hey to enter upon private and public property as required for Hey to perform services under this Agreement. Client shall provide Hey with all existing available information regarding this project as required. Hey shall be entitled to rely upon information and documentation provided by the Client or consultants retained by the Client in relation to this project, however Hey assumes no responsibility or liability for their completeness or accuracy.

**Cost Opinions**

Any cost opinions or project economic evaluations provided by Hey will be on the basis of experience and judgment, but, because Hey has no control over market conditions or bidding procedures, we cannot warrant that bids, construction cost, or project economics will not vary from these opinions.

**Standard of Care**

The standard of care for all services performed by Hey under the agreement will be the care and skill ordinarily used by members of Hey's profession practicing under similar circumstances at the same time and in the same locality. Hey makes no warranties, express or implied, under this Agreement or otherwise, in connection with Hey's services.

**Means & Methods**

Hey will neither have control over or charge of, nor be responsible for, the construction means, methods, techniques, sequences or procedures, or for the safety precautions and programs in connection with the construction of the subject project(s).

**Mutual Indemnification**

Subject to the foregoing provisions, Hey agrees, to the fullest extent permitted by law, to indemnify and hold harmless the Client, its officers, directors, employees and agents from and against any liabilities, damages and costs (including reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of defense) arising out of the death or bodily injury to any person or the destruction or damage to any property, to the extent caused, during the performance of Services under this Agreement, by the negligent acts, errors or omissions of Hey or anyone for whom Hey is legally responsible, subject to any limitations of liability contained in this Agreement. The Client agrees, to the fullest extent permitted by law, to indemnify and hold harmless Hey, its officers, directors, employees and agents from any liabilities, damages and costs (including reasonable attorney's fees and costs of defense) to the extent caused by the negligent acts, errors or omissions of the Client, the Client's contractors, consultants or anyone for whom Client is legally liable.

**Copyright Indemnification**

To the fullest extent permitted by law, Client shall indemnify and hold harmless Hey from and against any and all costs, losses and damages (including but not limited to all attorney fees and charges, all court or arbitration or other dispute resolution costs, and any time spent by Hey in defense of any such claims) resulting from any claims brought against Hey alleging copyright, trademark, or patent infringement or any other cause of action or regulatory decision resulting from Hey's use of, or reliance on, the design, plans and specifications provided by the Client for the Project. This provision shall survive the completion of the services provided under this Agreement.

**Consequential Damages**

To the fullest extent permitted by law, Client and Hey waive against each other, and the other's employees, officers, directors, agents, insurers, partners, and consultants, any and all claims for or entitlement to special, incidental, indirect, or consequential damages arising out of, resulting from, or in any way related to the Project.

**Termination**

Either party may terminate this Agreement upon not less than seven (7) days written notice should the other party fail to substantially perform in accordance with the terms of this Agreement through no fault of the terminating party. Hey may terminate this Agreement for its convenience and without cause by providing not less than seven (7) days written notice. If Client terminates this Agreement for its convenience and without cause, Client agrees to compensate Hey for services performed prior to the termination, together with Reimbursable Expenses incurred and costs attributable to termination, including the costs attributable to Hey's termination of consultant agreements and authorized Additional Services.

**Dispute Resolution**

Client and Hey agree that they shall first submit any and all unsettled claims, counterclaims, disputes, and other matters in question between them arising out of or relating to this Agreement or the breach thereof ("Disputes") to mediation. If such mediation is unsuccessful in resolving a Dispute, then such Dispute shall be resolved by a court of competent jurisdiction.



Kendall County Storm Water Impact Fees - Little Rock Creek Dam Removal Project  
 Hey and Associates, Inc.  
 Project Options Based on Funding Strategies  
 DRAFT FOR PROPOSAL GENERATION PURPOSES AND FINANCE COMMITTEE CONCEPT DISCUSSION  
 Match Assumptions: Section 319 = 40% / OSLAD = 50% / RTP = 20%  
 8-Dec-22

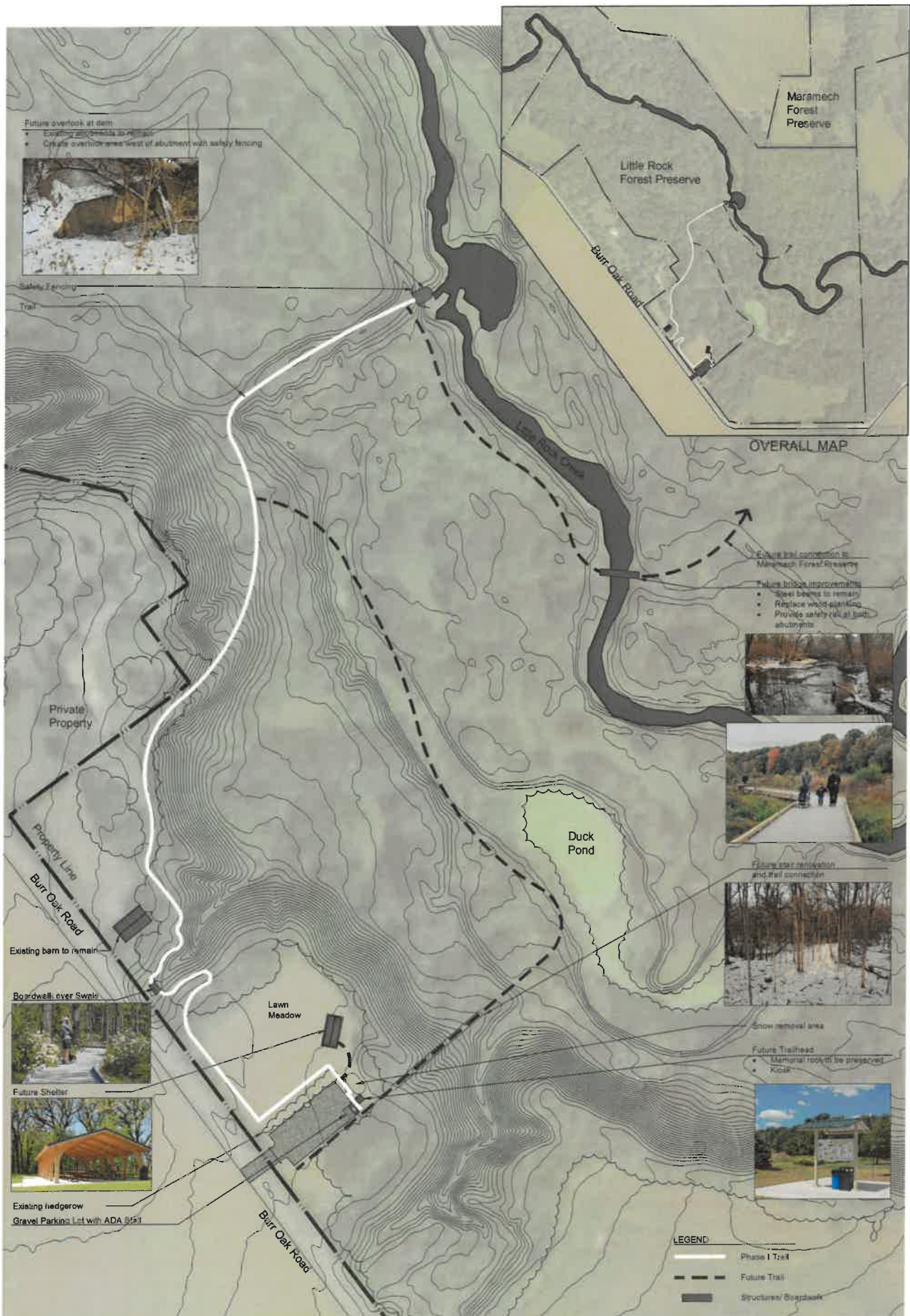
<b>OPTION 1: DAM REMOVAL ONLY</b>		Work Completed by 2023	
Kendall County - Fox River Watershed Escrow Account Balance	\$	<b>387,000.00</b>	
	\$	(9,500.00)	Hey & Assoc. Concept Planning and Probable Costs for Construction
	\$	(50,000.00)	Hey & Assoc. Design & Permitting (Est.)
	\$	(327,500.00)	Dam Removal and Hey & Assoc. Restoration

<b>OPTION 2: DAM REMOVAL AND WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENTS</b>		Work Completed by 2025	
Kendall County - Fox River Watershed Escrow Account Balance	\$	<b>387,000.00</b>	
KCFPD Rolling Grant Fund Allocation	\$	<b>258,000.00</b>	Available following IDNR Grant Reimbursements - Fall 2023
<b>Total Funding Available</b>	\$	<b>645,000.00</b>	
	\$	(9,500.00)	Hey & Assoc. Concept Planning and Probable Costs for Construction
	\$	(4,500.00)	Hey & Assoc. Section 319 Grant Application
	\$	(100,000.00)	Hey & Assoc. Design & Permitting (Est.)
	\$	(531,000.00)	Dam Removal; Shoreline and Wetlands Hey & Assoc. Restoration*
Section 319 Grant Reimbursement	\$	387,000.00	\$258,000 Reimb. to the KCFPD Rolling Grant Fund / \$129,000 project remainder

<b>OPTION 3: DAM REMOVAL, WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENTS, PRESERVE IMPROVEMENTS</b>		Work Completed by 2025	
Kendall County - Fox River Watershed Escrow Account Balance	\$	<b>387,000.00</b>	
KCFPD Rolling Grant Fund Allocation	\$	<b>658,000.00</b>	Available following IDNR Grant Reimbursements - Fall 2023
<b>Total Funding Available</b>	\$	<b>1,045,000.00</b>	
	\$	(9,500.00)	Hey & Assoc. Concept Plan and Probable Costs for Construction
	\$	(5,000.00)	Upland Design Const. Est. Proposal - Concept & Probable Costs
	\$	(4,500.00)	Hey & Assoc., Inc. Section 319 Grant Application
	\$	(100,000.00)	Hey & Assoc. Design & Permitting
	\$	(926,000.00)	Dam Removal; Shoreline and Wetlands Hey & Assoc. Restoration, OSLAD Improvements*
Section 319 + OSLAD Grant Reimbursement	\$	787,000.00	\$658,000 Reimbursements to the KCFPD Rolling Grant Fund / \$129,000 proj. rem.

<b>OPTION 4: DAM REMOVAL, WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENTS, PRESERVE IMPROVEMENTS, TRAIL CORRIDOR CONNECTIONS</b>		Work Completed by 2025	
Kendall County - Fox River Watershed Escrow Account Balance	\$	<b>387,000.00</b>	
KCFPD Rolling Grant Fund Allocation	\$	<b>835,000.00</b>	Available following IDNR Grant Reimbursements - Fall 2023
<b>Total Funding Available</b>	\$	<b>1,222,000.00</b>	
	\$	(9,500.00)	Hey & Assoc. Concept Plan and Probable Costs for Construction
	\$	(5,000.00)	Upland Design Const. Est. Proposal - Concept & Probable Costs
	\$	(4,500.00)	Hey & Assoc., Inc. Section 319 Grant Application
	\$	(100,000.00)	Hey & Assoc. Design & Permitting
	\$	(1,103,000.00)	Dam Removal; Shoreline and Wetlands Hey & Assoc. Restoration, OSLAD & RTP Trail Imp.*
Section 319 + OSLAD + RTP Grant Reimb.	\$	928,600.00	\$835,000 Reimbursements to the KCFPD Rolling Grant Fund / \$93,600 project rem.

\*Expenditures to match Section 319 (Federal) and OSLAD and/or RTP (State) grants to complete additional improvements at Little Rock Creek Forest Preserve.



# Little Rock Creek Forest Preserve Phase I Improvements

Kendall County Forest Preserve



SCALE: 1" = 60'-0"  
0 30' 60' 120' 180'

May 6, 2019  
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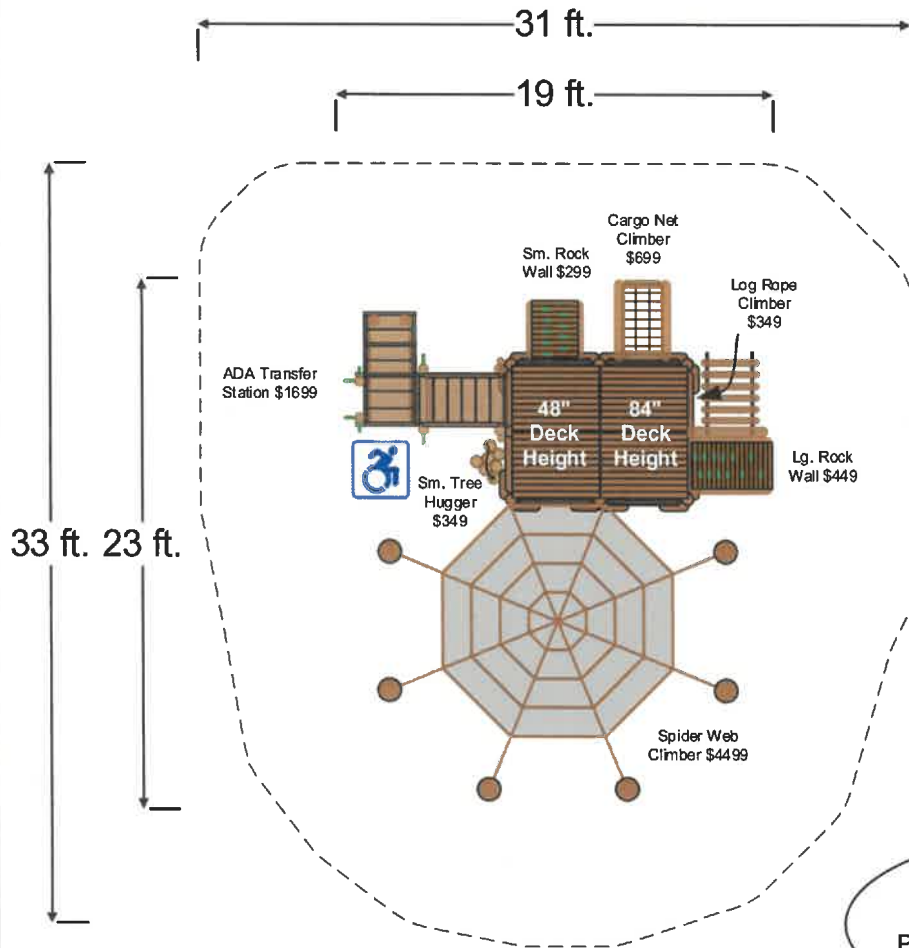


7577 E. Main St, Lima NY 14485  
877-807-7529 (p) 585-624-7590 (f)  
info@bearsplaygrounds.com

Billing: Kendall County Forest Preserve District  
110 W. Madison St.  
Yorkville, IL 60560  
Shipping: Kendall County Highway Department  
6780 IL-47  
Yorkville, IL 60560

Attn: Dave Guritz  
dguritz@co.kendall.il.us  
(630) 553-4131

CPSC now recommends a minimum of 6" of loose fill safety surfacing material be installed and maintained in the use zone for safety. Safety surfacing package is to be "by others" unless specially included for an optional extra charge at the time of order. Acceptance of this proposal means that you accept Bears Playgrounds terms and conditions as described on the website [www.bearsplaygrounds.com](http://www.bearsplaygrounds.com)  
The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) may require that you make your park and / or playground accessible when viewed in it's entirety. Please consult your legal counsel to determine if the ADA applies to you. For playground equipment to be considered accessible, accessible surfacing must be utilized in applicable areas. Although a particular playground design may not meet the proposed Access Board Regulations in regards to the appropriate number of ground level events, the actual playground may be in compliance when considering existing play components.  
Not all equipment may be appropriate for all children, even when designed for a target age group. To avoid injury you should closely supervise and participate in the child's use of the equipment, especially while learning to use it. Proper supervision is required.



**ALL DESIGNS ARE CUSTOMIZABLE!!**  
Parts can be added, removed and shifted around.

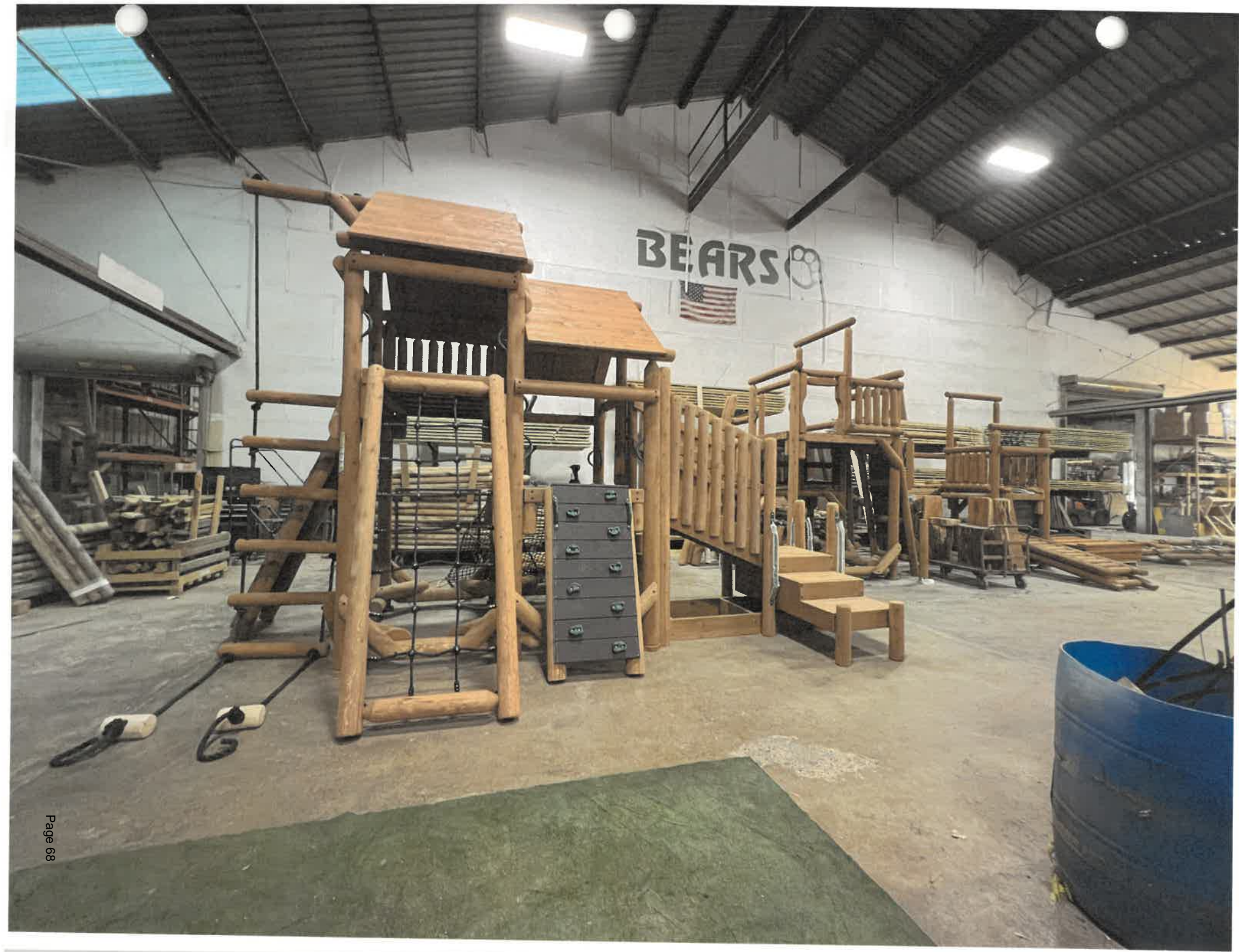
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WOODEN RAIL X 1	75	
WOODEN ROOF X 2	798	
<b>ON STRUCTURE 1</b>		
SM ROCK WALL	299	
ADA TRANSFER STATION	1699	
SM TREE HUGGER	349	
SPIDER WEB CLIMBER	4499	
LG ROCK WALL	449	
LOG ROPE CLIMBER	349	
CARGO NET CLIMBER	699	\$14,016.00
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>\$14,715.00</b>	
SHIPPING ESTIMATE / MOBILIZATION	\$ 2,999.00	
INSTALL BY BEARS	NONE	
<b>SAFETY SURFACING PACKAGE</b>		
CERT. WOODEN MULCH- 40 YDS*3	NOT YET	
BARRIER FABRIC- 961 FT*2	INCLUDED-	
DOUBLE HIGH LOG BORDERS X 27	AVAILABLE	
HEAVY DUTY Swing/Slide Mat X 0	UPON	
SURFACING PACKAGE INSTALL	REQUEST	
<b>NEW TOTAL</b>	<b>\$17,714.00</b>	
SALES TAX		
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		
ADA Compliant & Certified Safety Surfacing available upon request. Specifications, product offerings & prices are subject to change w/out notice. <b>INSTALL AND SHIPPING PRICES SUBJECT TO CHANGE</b>		

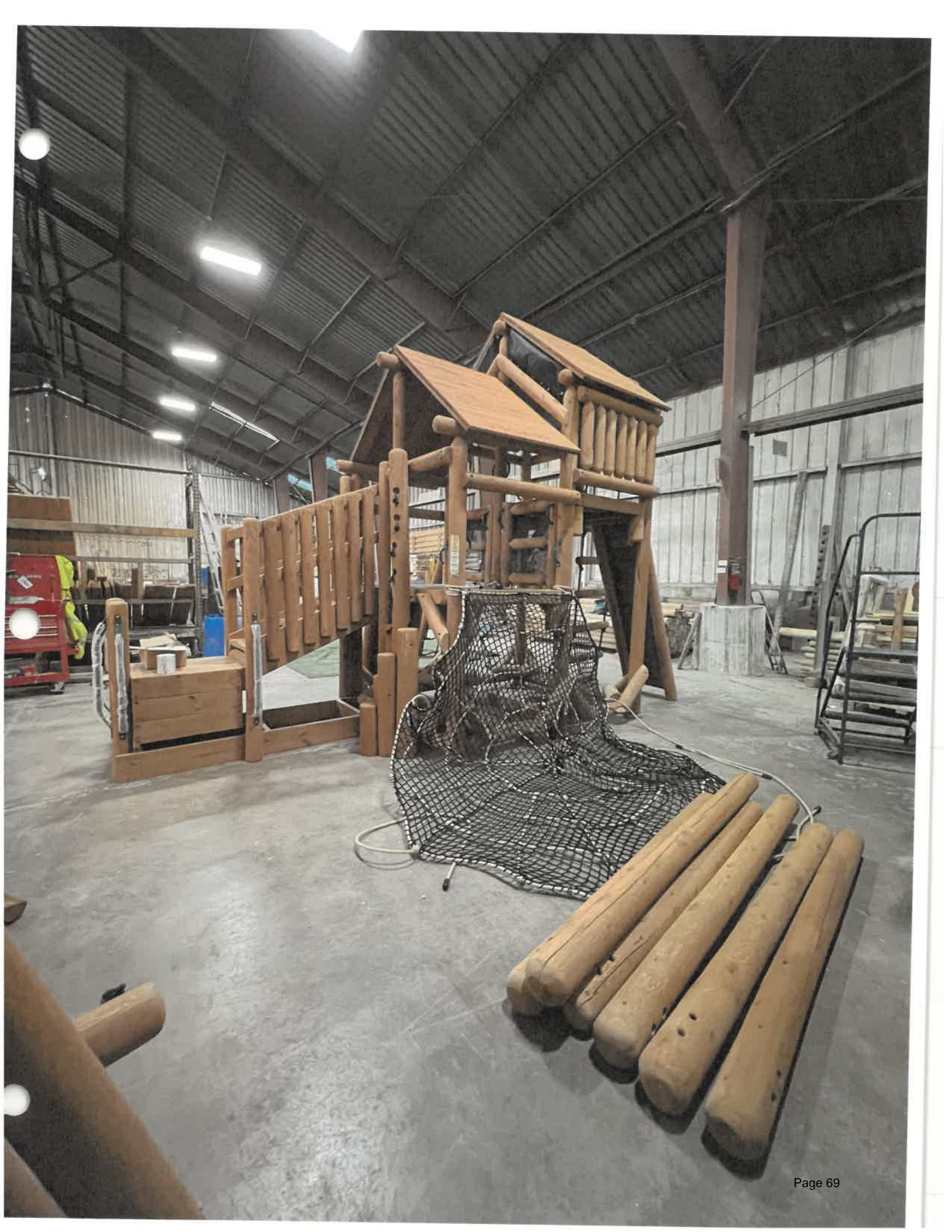
Designed by: Tyler Ponko  
Certified Playground Safety Inspector

6-16-2022 Drawing 4

Ponderosa

**BEST AGES 2-12**





## Fox River Buffs Forest Preserve Tree Planting Project

### Summary of Revenue and Expenses

	Launch	FY22 After Planting	FY24 After Year 3	FY26 After Year 5	FY46 At Year 25	Total
<b>Revenue</b>						
After Planting (10% of Credits)		\$ 18,276.48				\$ 18,276.48
After Year 3 (40% of Credits)			\$ 73,105.92			\$ 73,105.92
After Year 5 (30% of Credits)				\$ 54,829.44		\$ 54,829.44
Remaining Credits at Year 25					\$ 36,552.96	\$ 36,552.96
<b>Project Gross Revenue</b>	\$ -	\$ 18,276.48	\$ 73,105.92	\$ 54,829.44	\$ 36,552.96	\$ 182,764.80
<b>Expenses</b>						
CFC Application Fee (TBD)	\$ 1,000.00					\$ 1,000.00
CFC Credit Sales Fee (6% per LoE)		\$ 1,096.59	\$ 4,386.36	\$ 3,289.77	\$ 2,193.18	\$ 10,965.89
Third-Party Verification Fee (TBD)		\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 1,000.00
CFC Registry Account Fee (TBD)		\$ 500.00				\$ 500.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,846.59	\$ 4,636.36	\$ 3,539.77	\$ 2,443.18	\$ 13,465.89
<b>Net Income (or loss)</b>	\$ (1,000.00)	\$ 16,429.89	\$ 68,469.56	\$ 51,289.67	\$ 34,109.78	\$ 169,298.91

**Total Credits Issued to the Project, tCO2e:**

**5,076.80**

**Note:** (GTR B-10 live tree biomass 46.5 tCO2e + 16.9 tCO2e non-soil) x 40 acres - 5% Buffer Pool

<b>Credit Schedule</b>	
After Planting (10% of Credits)	507.68
After Year 3 (40% of Credits)	2,030.72
After Year 5 (30% of Credits)	1,523.04
Remaining Credits at Year 25	1,015.36
<b>Credit Sub-total</b>	<b>5,076.80</b>

**Price Per Credit:**

**\$ 36.00**

133.60 tCO2e/ac (46.5 live tree above & below ground + 16.9 tCO2e non-soil)

5,344.00 Total Estimated Credits (133.6 tCO2e/ac X 40 acres)

267.20 Less 5% of Total

**5,076.80** Total Credits to be Issued to the Project

*FINAL FIGURES CONFIRMED 07-08-2021 per CFC Mark McPherson*

To: Kendall County Forest Preserve District Committee of the Whole  
 From: Stefanie Wiencke, Environmental Education and Special Projects Manager  
 RE: Reservation Woods Acquisition Project - Sale of Carbon Credits  
 Date: 11-Oct-22

The Davey Resource Group has completed the collection of data on tree sizes for the two recently purchased 5-acre parcels at Reservation Woods Forest Preserve. Data collected by The Davey Resource Group was submitted to City Forest Credits for third-party calculation of the total estimated carbon sequestered within the two parcel's timber and soils. Total calculated equivalent tons of carbon dioxide sequestered was 1,906 tCO2e.

McPherson Law is requesting confirmation that the District will continue to engage his services under the previously approved Letter of Agreement for the upcoming National Sale. A letter of correspondence from Doug McPherson has been received, and is attached to this summary. Based on this most recent communication, the District anticipates generating a significant amount of funding from the National Sale. A breakdown of the revenues and expenses is provided for review. District staff recommends continuing to engage the services of McPherson Law to represent the District's interests in the 2023 National Sale.

**REVENUES (EST.)**

Carbon credits issued (pending)	1,906.00
Anticipated per credit sale price	<u>\$36.00</u>

**Gross proceeds \$68,616.00**

**EXPENSES (EST.)**

On-Site Quantification Cost (The Davey Group)	\$0.00	\$3K offset by a grant from The Morton Arboretum
Credit Verification Fee (CFC Third-Party Consultant)	\$0.00	\$3K offset by a grant from The Morton Arboretum
McPherson Law Fee (6%)	\$4,116.96	
CFC Credit Issuance Fee (10% of Gross Proceeds less McPherson Law Fee)	<u>\$6,449.90</u>	

**Total Expenses \$10,566.86**

**Net Proceeds to District (EST.) \$58,049.14**

## Information maintained by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Updating the database of the Illinois Compiled Statutes (ILCS) is an ongoing process. Recent laws may not yet be included in the ILCS database, but they are found on this site as Public Acts soon after they become law. For information concerning the relationship between statutes and Public Acts, refer to the Guide.

Because the statute database is maintained primarily for legislative drafting purposes, statutory changes are sometimes included in the statute database before they take effect. If the source note at the end of a Section of the statutes includes a Public Act that has not yet taken effect, the version of the law that is currently in effect may have already been removed from the database and you should refer to that Public Act to see the changes made to the current law.

### **SPECIAL DISTRICTS** **(70 ILCS 805/) Downstate Forest Preserve District Act.**

(70 ILCS 805/0.001) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 6300)

Sec. 0.001. Short title. This Act may be cited as the Downstate Forest Preserve District Act.  
(Source: P.A. 86-1324.)

(70 ILCS 805/.01) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 6301)

Sec. .01. The provisions of this Act apply only to forest preserve districts in counties having a population of less than 3,000,000.  
(Source: P.A. 80-320.)

(70 ILCS 805/1) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 6302)

Sec. 1. Whenever any area of contiguous territory lying wholly within one county contains one or more natural forests or parks thereof and one or more cities, towns or villages, such territory may be incorporated as a forest preserve district by a referendum passed under Section 18.1 of the Conservation District Act or in the following manner, to wit:

Any 500 legal voters residing within the limits of such proposed district may petition the circuit court of the county in which such proposed district lies, to order the question to be submitted to the legal voters of such proposed district whether or not it shall be organized as a forest preserve district under this act. Such petition shall be addressed to the circuit court of the county in which such proposed forest preserve district is situated and shall contain a definite description of the territory intended to be embraced in such district, and the name of such district. Upon the filing of such petition in the office of the clerk of the circuit court of the county in which such territory is situated, it shall be the duty of such circuit court to fix a day and hour for the public consideration thereof, which shall not be less than 15 days after the filing of such petition. Such circuit court shall cause a notice of the time and place of such public consideration to be published 3 successive days in some newspaper having a general circulation in the territory proposed to be placed in such district. The date of the last publication of such notice shall not be less than 5 days prior to the time set for such public hearing. At the time and place fixed for such public hearing the circuit court shall hear any person owning property in such proposed district who desires to be heard, and if the circuit judge finds that all of the provisions of this act have been complied with, the court shall enter an order fixing and defining the boundaries and the name of such proposed district in accordance with the prayer of the petition. In the event that any other petition or petitions for the organization of a forest preserve district or districts in the same county is filed under this act before the time fixed for the public hearing of the first petition, the circuit court shall postpone the public consideration of the first petition so that the hearing of all petitions shall be set for the same day and hour. In any county where there are 2 or more judges sitting at the time of filing such first petitions the clerk of the



circuit court shall cause all petitions filed subsequent to the first petition to be assigned to the judge to whom the first petition is assigned so that all such petitions may be heard by the same judge.

Should 2 or more petitions be filed under this act and come on for hearing at the same time and it shall be found by the circuit court that any of the territory embraced in any one of the petitions is included in or contiguous with the territory embraced in any other petition or petitions, the circuit court may include all of the territory described in such petitions in one district and shall fix the name proposed in the petition first filed as the name for the district. After the entry of the order fixing and defining the boundaries and the name of such proposed district, it shall be the duty of the circuit court to order to be submitted to the legal voters of such proposed district at any election, the question of the organization of such proposed district. The clerk of the circuit court shall certify the order and the question to the proper election officials who shall submit the question to the voters of the proposed district in accordance with the general election law. Notice of the referendum shall contain a definite description of the territory intended to be embraced in such district, and the name of such district.

(Source: P.A. 95-54, eff. 8-10-07.)

(70 ILCS 805/2) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 6303)

Sec. 2. The proposition shall be substantially in the following form:

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"Shall there be organized a forest preserve district in accordance with the order of the judge of the circuit court of .... county, dated (insert date), to be known as (insert here the name of the proposed district as entered in the order of the judge of the circuit court) and described as follows: (insert description of the proposed district as entered in the order of the judge of the circuit court)?"

YES

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NO

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The clerk of the circuit court of the county shall cause a statement of the result of the referendum in the proposed district to be filed in the records of the circuit court of the county, and if a majority of the votes cast in the proposed district upon the question is found to be in favor of the organization of a forest preserve district, the proposed forest preserve district shall thenceforth be deemed an organized forest preserve district under this Act.

(Source: P.A. 90-655, eff. 7-30-98; 91-357, eff. 7-29-99.)

(70 ILCS 805/3) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 6304)

Sec. 3. All courts shall take judicial notice of all forest preserve districts organized under this act.

(Source: Laws 1947, p.1027.)

(70 ILCS 805/3a) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 6305)

Sec. 3a. Except as otherwise provided in this Section, and except as provided in Section 3c, 3d, and 3.5, the affairs of the district shall be managed by a board of commissioners consisting of 5 commissioners, who shall be appointed by the presiding officer of the county board of the county in which such forest preserve district is situated, with the advice and consent of such county board. The first appointment shall be made within 90 days and not sooner than 60 days after such forest preserve district has been organized as provided herein.

Each member of such board so appointed shall be a legal voter in such district. The first commissioners shall be appointed to hold office for terms of one, 2, 3, 4, and 5 years, and until June 30 thereafter, respectively, as determined and fixed by lot. Thereafter, successor commissioners shall be appointed in the same manner no later than the first day of the month in which the term of a commissioner expires. Except as provided in Section 3c and 3d, a vacancy occurring otherwise than by expiration of term shall be filled for the unexpired term by appointment of a commissioner by the county board chairman with the advice and consent of the members of the county board. In the one district in existence on July 1, 1977, that is managed by an appointed board of commissioners, the incumbent 5 commissioners shall complete their respective terms as originally prescribed in this Act. However, upon the expiration of the terms of 2 of the incumbent commissioners on January 1, 1978, they or their successors shall be appointed to hold office for terms of 3 and 5 years, and until June 30 thereafter, respectively, as determined and fixed by lot. Furthermore, upon the expiration of the terms of the remaining incumbent commissioners on January 1, 1980, they or their successors shall be appointed to hold office for terms of 2, 4, and 5 years, and until June 30 thereafter, respectively, as determined and fixed by lot. Thereafter, each successor commissioner shall be appointed for a term of 5 years. Each member of the board before entering upon the duties of his office shall take the oath prescribed by the constitution. From the time of the appointment of the first board of commissioners, such forest preserve district shall be construed in all courts to be a body corporate and politic by the name and style determined as aforesaid and by such name may sue and be sued, contract and be contracted with, acquire and hold real and personal estate necessary for its corporate purposes and adopt a seal and alter the same at its pleasure.

In case the boundaries of a district are co-extensive with the boundaries of any county, city, village, incorporated town or sanitary district, the corporate authorities of such county (until the commissioners elected under Section 3c and 3d take office), city, village, incorporated town or sanitary district shall have and exercise the powers and privileges and perform the duties and functions of the commissioners provided for in this Act and in that case no commissioner shall be appointed for that district. The corporate authorities, other than members of a county board in counties under township organization having a population of less than 3,000,000 and members of a county board in a county not under township organization who were elected prior to July 1, 1965, shall act without any other pay than that already provided by law. The members of a county board of a county under township organization and members of a county board of a county not under township organization who were elected prior to July 1, 1965, who also act as commissioners of a forest preserve district in counties having a population of less than 3,000,000 may receive for their services as commissioners of a forest preserve district a per diem fee to be fixed by such board, but not to exceed \$36 per day, which shall be in full for all services rendered on such day, or an annual salary to be fixed by such board, but not to exceed \$3,000, plus mileage expenses at a rate not more than the amount allowed for members of the county board of such county, as fixed by the board, for each mile necessarily traveled in attending meetings of the board of such district, plus any expense incurred while, or in connection with, carrying out the business of such district outside the boundaries of such district, payable from the forest preserve district treasury. The president of the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District in counties of less than 3 million may receive in lieu of a per diem fee an annual salary to be fixed by such board. No Forest Preserve Commissioner shall file for a per diem payment for services

rendered on the same day for which he filed for a per diem payment as a county supervisor. When the county board also acts as such commissioners, a member of the county board of a county under township organization and a member of the county board of a county not under township organization, who is elected prior to July 1, 1965 may, with the permission of the county board, work alone as such a commissioner and be paid in the usual manner.

Unless otherwise qualified, the term "board", when used in this Act, means the board of commissioners of any forest preserve district, or the corporate authorities of any county, city, village, incorporated town, or sanitary district, when acting as the governing body of a forest preserve district.  
(Source: P.A. 96-239, eff. 8-11-09.)

(70 ILCS 805/3b) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 6306)

Sec. 3b. The board shall comply with the provisions of "An Act concerning the use of Illinois mined coal in certain plants and institutions", filed July 13, 1937, as heretofore or hereafter amended.  
(Source: Laws 1951, p. 1739.)

(70 ILCS 805/3c)

Sec. 3c. Elected board of commissioners in certain counties. If the boundaries of a district are co-extensive with the boundaries of a county having a population of more than 800,000 but less than 3,000,000, all commissioners of the forest preserve district shall be elected from the number of districts as determined by the forest preserve district board of commissioners. Such a forest preserve district is a separate and distinct legal entity, and its board members are elected separate and apart from the elected county commissioners. Upon its formation, or as a result of decennial reapportionment, such a forest preserve district shall adopt a district map determining the boundary lines of each district. That map shall be adjusted and reapportioned subject to the same decennial reapportionment process stated in Section 3c-1. No more than one commissioner shall be elected from each district. The president of the board of commissioners of the forest preserve district shall be elected by the voters of the county, rather than by the commissioners. The president shall be a resident of the county and shall be elected throughout the county for a 4-year term without having been first elected as commissioner of the forest preserve district. Each commissioner shall be a resident of the forest preserve board district from which he or she was elected not later than the date of the commencement of the term of office. The term of office for the president and commissioners elected under this Section shall commence on the first Monday of the month following the month of election. Neither a commissioner nor the president of the board of commissioners of that forest preserve district shall serve simultaneously as member or chairman of the county board. No person shall seek election to both the forest preserve commission and the county board at the same election, nor shall they be eligible to hold both offices at the same time. The president, with the advice and consent of the board of commissioners shall appoint a secretary, treasurer, and such other officers as deemed necessary by the board of commissioners, which officers need not be members of the board of commissioners. The president shall have the powers and duties as specified in Section 12 of this Act.

Candidates for president and commissioner shall be candidates of established political parties.

If a vacancy in the office of president or commissioner occurs, other than by expiration of the president's or commissioner's term, the forest preserve district board of commissioners shall declare that a vacancy exists and

notification of the vacancy shall be given to the county central committee of each established political party within 3 business days after the occurrence of the vacancy. If the vacancy occurs in the office of forest preserve district commissioner, the president of the board of commissioners shall, within 60 days after the date of the vacancy, with the advice and consent of other commissioners then serving, appoint a person to serve for the remainder of the unexpired term. The appointee shall be affiliated with the same political party as the commissioner in whose office the vacancy occurred and be a resident of such district. If a vacancy in the office of president occurs, other than by expiration of the president's term, the remaining members of the board of commissioners shall, within 60 days after the vacancy, appoint one of the commissioners to serve as president for the remainder of the unexpired term. In that case, the office of the commissioner who is appointed to serve as president shall be deemed vacant and shall be filled within 60 days by appointment of the president with the advice and consent of the other forest preserve district commissioners. The commissioner who is appointed to fill a vacancy in the office of president shall be affiliated with the same political party as the person who occupied the office of president prior to the vacancy. A person appointed to fill a vacancy in the office of president or commissioner shall establish his or her party affiliation by his or her record of voting in primary elections or by holding or having held an office in an established political party organization before the appointment. If the appointee has not voted in a party primary election or is not holding or has not held an office in an established political party organization before the appointment, the appointee shall establish his or her political party affiliation by his or her record of participating in an established political party's nomination or election caucus. If, however, more than 28 months remain in the unexpired term of a commissioner or the president, the appointment shall be until the next general election, at which time the vacated office of commissioner or president shall be filled by election for the remainder of the term. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, if a vacancy occurs after the last day provided in Section 7-12 of the Election Code for filing nomination papers for the office of president of a forest preserve district where that office is elected as provided for in this Section, or as set forth in Section 7-61 of the Election Code, a vacancy in nomination shall be filled by the passage of a resolution by the nominating committee of the affected political party within the time periods specified in the Election Code. The nominating committee shall consist of the chairman of the county central committee and the township chairmen of the affected political party. All other vacancies in nomination shall be filled in accordance with the provisions of the Election Code.

The president and commissioners elected under this Section may be reimbursed for their reasonable expenses actually incurred in performing their official duties under this Act in accordance with the provisions of Section 3a. The reimbursement paid under this Section shall be paid by the forest preserve district.

Compensation for the president and the forest preserve commissioners elected under this Section shall be established by the board of commissioners of the forest preserve district.

This Section does not apply to a forest preserve district created under Section 18.5 of the Conservation District Act.

(Source: P.A. 102-668, eff. 11-15-21.)

(70 ILCS 805/3c-1)

Sec. 3c-1. Reapportionment plan for forest preserve districts under Section 3c.

(a) The Downstate Forest Preserve District board of

commissioners shall develop an apportionment plan and specify the number of districts. Each district shall have one commissioner. Each such district:

- (1) shall be substantially equal in population to each other district; and
- (2) shall be comprised of contiguous territory, as nearly compact as practicable; and
- (3) shall be created in such a manner so that no precinct shall be divided between 2 or more districts, insofar as is practicable.

(b) The president of the board of commissioners of a Downstate Forest Preserve District may develop a reappointment plan and that plan, as presented or as amended, shall be presented to the board by the third Wednesday in May in the year after a federal decennial census year for approval in accordance with the provisions of subsection (a) of this Section. If the president presents a plan to the board by the third Wednesday in May, the board shall conduct at least one public hearing to receive comments and to discuss the apportionment plan. That hearing shall be held at least 6 days but not more than 21 days before the board may consider adopting the plan, and the public shall be given notice by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the district of the hearing at least 6 days in advance of the hearing. The president of the board of commissioners shall have access to the federal decennial census available to the board.

(c) For the reapportionment in calendar year 2021, the president of the board of commissioners may develop and present (or redevelop and represent) to the board by the third Wednesday in November of 2021 an apportionment plan. If a plan is presented, the board shall conduct at least one hearing on the proposed plan before it may be adopted. That hearing shall be held at least 6 days but not more than 21 days before the board may consider adopting the plan, and the public shall be given notice by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the district of the hearing at least 6 days in advance of the hearing.

(d) After each decennial census, the Downstate Forest Preserve District board is not obligated to reapportion the districts if existing districts are within a 10% population deviation from each other based on the results of the decennial census.

(e) As used in this Section, "Downstate Forest Preserve District" means a district described in Section 3c.  
(Source: P.A. 102-668, eff. 11-15-21.)

(70 ILCS 805/3d)

Sec. 3d. Elected board of commissioners in certain other counties. If the boundaries of a district are co-extensive with the boundaries of a county having a population of more than 200,000 but less than 800,000, bordering the State of Wisconsin but not adjoining any county with a population of over 2,000,000, all commissioners of the forest preserve district shall be elected at large by the voters of the county, beginning with the general election held in 2010 and each succeeding general election. Nomination of candidates for the office of commissioner at the initial and each succeeding election shall be made by petition signed in the aggregate for each candidate by not less than 100 qualified voters of the forest preserve district. Seven commissioners shall be elected, with candidates receiving the highest, second-highest, and third-highest number of votes being elected for 6-year terms. Candidates receiving the fourth-highest and fifth-highest number of votes shall be elected for 4-year terms. Candidates receiving the sixth-highest and seventh-highest number of votes shall be elected for 2-year terms. Thereafter, each commissioner shall be elected for a 6-year term.

After each general election, the forest preserve district commissioners shall elect a president from among their members for a 2-year term.

Each commissioner shall be a resident of the county from which he or she was elected no later than the date of the commencement of the term of office. The term of office for the president and commissioners elected under this Section shall commence on the first Monday of the month following the month of election.

Neither a commissioner nor the president of the board of commissioners shall serve simultaneously in any other elective or appointive office in the county. The president, with the advice and consent of the board of commissioners, shall appoint a secretary, treasurer, and any other officer deemed necessary by the board of commissioners. The officers need not be members of the board of commissioners. The president shall have the powers and duties as set forth in Section 12 of this Act.

Candidates for commissioner shall not be candidates of established political parties, but shall be non-partisan.

If a vacancy in the office of president or commissioner occurs, other than by expiration of the president's or a commissioner's term, the forest preserve district board of commissioners shall declare that a vacancy exists, and the board of commissioners shall, within 60 days after the date of the vacancy, upon the majority vote of the commissioners then serving, elect a person to serve for the remainder of the unexpired term. If, however, more than 28 months remain in the unexpired term of a commissioner, at the time of appointment, the appointment shall be until the next general election, at which time the vacated office of commissioner shall be filled by election for the remainder of the term. All other vacancies in nomination shall be filled in accordance with the provisions of the Election Code.

The president and commissioners elected under this Section shall serve without compensation. The president and commissioners may be reimbursed for their reasonable expenses actually incurred in performing their official duties under this Act in accordance with the provisions of Section 3a. The cost of reimbursement under this Section shall be paid by the forest preserve district.

This Section does not apply to a forest preserve district created under Section 18.5 of the Conservation District Act.  
(Source: P.A. 96-239, eff. 8-11-09.)

(70 ILCS 805/3.5)

Sec. 3.5. Elected board of commissioners.

(a) In counties with a population more than 30,000 but less than 90,000, in each forest preserve district organized after the effective date of this amendatory Act of 1997 or in which, on the effective date of this amendatory Act of 1997, the commissioners of the district are appointed by the presiding officer of the county board under Section 3a, the commissioners shall be elected as provided in this Section, rather than appointed, beginning with the first consolidated election following the effective date of this amendatory Act of 1997. There shall be 5 elected commissioners, elected from the district at large. Each commissioner must be a resident of the district. The terms of all elected commissioners shall commence on the third Monday of the month following the month of election. No party designation shall appear on the ballot for the election of commissioners. The terms of all commissioners appointed under Section 3a in a district to which this Section applies shall expire on the third Monday of the month following the month of the first election of commissioners in that district under this Section.

If before August 20, 1993 (the effective date of Public Act 88-443) in a county with a population of 30,000 or less a

presiding officer of a county board appointed the commissioners of the forest preserve district and if that presiding officer has, since August 20, 1993, continued to appoint the commissioners of the forest preserve district, then those appointments made after August 20, 1993, if made in compliance with Section 3a, are validated.

(b) The initial elected commissioners shall, no later than 45 days after taking office, divide themselves publicly by lot as equally as possible into 2 groups. Commissioners or their successors from one group shall be elected for terms of 4 years; the initial elected commissioners from the second group shall serve for terms of 2 years, and their successors shall be elected for terms of 4 years.

(c) The commissioners shall elect from among their number a president of the board of commissioners.

(d) Whenever a vacancy occurs in the office of commissioner, whether by death, resignation, refusal to qualify, no longer residing in the district, or for any other reason, the board of commissioners shall declare that a vacancy exists. The vacancy shall be filled within 60 days by appointment of the president of the board of commissioners, with the advice and consent of the other commissioners. The appointee shall be eligible to serve as commissioner. The appointee shall serve the remainder of the unexpired term. If, however, more than 28 months remain in the term, the appointment shall be until the next consolidated election, at which time the vacated office of commissioner shall be filled by election for the remainder of the term.

If a vacancy occurs in the office of president of the board of commissioners, the remaining commissioners shall elect one of their number to serve as president for the balance of the unexpired term of the president in whose office the vacancy occurred.

(e) Except as otherwise provided in this Section, elected commissioners shall have the same powers and duties, and shall be entitled to the same compensation, as enjoyed by commissioners before the effective date of this amendatory Act of 1993.

(Source: P.A. 93-847, eff. 7-30-04.)

(70 ILCS 805/4) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 6307)

Sec. 4. In the case of appointed commissioners, whenever any person holding the office of president or commissioner of any such district shall, from any cause, cease to be a legal voter within such district, his office shall thereupon become vacant, and a successor shall be appointed for the remainder of his term as other members of the board of commissioners are appointed.

(Source: P.A. 88-443.)

(70 ILCS 805/5) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 6308)

Sec. 5. Any forest preserve district organized under this Act shall have the power to create forest preserves, and for that purpose shall have the power to acquire in the manner hereinafter provided, and hold lands containing one or more natural forests or parts thereof or land or lands connecting such forests or parts thereof, or lands capable of being forested, or capable of being restored to a natural condition, for the purpose of protecting and preserving the flora, fauna, and scenic beauties within such district, and to restore, restock, protect and preserve the natural forests and such lands together with their flora and fauna, as nearly as may be, in their natural state and condition, for the purpose of the education, pleasure, and recreation of the public. Lands may be acquired for the consolidation of such preserves into unit areas of size and form convenient and desirable for public use and economical maintenance and improvement and when in the judgment of the Board the public access, use, and enjoyment of such

preserves and other purposes of this Act will be served by connecting any such preserves with forested ways or links, lands for connecting links of such width, length, and location as the Board deem necessary or desirable may be acquired and held for such purposes and improved by forestation, public roads, roads, and pathways. Any such district may enter into contracts with any local governmental entities for such district to pay any or all costs of improving and maintaining any public roadway lying outside the district property but providing public access to the lands and facilities of the district. Any such district may also acquire lands along or enclosing water courses, drainage ways, lakes, ponds, planned impoundments or elsewhere which, in the judgment of its Board are required to store flood waters, or control other drainage and water conditions, or in any district in a county with a population of over 300,000 and less than 3,000,000, to recycle secondary treated sewage effluents or wastewater through the production and sale of agricultural, silvicultural or aquacultural products, necessary for the preservation and management of the water resources of the district, provided no debris, tree, tree limbs, logs, shrubbery, or related growths and trimmings therefrom shall be deposited in, along, or upon the bank of any waters and water courses within the State of Illinois or any tributary thereto where the same shall be liable to be washed into or deposited along waters and water courses, either by normal or flood flows, as a result of storms or otherwise, which may in any manner impede or obstruct the natural flow of such waters and water courses. Unforested lands adjacent to forest preserves may also be acquired to provide for extension of roads and forested ways around and by such preserves and for parking space for automobiles and other facilities not requiring forested areas but incidental to the use and protection thereof. All work done in or along any water course shall be done in accordance with the provisions of "An Act in relation to the regulation of the rivers, lakes, and streams of the State of Illinois," approved June 10, 1911, as heretofore and hereafter amended, insofar as such Act may be applicable.

For the purposes of this Section, "acquiring land" includes acquiring a fee simple, lease or easement in land.  
(Source: P.A. 85-993.)

(70 ILCS 805/5a) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 6308a)

Sec. 5a. When any district borders upon any navigable body of water, the title to the bed or submerged land of which is vested in the State of Illinois, the district may, with the written approval of the Secretary of the Illinois Department of Transportation, take possession of, enclose, fill in, reclaim and protect any portion of such submerged land bordering thereon, over which there shall be shoal and shallow water not fit for navigation and shall have the power to establish, construct and maintain forest preserves and boulevards over and upon the same, and all right, title and interest of the State of Illinois in and to the bed or submerged land of such body of water so taken possession of, enclosed, filled in and reclaimed is hereby granted and ceded to such district and the title thereto shall vest in such district to be held for the use and benefit of the public as a part of said district for forest preserve and boulevard purposes exclusively, and the district shall have power for the purpose of reclaiming such submerged land and protecting the same thereafter, to construct all necessary break-waters or other protection for the building and maintenance of such forest preserves and boulevards, and the enclosing or reclamation of such submerged lands.

Any such submerged lands so enclosed and reclaimed as aforesaid shall forever be held and maintained for forest preserve and boulevard purposes and no portion thereof shall ever be granted or ceded away by any district for any purpose,



and in case the same should ever cease to be used for forest preserve or boulevard purposes, then the title to the same shall revert to the State of Illinois, together with all the improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereof.  
(Source: P.A. 84-783.)

(70 ILCS 805/5b) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 6308b)

Sec. 5b. Whenever the land so taken possession of, enclosed, filled in, and reclaimed under Section 5a shall lie along property not belonging to such district, and by the taking possession of, enclosing and filling in such submerged land such property shall be shut off from its access to such body of water and shall be injuriously affected thereby, such district shall pay all damages arising to such property therefrom, and in case the same cannot be agreed upon, such damages shall be ascertained in the manner provided for the acquiring of property for such district by condemnation proceedings as provided by law.

(Source: P.A. 84-783.)

(70 ILCS 805/5c) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 6308c)

Sec. 5c. Whenever any district is located along any such navigable body of water as set forth in Section 5a, the right is hereby given to the corporate authorities thereof to take charge of, control and police such body of water and the land thereunder for a distance of three hundred feet along any forest preserve, boulevard or pleasure drive constructed by it and bordering thereon.

(Source: P.A. 84-783.)

(70 ILCS 805/5d) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 6308d)

Sec. 5d. Nothing in Sections 5a through 5c shall be construed as granting to any such district the right to interfere with the navigation of any navigable body of water or to shut off the access to any public dock or landing thereon, or to shut off the access of public highways or streets to such body of water at reasonable intervals in each municipality bordering thereon in said district.

(Source: P.A. 84-783.)

(70 ILCS 805/5e) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 6308e)

Sec. 5e. Property owned by a forest preserve district and property in which a forest preserve district is the grantee of a conservation easement or the grantee of a conservation right as defined in Section 1(a) of the Real Property Conservation Rights Act shall not be subject to eminent domain or condemnation proceedings, except as otherwise provided in Section 15 of the O'Hare Modernization Act and Section 2-100 of the Public-Private Agreements for the South Suburban Airport Act.

(Source: P.A. 98-109, eff. 7-25-13.)

(70 ILCS 805/5.2) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 6308.2)

Sec. 5.2. Special assessments. Property owned by a forest preserve district shall not be subject to special assessments by any other unit of local government.

(Source: P.A. 84-1398.)

(70 ILCS 805/5.3) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 6308.3)

Sec. 5.3. Property owned by a forest preserve district shall not be subject to annexation without express consent of the forest preserve district.

(Source: P.A. 84-1398.)

(70 ILCS 805/6) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 6309)

Sec. 6. Acquisition of property. Any such District shall have power to acquire lands and grounds for the aforesaid

purposes by lease, or in fee simple by gift, grant, legacy, purchase or condemnation, or to acquire easements in land, and to construct, lay out, improve and maintain wells, power plants, comfort stations, shelter houses, paths, driveways, public roads, roadways and other improvements and facilities in and through such forest preserves as they shall deem necessary or desirable for the use of such forest preserves by the public and may acquire, develop, improve and maintain waterways in conjunction with the district. No district with a population less than 600,000 shall have the power to purchase, condemn, lease or acquire an easement in property within a municipality without the concurrence of the governing body of the municipality, except where such district is acquiring land for a linear park or trail not to exceed 100 yards in width or is acquiring land contiguous to an existing park or forest preserve, and no municipality shall annex any land for the purpose of defeating a District acquisition once the District has given notice of intent to acquire a specified parcel of land. No district with a population of less than 500,000 shall (i) have the power to condemn property for a linear park or trail within a municipality without the concurrence of the governing body of the municipality or (ii) have the power to condemn property for a linear park or trail in an unincorporated area without the concurrence of the governing body of the township within which the property is located or (iii) once having commenced a proceeding to acquire land by condemnation, dismiss or abandon that proceeding without the consent of the property owners. No district shall establish a trail surface within 50 feet of an occupied dwelling which was in existence prior to the approval of the acquisition by the district without obtaining permission of the owners of the premises or the concurrence of the governing body of the municipality or township within which the property is located. All acquisitions of land by a district with a population less than 600,000 within 1 1/2 miles of a municipality shall be preceded by a conference with the mayor or president of the municipality or his designated agent. If a forest preserve district is in negotiations for acquisition of land with owners of land adjacent to a municipality, the annexation of that land shall be deferred for 6 months. The district shall have no power to acquire an interest in real estate situated outside the district by the exercise of the right of eminent domain, by purchase or by lease, but shall have the power to acquire any such property, or an easement in any such property, which is contiguous to the district by gift, legacy, grant, or lease by the State of Illinois, subject to approval of the county board of the county, and of any forest preserve district or conservation district, within which the property is located. The district shall have the same control of and power over land, an interest in which it has so acquired, as over forest preserves within the district. If any of the powers to acquire lands and hold or improve the same given to Forest Preserve Districts, by Sections 5 and 6 of this Act should be held invalid, such invalidity shall not invalidate the remainder of this Act or any of the other powers herein given and conferred upon the Forest Preserve Districts. Such Forest Preserve Districts shall also have power to lease not to exceed 40 acres of the lands and grounds acquired by it, for a term of not more than 99 years to veterans' organizations as grounds for convalescing sick veterans and veterans with disabilities, and as a place upon which to construct rehabilitation quarters, or to a county as grounds for a county nursing home or convalescent home. Any such Forest Preserve District shall also have power to grant licenses, easements and rights-of-way for the construction, operation and maintenance upon, under or across any property of such District of facilities for water, sewage, telephone, telegraph, electric, gas, renewable energy, or other public service, subject to such terms and conditions as may be determined by such District.

Any such District may purchase, but not condemn, a parcel of land and sell a portion thereof for not less than fair market value pursuant to resolution of the Board. Such resolution shall be passed by the affirmative vote of at least 2/3 of all members of the board within 30 days after acquisition by the district of such parcel.

The corporate authorities of a forest preserve district that (i) is located in a county that has more than 700,000 inhabitants, (ii) borders a county that has 1,000,000 or more inhabitants, and (iii) also borders another state, by ordinance or resolution, may authorize the sale or public auction of a structure located on land owned by the district if (i) the structure existed on the land prior to the district's acquisition of the land, (ii) two-thirds of the members of the board of commissioners then holding office find that the structure is not necessary or is not useful to or for the best interest of the forest preserve district, (iii) a condition of sale or auction requires the transferee of the structure to remove the structure from district land, and (iv) prior to the sale or auction, the fair market value of the structure is determined by a written MAI-certified appraisal or by a written certified appraisal of a State certified or licensed real estate appraiser and the appraisal is available for public inspection. The ordinance or resolution shall (i) direct the sale to be conducted by the staff of the district, a listing with local licensed real estate agencies (in which case the terms of the agent's compensation shall be included in the ordinance or resolution), or by public auction, (ii) be published within 7 days after its passage in a newspaper published in the district, and (iii) contain pertinent information concerning the nature of the structure and any terms or conditions of sale or auction. No earlier than 14 days after the publication, the corporate authorities may accept any offer for the structure determined by them to be in the best interest of the district by a vote of two-thirds of the corporate authorities then holding office.

Whenever the board of any forest preserve district determines that the public interest will be subserved by vacating any street, roadway, or driveway, or part thereof, located within a forest preserve, it may vacate that street, roadway, or driveway, or part thereof, by an ordinance passed by the affirmative vote of at least 3/4 of all the members of the board, except that the affirmative vote of at least 6/7 of all the members of the board is required if the board members are elected under Section 3c of this Act. This vote shall be taken by ayes and nays and entered in the records of the board.

The determination of the board that the nature and extent of the public use or public interest to be subserved is such as to warrant the vacation of any street, roadway, or driveway, or part thereof, is conclusive, and the passage of such an ordinance is sufficient evidence of that determination, whether so recited in the ordinance or not. The relief to the public from further burden and responsibility of maintaining any street, roadway or driveway, or part thereof, constitutes a public use or public interest authorizing the vacation.

Nothing contained in this Section shall be construed to authorize the board of any forest preserve district to vacate any street, roadway, or driveway, or part thereof, that is part of any State or county highway.

When property is damaged by the vacation or closing of any street, roadway, or driveway, or part thereof, damage shall be ascertained and paid as provided by law.

Except in cases where the deed, or other instrument dedicating a street, roadway, or driveway, or part thereof, has expressly provided for a specific devolution of the title thereto upon the abandonment or vacation thereof, and except where such street, roadway or driveway, or part thereof, is held by the district by lease, or where the district holds an

easement in the land included within the street, roadway or driveway, whenever any street, roadway, or driveway, or part thereof is vacated under or by virtue of any ordinance of any forest preserve district, the title to the land in fee simple included within the street, roadway, or driveway, or part thereof, so vacated vests in the forest preserve district.

The board of any forest preserve district is authorized to sell at fair market price, gravel, sand, earth and any other material obtained from the lands and waters owned by the district.

For the purposes of this Section, "acquiring land" includes acquiring a fee simple, lease or easement in land.

(Source: P.A. 101-344, eff. 1-1-20.)

(70 ILCS 805/6.5)

Sec. 6.5. Eminent domain. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, any power granted under this Act to acquire property by condemnation or eminent domain is subject to, and shall be exercised in accordance with, the Eminent Domain Act.

(Source: P.A. 94-1055, eff. 1-1-07.)

(70 ILCS 805/6a) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 6310)

Sec. 6a. Every forest preserve district and the board thereof is empowered to dedicate areas as nature preserves as provided in the "Illinois Natural Areas Preservation Act", as now or hereafter amended, and to cooperate with the Illinois Nature Preserves Commission in matters relating to the purposes of that Act.

(Source: P.A. 82-445.)

(70 ILCS 805/6b) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 6311)

Sec. 6b. The board of each forest preserve district has the power by ordinance to purchase or lease as lessee real or personal property, or to acquire an easement in real property, for public purposes pursuant to contracts or leases which provide that the consideration for such purchase, lease or easement may be paid in annual installments; and to lease as lessee or to purchase real property or personal property for public purposes pursuant to a lease or purchase agreement which lease or purchase agreement may provide that the district may, at its option, purchase the property which is subject to the agreement or lease upon terms wherein payments previously made, or a portion of them, are deducted from the purchase price of the property as provided for in such lease or agreement.

However, the maximum amounts that will become due under the terms of such purchase or lease agreements, or under the terms of the acquisition of an easement, together with all other indebtedness of the district, must be within the constitutional limitations upon the incurring of indebtedness for such district and for such pertinent public purposes.

(Source: P.A. 83-927.)

(70 ILCS 805/6c) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 6311.1)

Sec. 6c. The board of any forest preserve district situated in a county with a population over 600,000 may sell or lease as lessor to any person any golf course clubhouse and adjacent land up to 15 acres in size when such clubhouse is one of two clubhouses serving two contiguous golf courses owned and operated by the forest preserve district, and may enter into a lease or agreement with any person with respect to such property whereby all or part of the payments previously made pursuant to the lease or agreement are deducted from the purchase price. However, no part of the golf course or any other grounds in excess of 15 acres may be included in any such lease or sale.

In addition to any other power provided in this Section, the

board of any forest preserve district may lease or sell all or part of a building used for office or administrative uses and all or part of any other real estate used for parking, access, storage, or other uses that are ancillary to the building's office and administrative uses if the board deems the building or other real estate, in whole or in part, is not then required for the district's purposes. The board may lease all or part of the building or other real estate to any individual or entity on such terms and conditions as the board may approve, and may collect rent from the individual or entity. Any such lease shall not exceed 10 years in duration and shall expressly state that a non-exempt lessee is liable for the payment of property taxes under Section 9-195 of the Property Tax Code.  
(Source: P.A. 99-219, eff. 7-31-15.)

(70 ILCS 805/6d) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 6311.2)

Sec. 6d. Trading parcels of land. The board of a forest preserve district within a county which has a population of no more than 550,000 may trade any one or more parcels of land owned by the district for one or more parcels of land owned by one or more individuals or any public or private entity whenever the board determines the trade to be advantageous to the district. The board shall approve such trade by unanimous vote of the members of the board. No trade shall be approved by the board unless all parcels of land involved in the trade have been appraised by an MAI appraiser or a State certified real estate appraiser within one year before the date the trade is to take effect.  
(Source: P.A. 92-824, eff. 1-1-03.)

(70 ILCS 805/6e)

Sec. 6e. Counties under 550,000; sales of land. The board of a forest preserve district located in a county that has a population of no more than 550,000 may sell any one or more parcels of land owned by the district that are less than one acre in size whenever the board determines the sale to be advantageous to the district. The board shall approve the sale by a two-thirds vote of the members of the board then holding office. A sale may not be approved by the board unless all parcels of land involved in the sale have been appraised by an MAI appraiser or a State-certified real estate appraiser within one year before the date the sale is to take effect. The net proceeds of the sale of any parcel of land under this Section shall be set aside for the district's future land acquisitions and may not be utilized for any other purpose.  
(Source: P.A. 92-824, eff. 1-1-03.)

(70 ILCS 805/6f)

Sec. 6f. A forest preserve district that acquires a parcel of land in excess of 600 acres that includes one or more vacant, subdivided residential outlots on the boundary of the 600 acres, regardless of whether the outlots are contiguous to one another, may sell the outlots when the board of commissioners determines that the sale is advantageous to the district. The board shall approve the sale by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the board then holding office. A sale may not be approved by the board unless all the parcels involved in the sale have been appraised by an MIA appraiser or a State-certified real estate appraiser within one year before the date the sale is to take effect. Any property sold under this Section must be sold for fair market value. The net proceeds of the sale of any parcel of land under this Section shall be set aside and expended only for capital improvements that are required to make the 600 acres accessible and open to the public or the payment of bond indebtedness associated with the purchase of the 600 acres.  
(Source: P.A. 95-246, eff. 8-17-07.)

(70 ILCS 805/7) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 6312)

Sec. 7. The board of any forest preserve district organized hereunder may by ordinance regulate and control the speed of travel on all paths, driveways and roadways within forest preserves, and prohibit the use of such paths, driveways and roadways for racing or speeding purposes, and may exclude therefrom traffic, teams and vehicles, and may by ordinance prescribe such fines and penalties for the violation of their ordinances as cities and villages are allowed to prescribe for the violation of their ordinances.  
(Source: Laws 1947, p. 1027.)

(70 ILCS 805/7a) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 6313)

Sec. 7a. The board of any forest preserve district organized hereunder may by ordinance regulate, control and license all modes of travel within the forest preserve district.

The amendatory Act of 1975 is not a limitation on any home rule unit.  
(Source: P.A. 79-559.)

(70 ILCS 805/7b) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 6314)

Sec. 7b. The board of any Forest Preserve District organized under this Act may by ordinance issue licenses for any activity reasonably connected with the purpose for which the Forest Preserve District has been created, except that in counties with between 500,000 and 750,000 inhabitants, the ordinance shall be approved by a two-thirds vote of the members elected.  
(Source: P.A. 89-654, eff. 8-14-96.)

(70 ILCS 805/8) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 6315)

Sec. 8. Powers and duties of corporate authority and officers; contracts; salaries.

(a) The board shall be the corporate authority of such forest preserve district and shall have power to pass and enforce all necessary ordinances, rules and regulations for the management of the property and conduct of the business of such district. The president of such board shall have power to appoint such employees as may be necessary. In counties with population of less than 3,000,000, within 60 days after their selection the commissioners appointed under the provisions of Section 3a of this Act shall organize by selecting from their members a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and such other officers as are deemed necessary who shall hold office for the fiscal year in which elected and until their successors are selected and qualify. In the one district in existence on July 1, 1977, that is managed by an appointed board of commissioners, the incumbent president and the other officers appointed in the manner as originally prescribed in this Act shall hold such offices until the completion of their respective terms or in the case of the officers other than president until their successors are appointed by said president, but in all cases not to extend beyond January 1, 1980 and until their successors are selected and qualify. Thereafter, the officers shall be selected in the manner as prescribed in this Section except that their first term of office shall not expire until June 30, 1981 and until their successors are selected and qualify.

(a-5) An officer selected pursuant to subsection (a) may be removed, with or without cause, upon a motion adopted by an affirmative vote of four-fifths of the board of the forest preserve district. Upon adoption of a motion to remove an officer: (i) the office becomes vacant and the former officer's compensation shall be prorated to the date the motion was approved; (ii) if the officer removed is the president then the vice president immediately assumes the duties of the president without president compensation and, if the officer removed is

the vice president, treasurer, or secretary, then the president shall select an interim appointee who shall serve until the next regularly scheduled forest preserve district board meeting; and (iii) a new officer shall be selected at the next regularly scheduled forest preserve district board meeting. An officer removed under this Section maintains his or her status as a member of the forest preserve district board.

(b) In any county, city, village, incorporated town or sanitary district where the corporate authorities act as the governing body of a forest preserve district, the person exercising the powers of the president of the board shall have power to appoint a secretary and an assistant secretary and treasurer and an assistant treasurer and such other officers and such employees as may be necessary. The assistant secretary and assistant treasurer shall perform the duties of the secretary and treasurer, respectively in case of death of such officers or when such officers are unable to perform the duties of their respective offices. All contracts for supplies, material or work involving an expenditure in excess of \$30,000, or a lower amount if required by board policy, shall be let to the lowest responsible bidder, after advertising at least once in one or more newspapers of general circulation within the district, excepting work requiring personal confidence or necessary supplies under the control of monopolies, where competitive bidding is impossible, or as otherwise provided in the Forest Preserve District and Conservation District Design-Build Authorization Act. Contracts for supplies, material or work involving an expenditure of \$30,000, or a lower amount if required by board policy, or less may be let without advertising for bids, but whenever practicable, at least 3 competitive bids shall be obtained before letting such contract. All contracts for supplies, material or work shall be signed by the president of the board of commissioners or by any such other officer as the board in its discretion may designate.

(c) The president of any board of commissioners appointed under the provisions of Section 3a of this Act shall receive a salary not to exceed the sum of \$2500 per annum and the salary of other members of the board so appointed shall not exceed \$1500 per annum. Salaries of the commissioners, officers and employees shall be fixed by ordinance.

(d) Whenever a forest preserve district owns any personal property that, in the opinion of three-fifths of the members of the board of commissioners, is no longer necessary, useful to, or for the best interests of the forest preserve district, then three-fifths of the members of the board, at any regular meeting or any special meeting called for that purpose by an ordinance or resolution that includes a general description of the personal property, may authorize the conveyance or sale of that personal property in any manner that they may designate, with or without advertising the sale.

(Source: P.A. 101-544, eff. 8-23-19; 102-460, eff. 6-1-22.)

(70 ILCS 805/8a) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 6316)

Sec. 8a. The board shall have the right and power to appoint and maintain a sufficient police force, the members of which shall be peace officers certified and trained under the provisions of the Illinois Police Training Act. The members of the police force shall have and exercise police powers over the territory owned, leased, or licensed by the District and property over which the District has easement rights for the preservation of the public peace, and the observance and enforcement of the ordinances and laws, such as are conferred upon and exercised by the police of organized cities and villages; but such police force, when acting within the limits of any city or village, but outside the territory owned, leased, or licensed by the District and property over which the District has easement rights, shall act in aid of the regular police

force of such city or village and shall then be subject to the direction of its chief of police, city or village marshals, or other head thereof.

(Source: P.A. 86-1480.)

(70 ILCS 805/8b) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 6317).

Sec. 8b. The board of commissioners of any forest preserve district organized under this Act, when so requested by the treasurer of the district, shall designate one or more banks or savings and loan associations in which the funds and moneys received by the treasurer, by virtue of his office, may be deposited. When a bank or savings and loan association has been designated as a depository it shall continue as such until 10 days have elapsed after a new depository is designated and is qualified by furnishing the statements of resources and liabilities as is required by this Section. When a new depository is designated, the board of commissioners shall notify the sureties of the treasurer of that fact in writing at least 5 days before the transfer of funds. The treasurer of the district shall be discharged from responsibility for all funds and moneys deposited in a bank or depository, so designated, while such funds and moneys are so deposited.

No bank or savings and loan association shall receive public funds as permitted by this Section, unless it has complied with the requirements established pursuant to Section 6 of "An Act relating to certain investments of public funds by public agencies", approved July 23, 1943, as now or hereafter amended.

Notwithstanding any provision of this Act or of any other law, each official custodian of forest preserve district funds, including, without limitation, each forest preserve district treasurer and each person properly designated as custodian for funds held by an intergovernmental risk management association or self-insurance pool composed solely of participating park districts, forest preserve districts or park district joint recreational programs, is permitted to (i) combine moneys from more than one fund of a single forest preserve district, risk management association or self-insurance pool for the purpose of investing such moneys, (ii) enter into agreements of any definite or indefinite term regarding the deposit, redeposit, investment, reinvestment or withdrawal of forest preserve district, risk management association or self-insurance pool funds and (iii) join with any custodians or treasurers of forest preserve district, park district, Chicago Park District, park district joint recreational program, risk management association or self-insurance pool funds for the purpose of investing any forest preserve district, risk management association or self-insurance pool funds in his custody. When funds are combined for investment purposes as authorized herein, the moneys combined for such purposes shall be accounted for separately in all respects, and the earnings from such investments shall be separately and individually computed and recorded, and credited to the fund, district, park district joint recreational program, risk management association, self-insurance pool or other entity, as the case may be, for which the investment was acquired. The grant of authority contained in this Section is cumulative and in addition to all other power or authority granted by any other law and shall not be construed as a limitation of any power or authority otherwise granted.

(Source: P.A. 85-460.)

(70 ILCS 805/9) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 6318)

Sec. 9. Whenever the county in which any such forest preserve district is located shall be governed by any law regulating its civil service and the method of selecting its employees, in every such case all employees of such forest preserve district except the treasurer and attorneys shall be selected in the manner provided by the law regulating the civil



service in such county and all such employees shall be subject at all times to the provisions of such act.  
(Source: Laws 1913, p. 385.)

(70 ILCS 805/10) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 6320)

Sec. 10. The board shall keep a record of all ordinances and other proceedings which shall be open to the inspection of any person residing in such district at all reasonable and proper times. The board shall report annually to the county board of the county in which such district is located, the revenues received, expenditures made, land acquired, with the progress of construction work, the condition of the property and such other matters as may have been acted upon by the board during the previous year.

(Source: P.A. 86-1028.)

(70 ILCS 805/11) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 6321)

Sec. 11. All ordinances imposing any fine or penalty or making any appropriation of money shall, within 10 days after their passage, be published either in book or pamphlet form by authority of the board or published at least once in some newspaper published in the district or having a general circulation therein to be designated by the board, and no ordinance imposing any fine or penalty shall take effect until 10 days after it is so published. All other ordinances and all orders or resolutions shall take effect from and after their passage unless otherwise provided therein. All ordinances, orders and resolutions and the date of publication thereof may be proven by the certificate of the secretary of the district under the seal of the corporation and when printed in book or pamphlet form and published by authority of the board, the book or pamphlet shall be received as evidence of the passage and publication of the ordinances, orders and resolutions as of the date mentioned in the book or pamphlet in all courts and places without further proof.

(Source: P.A. 87-554; 88-34.)

(70 ILCS 805/12) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 6322)

Sec. 12. The president of the board of any district organized hereunder, shall preside at all meetings of the board, be the executive officer of the district, and be a member of the board. He shall sign all ordinances, resolutions and other papers necessary to be signed and shall execute all contracts entered into by the district and perform other duties as may be prescribed by ordinance. He may veto any ordinance and any orders, resolutions and actions, or any items therein contained, of the board which provide for the purchase of real estate, or for the construction of improvements within the preserves of the district. Such veto shall be filed with the secretary of the board within 5 days after the passage of the ordinance, order, resolution or action and when so vetoed the ordinance, order, resolution or action or any item therein contained is not effective unless it is again passed by two-thirds vote of all the members of the board. The president may vote in the same manner as the other members of the board. In the temporary absence or inability of the president, the members of the board may elect from their own number a president, pro tem.

The "Yeas" and "Nays" shall be taken, and entered on the journal of the board's proceedings, upon the passage of all ordinances and all proposals to create any liability, or for the expenditure or appropriation of money. The concurrence of a majority of all the members elected or appointed to the board is necessary to the passage of any such ordinance or proposal. In all other cases the "Yeas" and "Nays" shall be taken at the request of any member of the board and shall be entered on the journal of the board's proceedings.

(Source: P.A. 91-933, eff. 12-30-00.)

(70 ILCS 805/13) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 6323)

Sec. 13. Bonds; limitation on indebtedness. The board of any forest preserve district organized hereunder may, for any of the purposes enumerated in this Act, borrow money upon the faith and credit of such district, and may issue bonds therefor. However, a district with a population of less than 3,000,000 may not become indebted in any manner or for any purpose to an amount including existing indebtedness in the aggregate exceeding 2.3% of the assessed value of the taxable property therein, as ascertained by the last equalized assessment for State and county purposes. No district, except for the Byron Forest Preserve District, may incur (i) indebtedness in excess of .3% of the assessed value of taxable property in the district, as ascertained by the last equalized assessment for State and county purposes, for the development of forest preserve lands held by the district, or (ii) indebtedness for any other purpose except the acquisition of land including acquiring lands in fee simple along or enclosing water courses, drainage ways, lakes, ponds, planned impoundments or elsewhere which are required to store flood waters or control other drainage and water conditions necessary for the preservation and management of the water resources of the District, unless the proposition to issue bonds or otherwise incur indebtedness is certified by the board to the proper election officials who shall submit the proposition at an election in accordance with the general election law, and approved by a majority of those voting upon the proposition. No district containing fewer than 3,000,000 inhabitants may incur indebtedness for the acquisition of land or lands for any purpose in excess of 55,000 acres, including all lands theretofore acquired, unless the proposition to issue bonds or otherwise incur indebtedness is first submitted to the voters of the district at a referendum in accordance with the general election law and approved by a majority of those voting upon the proposition. Before or at the time of issuing bonds, the board shall provide by ordinance for the collection of an annual tax sufficient to pay the interest on the bonds as it falls due, and to pay the bonds as they mature. All bonds issued by any forest preserve district must be divided into series, the first of which matures not later than 5 years after the date of issue and the last of which matures not later than 25 years after the date of issue, or for bonds issued prior to January 1, 2011, commonly known as "Build America Bonds" as authorized by Section 54AA of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and for bonds issued from time to time to refund "Build America Bonds", not later than 25 years after the date of issue.

Notwithstanding any contrary provision in this Section, the Byron Forest Preserve District may not incur (i) indebtedness in excess of .6% of the assessed value of taxable property in the district, as ascertained by the last equalized assessment for State and county purposes, for the development of forest preserve lands held by the district, or (ii) indebtedness for any other purpose except the acquisition of land including acquiring lands in fee simple along or enclosing water courses, drainage ways, lakes, ponds, planned impoundments or elsewhere which are required to store flood waters or control other drainage and water conditions necessary for the preservation and management of the water resources of the District, unless the proposition to issue bonds or otherwise incur indebtedness is certified by the board to the proper election officials who shall submit the proposition at an election in accordance with the general election law, and approved by a majority of those voting upon the proposition.

For a bond proposition put forward by a district organized under this Act, the ballot must have printed on it, but not as part of the proposition submitted, the following language:

The approximate impact of the proposed increase on

the owner of a single-family home having a market value of (insert value) would be (insert amount) in the first year of the increase if the increase is fully implemented.

This Section does not apply to a forest preserve district created under Section 18.5 of the Conservation District Act. (Source: P.A. 97-364, eff. 8-15-11; 98-835, eff. 1-1-15.)

(70 ILCS 805/13.1) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 6324)

Sec. 13.1. Tax levies. After the first Monday in October and by the first Monday in December in each year, the board shall levy the general taxes for the district by general categories for the next fiscal year. A certified copy of the levy ordinance shall be filed with the county clerk by the last Tuesday in December each year.

In forest preserve districts with a population of less than 3,000,000, the amount of taxes levied for general corporate purposes for a fiscal year may not exceed the rate of .06% of the value, as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue, of the taxable property therein. In addition, in forest preserve districts having a population of 100,000 or more but less than 3,000,000, the board may levy taxes for constructing, restoring, reconditioning, reconstructing and acquiring improvements and for the development of the forests and lands of such district, the amount of which tax each fiscal year shall be extended at a rate not to exceed .025% of the assessed value of all taxable property as equalized by the Department of Revenue.

All such taxes and rates are exclusive of the taxes required for the payment of the principal of and interest on bonds, and exclusive of taxes levied for employees' annuity and benefit purposes.

The rate of tax levied for general corporate purposes in a forest preserve district may not be increased by virtue of this amendatory Act of 1977 unless the board first adopts a resolution authorizing such increase and publishes notice thereof in a newspaper having general circulation in the district at least once not less than 45 days prior to the effective date of the increase. The notice shall include a statement of (1) the specific number of voters required to sign a petition requesting that the question of the adoption of the resolution be submitted to the electors of the district; (2) the time in which the petition must be filed; and (3) the date of the prospective referendum. The Secretary of the district shall provide a petition form to any individual requesting one. If, no later than 30 days after the publication of such notice, petitions signed by voters of the district equal to 10% or more of the registered voters of the district, as determined by reference to the number of voters registered at the next preceding general election, and residing in the district are presented to the board expressing opposition to the increase, the proposition must first be certified by the board to the proper election officials, who shall submit the proposition to the legal voters of the district at an election in accordance with the general election law and approved by a majority of those voting on the proposition.

The rate of the tax levied for general corporate purposes in a forest preserve district may be increased, up to the maximum rate identified in this Section, by the Board by a resolution calling for the submission of the question of increasing the rate to the voters of the district in accordance with the general election law. The question must be in substantially the following form:

"Shall (name of district) be authorized to establish its general corporate tax rate at (insert rate) on the equalized assessed value on taxable property located within the district for its general purposes, including education, outdoor recreation, maintenance, operations, public safety at the forest preserves, trails, and other properties of

the district (and, optionally, insert any other lawful purposes or programs determined by the Board).

The ballot must have printed on it, but not as part of the proposition submitted, the following: "The approximate impact of the proposed increase on the owner of a single-family home having a market value of (insert value) would be (insert amount) in the first year of the increase if the increase is fully implemented." The ballot may have printed on it, but not as part of the proposition, one or both of the following: "The last tax rate extended for the purposes of the district was (insert rate). The last rate increase approved for the purposes of the district was in (insert year)." No other information needs to be included on the ballot.

The votes must be recorded as "Yes" or "No".

If a majority of the electors voting on the question vote in the affirmative, the district may thereafter levy the tax.

This Section does not apply to a forest preserve district established under Section 18.5 of the Conservation District Act. (Source: P.A. 94-617, eff. 8-18-05.)

(70 ILCS 805/13.1a)

Sec. 13.1a. Forest preserve districts created under Conservation District Act. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, a forest preserve district created under Section 18.5 of the Conservation District Act shall have the same powers, duties, and authority as a forest preserve district created under this Act, except that it shall have the same bonding and taxing authority as a conservation district under the Conservation District Act.

(Source: P.A. 94-617, eff. 8-18-05.)

(70 ILCS 805/13.2) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 6325)

Sec. 13.2. Any appropriation or levy made for the purpose of constructing, restoring, reconditioning, reconstructing or acquiring improvements in the development of forests and lands of the district need not be expended during the fiscal year in which such appropriation or levy is made. No such appropriation lapses nor may the moneys levied, collected or received for that purpose become part of the general funds of the district for a period of 5 years thereafter and such money may not be considered an asset available for appropriation in a subsequent fiscal year but it shall be retained and held as a separate fund for 5 years to be expended within that time for the purpose for which appropriated and levied, thereafter to become a general asset available for appropriation for corporate purposes. It is not a defense or objection to any appropriation or levy in a subsequent fiscal year for the same purposes that there remain uncommenced or uncompleted projects or unexpended moneys arising in an appropriation or levy of a prior year, for purposes of this Section unless the period of 5 years subsequent to the fiscal year in which the appropriation has been made has elapsed. The limitations upon tax rates imposed by Section 13.1 are not subject to Sections 162a and 162b of the General Revenue Law of Illinois.

All moneys collected under this Act shall be paid to the treasurer of such district.

(Source: P.A. 84-1332.)

(70 ILCS 805/13.3) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 6326)

Sec. 13.3. (a) The board of each forest preserve district organized under this Act shall fix a fiscal year for the district. The board shall, within or before the first quarter of each fiscal year, adopt an annual appropriation ordinance appropriating such sums of money as may be required to defray all necessary expenses and liabilities of the district to be paid or incurred during the fiscal year.

(b) The failure of the board to adopt an annual

appropriation ordinance or to otherwise comply with the provisions of this Section shall not affect the validity of any tax levy of the forest preserve district. The annual appropriation ordinance for any fiscal year need not be intended or required to be in support of or in relation to any tax levy made during that fiscal year.

(c) Nothing in this Act shall be construed as requiring any forest preserve district to change or as preventing any forest preserve district from changing from a cash basis of financing to a surplus or deficit basis of financing, or as requiring any forest preserve district to change or as preventing any forest preserve district from changing its system of accounting.

(d) Any forest preserve district that determines to change its fiscal year may adopt an annual appropriation ordinance for a transition period of more or less than 12 months as may be necessary to effect such change, and appropriations made for such transition period shall terminate with the close of such period.

(Source: P.A. 85-1165.)

(70 ILCS 805/13.4) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 6327)

Sec. 13.4. After the adoption of the annual appropriation ordinance, no further appropriations may be made at any other time during that fiscal year, except as provided in this Act, provided that the board of each district may amend such appropriation ordinance from time to time by the same procedure required by this Act for the original adoption of the appropriation ordinance. By a two-thirds vote of all the members constituting the board, the board may make appropriations in excess of those authorized by the appropriation ordinance in order to meet an immediate emergency.

(Source: P.A. 87-554; 87-621.)

(70 ILCS 805/13.5) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 6328)

Sec. 13.5. (a) With respect to monies appropriated in the annual appropriation ordinance which are generated from the levy of real estate taxes or the charge not to exceed \$.70 that a forest preserve district is authorized to impose under Section 18.6a of this Act for the purpose of establishing and maintaining Landfill Expense Funds for landfills operated by the district, the Board of Commissioners may, upon a two-thirds vote of all the members constituting the board, make transfers from one appropriation in a fund to another appropriation within the same fund, not affecting the total amount appropriated. Nothing in this subsection shall prohibit or limit the transfer of interest earned on the Landfill Expense Funds as provided for in Section 18.6b of this Act.

(b) With respect to monies appropriated in the annual appropriation ordinance that are not generated from real estate taxes or the charge not to exceed \$.70 authorized by Section 18.6a of this Act, the Board of Commissioners may, upon a two-thirds vote of all the members constituting the board, make transfers from one appropriation in a fund to another appropriation within the same fund or to an appropriation within a different fund, not affecting the total amount appropriated.

(Source: P.A. 87-554; 87-621; 87-895.)

(70 ILCS 805/13.6) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 6328.1)

Sec. 13.6. Purchases made pursuant to this Act shall be made in compliance with the "Local Government Prompt Payment Act", approved by the Eighty-fourth General Assembly.

(Source: P.A. 84-731.)

(70 ILCS 805/13.7)

Sec. 13.7. Endowment Fund. Each forest preserve district may create, maintain, and increase a separate fund to be known as the "Endowment Fund" to pay all costs and expenses incurred or

anticipated by the forest preserve district for the long-term maintenance and improvement of forest preserve facilities and lands, and for the future purchase of real property. Only one "Endowment Fund" may be created by a forest preserve district, but the fund may provide for the collection, maintenance, investment, and expenditure of monies for more than one purpose. All revenues deposited in the Endowment Fund shall be designated by purpose and appropriated and expended for the purpose for which it was designated. No appropriation in the Endowment Fund shall lapse, and the monies received and designated for a specific purpose shall not become part of the general funds of the district or considered an asset available for appropriation for another purpose in a subsequent year unless the purpose for which the monies were originally appropriated has been completed. Revenues deposited in the Endowment Fund must come from private sources, whether received before, on, or after the effective date of this amendatory Act of 1995. No revenues shall come from any Federal, State, or local government source, except for those received as a result of agreements obligating the district to the long-term maintenance of improvements constructed on district lands. The Fund shall be audited annually by a licensed certified public accountant.  
(Source: P.A. 89-119, eff. 7-7-95.)

(70 ILCS 805/13.8)

Sec. 13.8. In the preparation of the annual appropriation ordinance, an amount not to exceed 0.02% of the equalized assessed value of property subject to taxation by the district may be accumulated in a separate fund for the purpose of specific capital improvements, repairs, or replacements of district equipment or other tangible property. The Fund shall be designated as the "Capital Improvement, Repair, or Replacement Fund". Expenditures from the Capital Improvement, Repair, or Replacement Fund shall be appropriated for the fiscal year in which the capital improvement, repair, or replacement will occur. If any surplus moneys remain in the Fund after the completion or abandonment of any object for which moneys from the Capital Improvement, Repair, or Replacement Fund were used, then any funds no longer necessary for capital improvement, repair, or replacement shall be transferred into the general corporate fund of the district on the first day of the fiscal year following the abandonment or completion of the object or the discovery of the surplus funds.  
(Source: P.A. 95-218, eff. 8-16-07.)

(70 ILCS 805/14) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 6330)

Sec. 14. Any territory adjoining any forest preserve district organized hereunder and situated in the same county as such district may become a part of such district in the following manner: Upon the filing with the circuit court of the county in which such district is located, of a petition signed by not less than 10% of the legal voters residing within the territory proposed to be annexed, the clerk of the circuit court shall certify the question of such annexation, to the proper election officials who shall submit the question to the voters of the territory proposed to be annexed in accordance with the general election law. If a majority of the votes cast upon such question shall be in favor of such annexation, such territory so proposed to be annexed shall become and be a part of such forest preserve district.  
(Source: P.A. 81-1489.)

(70 ILCS 805/14.1) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 6330.1)

Sec. 14.1. (a) Territory included within the limits of any forest preserve district and exactly coterminous with the boundaries of any county with a population of 125,000 or less or any municipality or township within a county with a population

of 125,000 or less may be disconnected from the district in the manner set forth in this Section.

(b) Territory disconnected pursuant to this Section shall remain liable for its proportionate share of the bonded indebtedness outstanding as of the date of disconnection, if any, of the district from which it was disconnected.

(c) Five per cent or more of the legal voters residing within the limits of the territory proposed to be disconnected may file a petition, in the court of the county where the territory which seeks to be disconnected is located, setting forth the description of the territory sought to be disconnected and the amount of any outstanding bonded indebtedness against the district in which the territory is then situated which has been incurred pursuant to this Act. The petition shall also include a prayer that the question whether the disconnection shall be made be submitted to the voters of the territory sought to be disconnected.

(d) Upon the filing of the petition, the court shall set a day for hearing, not less than 2 weeks nor more than 4 weeks from the date of filing. The court, or the circuit clerk or sheriff upon order of the court, shall give 2 weeks notice of such hearing in one or more daily or weekly newspapers of general circulation in the county or in each county wherein the district from which the territory sought to be disconnected is organized, and post at least 10 copies of the notice in conspicuous places in the district from which the territory is sought to be disconnected.

(e) All property owners in the district from which the disconnection is sought, and all interested persons, may file objections and may appear at the hearing and contest the disconnection and the matters averred in the petition. Both objectors and petitioners may offer any competent evidence in regard to the disconnection petition.

(f) If, upon hearing the petition, the court finds that the petition meets the conditions set forth in this Section, it shall certify to the proper election officials the question of whether the territory shall be disconnected, and the election officials shall submit that question at an election in the territory in accordance with the general election law. The proposition shall be in substantially the following form:

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Shall the territory coterminous	YES
with ..... (county,	
municipality or township)	
be disconnected from the .....	NO
Forest Preserve District?	

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If a majority of the votes cast upon the question of making the disconnection are in favor of the disconnection, the territory shall then cease to be a part of the forest preserve district to which it has been attached. In each case in which a disconnection is effected pursuant to the provisions of this Section, the circuit clerk in whose court the disconnection proceedings have been conducted shall certify copies of all orders entered in effecting such disconnection and file or send them to the proper circuit clerk or clerks for filing.

(g) If a majority of the votes cast upon the question of making the disconnection shall be against the disconnection, the proposition shall not be submitted to a vote in the same territory for a period of 23 months.  
(Source: P.A. 86-302; 86-1023.)

(70 ILCS 805/18.1) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 6335)

Sec. 18.1. Any forest preserve district in a county with a population of less than 3,000,000, has the power from time to time, before, on, or after the effective date of this amendatory Act of 1996, to construct, equip, acquire, extend, improve,

restore, maintain, and operate recreational and cultural facilities, including but not limited to natatoriums, swimming pools, ice skating rinks, tennis courts, golf courses, toboggan slides, ski areas, museums, historic buildings, botanical gardens, cultural and environmental education centers, or any combination thereof, and all necessary related facilities, such as but not limited to gift shops, cafeterias, snack bars, restaurants, or any combination thereof, to borrow money therefor, and as evidence thereof, to issue and sell bonds. Such bonds shall be payable solely from the revenue derived from the operation of such facility or facilities constructed, equipped, acquired, extended, or improved in whole or in part with the proceeds of such bonds issued for the construction, equipping, acquisition, extension or improvement of such facility or facilities and shall be secured by a pledge of the revenues as herein provided of such facility or facilities or any combination thereof so constructed, equipped, acquired, extended or improved.

Such bonds may be issued in such amounts as may be necessary to provide sufficient funds to pay all the cost of the construction, equipping, acquisition, extension or improvement of such facility or facilities or any combination thereof, including the cost of acquisition of any land, as well as the engineering, legal, fiscal and other expenses, together with interest on the bonds to a date 12 months subsequent to the estimated date of completion. All bonds issued hereunder shall have all qualities of negotiable instruments under the laws of this State.

(Source: P.A. 89-492, eff. 6-21-96.)

(70 ILCS 805/18.2) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 6336)

Sec. 18.2. Whenever the board of commissioners of any such forest preserve district determines to construct, equip, acquire, extend or improve any such facility or facilities or any combination thereof and to issue bonds pursuant to Sections 18.1 through 18.10 of this Act to pay the cost or purchase price thereof, such board shall adopt an ordinance describing in a general way the contemplated facility or facilities and setting forth the estimated cost or purchase price. Any such ordinance shall be published within 10 days after passage at least once in a newspaper published in such district and having a general circulation therein to be designated by such board, and no such ordinance shall take effect until 10 days after it is so published. It shall not be necessary that the ordinance refer to plans and specifications nor that there be on file for public inspection prior to adoption of such ordinance detailed plans and specifications of such contemplated facility or facilities or any combination thereof. Such board may provide that the ordinance authorizing the issuance of any such bonds shall be effective, operative and valid without the submission thereof to the voters of such district for approval, notwithstanding the provisions of Section 13 of this Act.

Any such ordinance shall prescribe the method of defraying the cost of the contemplated facility or facilities and fix the amount of the revenue bonds proposed to be issued, the interest rate and the maturities thereof. Such bonds shall be in such form and be executed in such manner, be payable in such medium of payment at such place or places, be subject to such terms of redemption, prior to maturity, with or without premium, and may be made registrable as to principal, all as such ordinance may provide. The ordinance shall also pledge the revenue derived from the operation of such facility or facilities, or any combination thereof, constructed, equipped, acquired, extended or improved in whole or in part with the proceeds of such bonds for the purpose of paying maintenance and operation costs and paying the principal and interest of such bonds so issued for the facility or facilities. The ordinance may contain such



covenants which shall be a part of the contract between the district and the holders of such bonds with respect to creating accounts and the application of the flow of funds through such accounts, and the restrictions upon the issuance of additional revenue bonds thereafter, all as such board may deem necessary or advisable for the assurance of the payment of the bonds thereby authorized.

Such bonds shall be executed by the president and by the secretary or treasurer of the board of such forest preserve district. The president of such board may execute such bonds by his facsimile signature which may be imprinted, engraved or otherwise reproduced on such bonds and on the interest coupons attached thereto. Any bonds bearing the signature or facsimile of an officer in office at the date of signing thereof are valid and binding for all purposes, notwithstanding that before delivery thereof, such person whose signature or facsimile appears thereon has ceased to hold such office.

(Source: Laws 1968, p. 228.)

(70 ILCS 805/18.3) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 6337)

Sec. 18.3. The bonds shall bear interest at a rate not to exceed the maximum rate authorized by the Bond Authorization Act, as amended at the time of the making of the contract, for bonds issued before January 1, 1972 and not to exceed the maximum rate authorized by the Bond Authorization Act, as amended at the time of the making of the contract, for bonds issued after January 1, 1972, payable annually or semi-annually and shall mature within the period of usefulness of the project as determined by such board, but in no event, exceeding 40 years.

Each such bond shall be sold in such manner and upon such terms as such board shall determine. If any such bond is issued to bear interest at the maximum rate authorized by the Bond Authorization Act, as amended, at the time of the making of the contract, for bonds issued before January 1, 1972 and not to exceed the maximum rate authorized by the Bond Authorization Act, as amended, at the time of the making of the contract, for bonds issued after January 1, 1972, it shall be sold for not less than par and accrued interest. If it is issued to bear interest at a rate of less than the maximum rate authorized by the Bond Authorization Act, as amended, at the time of the making of the contract, for bonds issued before January 1, 1972 and not to exceed the maximum rate authorized by the Bond Authorization Act, as amended, at the time of the making of the contract, for bonds issued after January 1, 1972, the minimum price at which it may be sold shall be such that the interest cost to the forest preserve district of the proceeds of the bond shall not exceed the maximum rate authorized by the Bond Authorization Act, as amended at the time of the making of the contract, for bonds issued before January 1, 1972 or the maximum rate authorized by the Bond Authorization Act, as amended at the time of the making of the contract, for bonds issued after January 1, 1972, computed to maturity, according to the standard table of bond values.

With respect to instruments for the payment of money issued under this Section either before, on, or after the effective date of this amendatory Act of 1989, it is and always has been the intention of the General Assembly (i) that the Omnibus Bond Acts are and always have been supplementary grants of power to issue instruments in accordance with the Omnibus Bond Acts, regardless of any provision of this Act that may appear to be or to have been more restrictive than those Acts, (ii) that the provisions of this Section are not a limitation on the supplementary authority granted by the Omnibus Bond Acts, and (iii) that instruments issued under this Section within the supplementary authority granted by the Omnibus Bond Acts are not invalid because of any provision of this Act that may appear to

be or to have been more restrictive than those Acts.  
(Source: P.A. 86-4.)

(70 ILCS 805/18.4) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 6338)

Sec. 18.4. Bonds issued pursuant to Sections 18.1 through 18.10 of this Act shall be payable solely from the revenues derived from the operation of the recreational facility or facilities or any combination thereof constructed, equipped, acquired, extended or improved in whole or in part with the proceeds of such bonds so issued for the facility or facilities and shall not in any event constitute an indebtedness of such forest preserve district within the meaning of any constitutional or statutory limitation. It shall be stated on the face of each such bond that the bond has been issued pursuant to Sections 18.1 through 18.10 of this Act, that it is payable solely from the revenues derived from the operation of such facility or facilities or any combination thereof constructed, equipped, acquired, extended or improved in whole or in part with the proceeds of such bonds so issued for the facility or facilities and that it does not constitute an indebtedness of such forest preserve district within any constitutional or statutory limitation.  
(Source: Laws 1968, p. 228.)

(70 ILCS 805/18.5) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 6339)

Sec. 18.5. All revenue derived from the operation of such facility or facilities constructed, equipped, acquired, extended or improved in whole or in part with the proceeds of any bonds issued under Sections 18.1 through 18.10 of this Act for the construction, equipping, acquisition, extension, or improvement of such facility or facilities shall be deposited in a separate fund. Each fund shall be used only for paying the cost of operation and maintenance of the recreational facility or facilities or any combination thereof constructed, equipped, acquired, extended or improved in whole or in part with the proceeds of such bonds so issued for such facility or facilities, and for paying the principal of and interest on the bonds so issued and creating the accounts provided for by the ordinance authorizing their issuance.

Such forest preserve district shall install and maintain a proper system of account for each fund, showing the amount received and disbursed from the operation of such facility or facilities. At least once each year, such district shall have such accounts for bonds properly audited, and the report of this audit shall be open to the public for inspection at all times.  
(Source: Laws 1968, p. 228.)

(70 ILCS 805/18.6) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 6340)

Sec. 18.6. Each forest preserve district which issues bonds and constructs, equips, acquires, extends or improves any recreational facility or facilities under Sections 18.1 through 18.10 of this Act shall charge for the use thereof at a rate which at all times is deemed sufficient to provide for depreciation and to pay maintenance and operation costs and the principal and interest on such bonds. Such forest preserve district may provide for the construction, equipping, acquisition, improvement, and extension and may make, enact, and enforce all rules and regulations for the management, maintenance, care, protection and use of such facility or facilities. Charges or rates for the use of any such facility shall be established, revised, and maintained from time to time and shall be payable under the supervision of such board.  
(Source: Laws 1962, p. 228.)

(70 ILCS 805/18.6a) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 6340a)

Sec. 18.6a. Each forest preserve district which has on its property a sanitary landfill or pollution control facility may

create, maintain and increase a separate fund to be known as the "Landfill Expense Fund" for the purpose of paying all costs and expenses incurred by said forest preserve district for or as a result of that sanitary landfill or pollution control facility either during its operation or after its closure, including but not limited to the cost of maintenance, monitoring, sampling or testing of groundwater or landfill gas, fencing, erosion control, improvements, restoration, filling, covering, revegetation, seeding, regrading, compacting, excavating or removal of materials, remedial action, response, the collection, treatment or disposal of leachate and landfill gas, preventive and corrective actions necessary or appropriate in circumstances which will or may cause an immediate or long-term danger to the environment or the public health or which will or may prevent or delay public usage of the property, and payment of damages or settlements awarded or made as a result of the operation of the sanitary landfill or pollution control facility, either during its operation or after its closure. This fund may be maintained for a period not to exceed 40 years from the date of closure of the facility and may be invested as provided in this Act and interest accumulated thereon.

In order to accumulate monies for this fund, each forest preserve district having such a fund may, in addition to other charges imposed for the deposit of material at the sanitary landfill or pollution control facility by the owner or operator of the landfill, also impose a charge upon the operator or users of a landfill or facility in existence on or before July 1, 1988 sufficient to provide a fund which will pay for the costs set forth herein; however, such charge shall not exceed 70¢ per cubic yard of solid waste permanently disposed of at the landfill or facility.

(Source: P.A. 88-681, eff. 12-22-94.)

(70 ILCS 805/18.6b) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 6340b)

Sec. 18.6b. Any forest preserve district may transfer all or a part of the interest earned on the Landfill Expense Fund to the General Fund of that forest preserve district commencing 10 years after closure of the facility or after the amount of \$50,000,000 has accumulated in said fund. Forty years after closure of the facility the Landfill Expense Fund shall be abolished, and the balance therein transferred to the General Fund of that forest preserve district.

(Source: P.A. 84-1370.)

(70 ILCS 805/18.6c) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 6340c)

Sec. 18.6c. Landfills.

(a) No land that is owned or acquired by a forest preserve district may be used for the development or operation of any new pollution control facility, as that term is defined in Section 3.330 of the Environmental Protection Act.

(b) A forest preserve district may not transfer any land or interest in land owned or acquired by the district to any other entity which the district has reason to know intends to construct, expand or operate thereon any sanitary landfill or regulated waste treatment, disposal or storage facility or develop or operate thereon any new pollution control facility, as that term is defined in Section 3.330 of the Environmental Protection Act.

A forest preserve district that wishes to transfer any land or interest in land owned or acquired by the district to any other entity must impose, as a condition of the transfer, a covenant prohibiting the development thereon or operation of any new pollution control facility, as that term is defined in Section 3.330 of the Environmental Protection Act.

(Source: P.A. 92-574, eff. 6-26-02.)

(70 ILCS 805/18.6d)

Sec. 18.6d. All real property owned by a forest preserve district that has located upon it an operating sanitary landfill, pollution control facility, or new pollution control facility shall be exempt from real estate taxation under Section 15-150 of the Property Tax Code. In addition, the operation or ownership of any sanitary landfill, pollution control facility, or new pollution control facility that is located on land owned by a forest preserve district shall not be subject, directly or indirectly, to any leasehold taxes under Section 9-195 of the Property Tax Code.

(Source: P.A. 88-503; 88-669, eff. 11-29-94; 88-670, 12-2-94; 88-681, eff. 12-22-94; 89-235, eff. 8-4-95.)

(70 ILCS 805/18.7) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 6341)

Sec. 18.7. The holder of any bond or coupon of any bond issued under Sections 18.1 through 18.10 of this Act may proceed by civil action or proceeding to compel performance of all duties required by Sections 18.1 through 18.10 of this Act respecting the facility or facilities for which such bond or coupon was issued. This shall include the duties of establishing and collecting sufficient rates or charges for the use of the recreational facilities constructed, equipped, acquired, extended or improved in whole or in part with the proceeds of such bond so held and issued for the purposes herein specified, and the application of the revenue thereof as provided in Sections 18.1 through 18.10 of this Act.

(Source: P.A. 83-345.)

(70 ILCS 805/18.8) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 6342)

Sec. 18.8. Any such forest preserve district has the power to acquire by purchase, gift, condemnation or otherwise, property necessary or appropriate for the purpose of exercising the powers granted by Sections 18.1 through 18.10 of this Act. Any land so acquired under such sections shall not be included as a part of the total acreage of such forest preserve district for the purpose of determining the number of acres of land for which indebtedness can be incurred for the acquisition of land without first submitting the matter to the voters of such district as provided in Section 13 of this Act.

(Source: Laws 1968, p. 228)

(70 ILCS 805/18.9) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 6343)

Sec. 18.9. Nothing in Sections 18.1 through 18.10 of this Act shall prohibit any such forest preserve district from appropriating funds as otherwise provided in this Act for the construction, equipping, acquisition, extension, improvement, operation or maintenance of any recreational facilities.

(Source: Laws 1968, p. 228.)

(70 ILCS 805/18.10) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 6344)

Sec. 18.10. If any provision of Sections 18.1 through 18.10 of this Act or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of such sections of this Act which can be given effect without the invalid application or provision, and to this end, such provisions of this Act are declared to be severable.

(Source: Laws 1968, p. 228.)

(70 ILCS 805/19) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 6345)

Sec. 19. Any member of the board of a district to which this Act applies or any other person holding any other office, trust or employment under such a district who shall wilfully violate any of the provisions of this Act shall be guilty of a business offense and shall be fined not to exceed \$10,000 and shall forfeit his right to his office, trust or employment and shall

be removed therefrom. Any such member or other person shall be liable for any sum that may be unlawfully diverted from such working cash fund or otherwise used to be recovered by such district or by any taxpayer in the name of and for the benefit of such district, in an appropriate civil action. Such taxpayer shall give bond for costs and be liable for all costs assessed against the district in such suit, and judgment shall be rendered accordingly. Nothing herein shall bar any other remedies.

(Source: P.A. 79-1362.)

(70 ILCS 805/20) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 6346)

Sec. 20. The board of commissioners of any forest preserve district whose boundaries encompass 2 or more municipalities may elect to be governed by all rules and regulations governing the construction and alteration of all buildings and structures and parts and appurtenances thereof as adopted by the county board of the county in which the district is located. The election to be governed by all such rules and regulations shall be made by adopting an ordinance to that effect. Within 30 days of adoption of said ordinance the forest preserve district shall notify each affected municipality by certified copy of said ordinance of its decision to be governed by the county's rules and regulations in such matters. The effective date of such ordinance shall be 60 days following its passage and approval by the board of commissioners.

(Source: P.A. 84-1333.)

(70 ILCS 805/22) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 6348)

Sec. 22. Each forest preserve district shall indemnify and protect its commissioners and employees against civil rights damage claims and suits, constitutional rights damage claims and suits, death and bodily injury damage claims and suits and property damage claims and suits, including the cost of defense thereof, when damages are sought for negligent or wrongful acts alleged to have been committed within the scope of employment, or under the direction of the board of commissioners. Such indemnification and protection shall extend to persons who are commissioners or employees of a forest preserve district at the time of the incident from which a claim arises.

(Source: P.A. 86-1387.)

(70 ILCS 805/23)

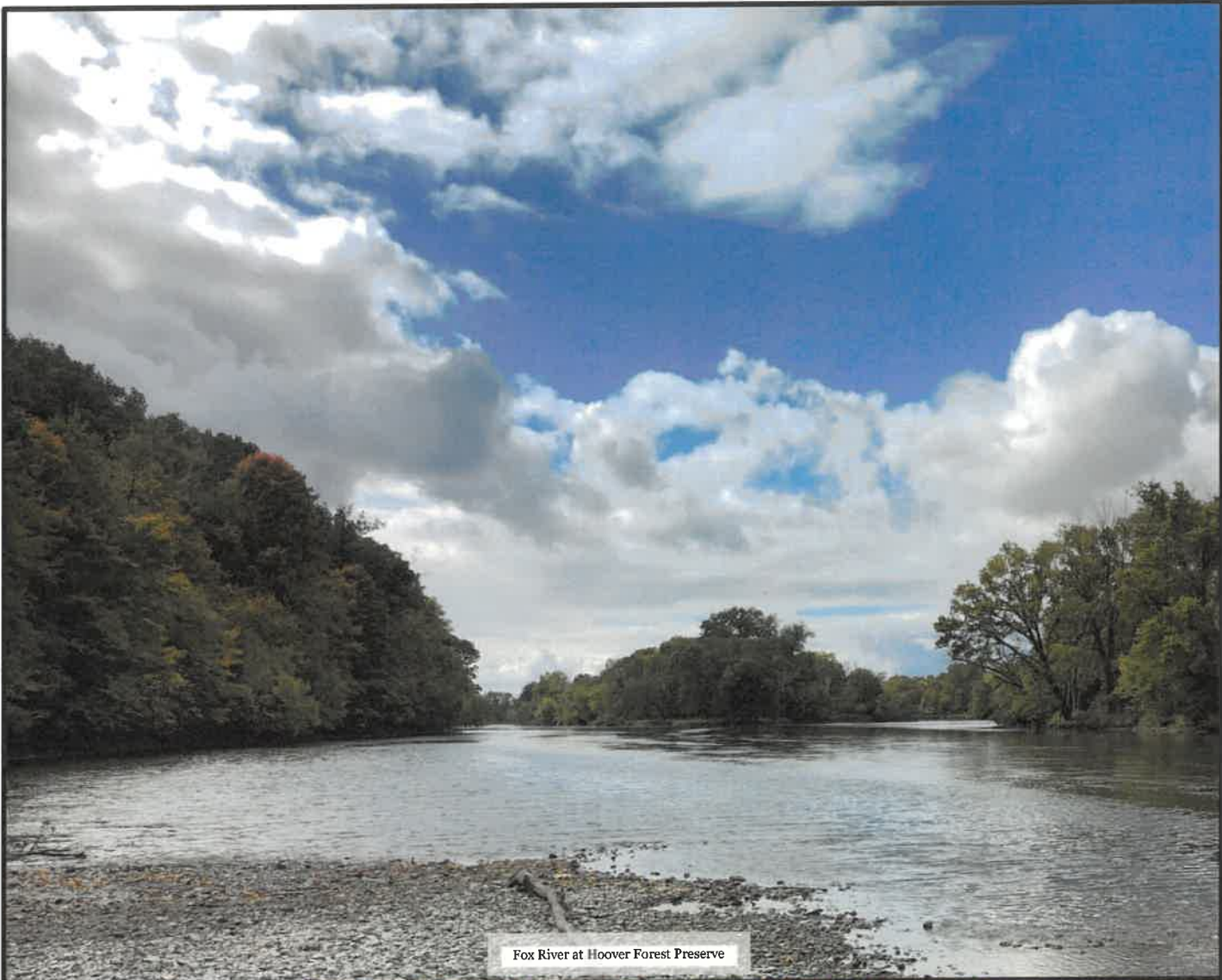
Sec. 23. Transfer of interest income. Each forest preserve district shall have the power to transfer the interest earned from any moneys of the district into the respective fund of the district that is most in need of the interest income, as determined by the board of commissioners. This Section does not apply to any interest earned that has been earmarked or restricted by the board for a designated purpose. This Section does not apply to any interest earned on any funds for purposes of the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund under the Pension Code or tort immunity under the Local Governmental and Governmental Employees Tort Immunity Act. Interest earned on these exempted funds shall be used only for the purposes authorized for the respective exempted funds from which the interest earnings were derived.

(Source: P.A. 90-176, eff. 1-1-98.)

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Fox River at Hoover Forest Preserve



Prairie Planting at Hoover Forest Preserve



Great Blue Heron Nest at Little Rock Creek Forest Preserve



Natural Beginnings Early Learning Program Participants along the Fox River



Prairie Seeding at Fox River Bluffs Forest Preserve



# Kendall County Forest Preserve District

## 5 -Year Plan

### 2020 - 2025

November, 2020

Dear Kendall County Residents,

The Kendall County Forest Preserve District's 5-Year Plan is a document that guides priorities and directions for the District's mission-based activities through 2025, and is an extension of the District's Master Plan that was developed in 2014.

The Plan's focus areas include Land Acquisition; High-Quality Natural Resources; Preserve Improvement Projects; Connecting People to Nature and Outdoor Recreation; and Capital Infrastructure and Equipment Priorities. The Plan will be a guide for the District as work proceeds in the areas of capital and preserve improvement projects, enhancement of natural areas and environmental education programs, outdoor recreational program services, and leverage of additional support from community partners and grant-funding agencies.

My sincere appreciation goes out to our Planning and Advisory Committee, who met over the course of this past year to develop the guidelines that helped shape the vision for the District over the next 5 years, and special thanks to Committee Chairman Matthew Prochaska. Each member of the Committee brought their own area of expertise to the table, and the Plan reflects this diversity. Thank you all!

Thanks to our Board of Commissioners who continue to support the District's efforts to fulfill our mission. The approval of this Plan reflects the commitment to teamwork from all who are charged with stewardship of the District's resources.

Special thanks to Executive Director David Guritz, for his leadership and time spent preparing documents and supporting maps and materials for the Committee, and for the final preparation and presentation of the Plan. I also want to thank Environmental Education Manager Emily Shanahan, Communication, Marketing and Public Programs Specialist Antoinette White, and Natural Beginnings Program Manager Stefanie Wiencke for lending their support and expertise.

From all of us, please accept this document as a guide to the near future of our District, and a reflection of all the natural beauty we are so fortunate to enjoy.

**Judy Gilmour, President**  
Kendall County Forest Preserve District



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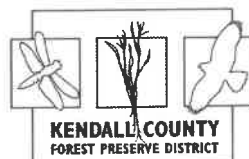
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This 5-Year Plan was approved by the Kendall County Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners in November 2020. The Planning and Advisory Committee met monthly to draft the plan. The District greatly appreciates the time and effort that the Planning and Advisory Committee committed towards completion of this plan.

The Board of Commissioners and staff will refer to this plan on a regular basis for guidance in the decision-making process, and to develop the goals and objectives of the District through 2025. This plan will be reviewed annually and updated as needed.

Maps courtesy of the Kendall County GIS Department.





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*Little Rock Creek Bridge Crossing*



## *SECTION 1 INTRODUCTION*



*Creek and Limestone Outcropping at Hoover Forest Preserve*

The Kendall County Forest Preserve District is governed by a ten member Board of Commissioners. The commissioners are elected officials, with five commissioners elected by the public from each of the two Kendall County Board Districts. The Board of Commissioners elects a President, Vice-President and Secretary, each of which serves a two year term. The District has its own property taxing authority, which largely funds the daily operating expenses of the District. These property tax funds are augmented by facility use fees, program fees, grant awards, and farm license revenue.

A yearly budgeting process determines the operating budget and tax levy to be issued by the District for each fiscal year. The District also has the ability to issue bonds for land acquisition, capital improvement projects and capital equipment purchases.

As Kendall County continued its unprecedented population growth, in 2007 voters approved a \$45 million open space bond referendum for additional land preservation and capital improvement projects. These funds, combined with nearly \$13 million in ensuing grant revenue, punctuated an amazing growth spurt where the District owns 6 times more acres in 2020 than it did just two decade earlier. Three separate bond refunding efforts completed in 2015, 2016 and 2017 reduced tax impact by over \$3.8 million dollars, with a \$90.21 tax savings to the average homeowner in Kendall County.

Many of these preserved acres contain some of the finest natural areas in Kendall County. Fox River frontage, property along streams, quality woodlands and wetlands, and expansion of existing preserves have all been added to District holdings in the past 15-years. This additional acreage has allowed the District to expand its facilities and offer more recreational and environmental educational opportunities to residents than ever before.

In 2014, the District's Board of Commissioners approved a Master Plan for the District. The Master Plan established the District's overarching mission and goals, guiding the District's priorities through 2019.



*Wooded Ravine at Fox River Bluffs Forest Preserve*



*Footbridge at Harris Forest Preserve*

## ORGANIZATION

As of 2020 the staff of the District is comprised of 9 full-time and 39 part-time employees. Seasonal employees assist with summer camps and grounds maintenance each year. The staff is responsible for preserve maintenance, natural areas management, environmental education programming, event coordination, volunteer coordination and administration of the District.

## MISSION STATEMENT AND GOALS

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.

More specifically, the goals of the Kendall County Forest Preserve District are to:

1. Acquire and hold lands containing forests, prairies, wetlands, streams and other natural areas in order to preserve the flora, fauna and scenic beauties of Kendall County for the enjoyment of county residents and future generations.
2. Acquire and hold properties containing lands capable of being restored to a natural condition and lands that will provide recreational opportunities and facilities.
3. Utilize the forest preserves to provide educational opportunities for county residents regarding the natural systems, natural processes and natural history of Kendall County.
4. Provide and maintain passive and active recreational opportunities and facilities for residents that are compatible with District natural areas and open spaces.
5. Provide and maintain multi-purpose event facilities for residents that are compatible with District natural areas and open spaces.
6. Implement resource management practices and policies that maintain and enhance the biodiversity of District natural areas.
7. Maintain and enhance practices and policies that promote fiscal responsibility and organizational proficiency.
8. Maintain and enhance multiple media outlets to inform Kendall County residents of District programs, properties, facilities and policies.
9. Partner with other governmental agencies, conservation organizations and private landowners to preserve natural areas, create greenway corridors, and develop linear trails.

## *5-Year Plan Development*

On January 21, 2020 the Board of Commissioners established the Kendall County Forest Preserve District's Planning and Advisory Committee. Committee appointments and representation included District Commissioners, Kendall County citizens, District staff, Forest Foundation of Kendall County, and natural resource agency professionals charged with development of priorities and strategies for achieving the District's mission, goals and objectives through 2025. The Planning and Advisory Committee members participated in several planning meetings to examine the District's core areas of operations and capital development including:

1. Land Acquisition
2. Conservation and Stewardship of High-Quality Natural Resources
3. Preserve Improvement Projects
4. Connecting People to Nature and Outdoor Recreation
5. Capital Infrastructure and Equipment

Within each of the District's core areas, the Planning and Advisory Committee identified the vision, strategic priorities, goals, strategies, and achievable projects within the District's current staffing and funding limits. The Committee also identified longer-term goals and projects where additional resources will be required.

Core area planning discussions were informed by review of the District's Master Plan, other local, regional and statewide plans, and data-driven presentations from District staff.

Plans reviewed included the KCFPD 2014-2019 Master Plan; KCFPD 2020 Preserve Locations and Amenities Infrastructure Survey; KCFPD Floristic Quality Inventory Database; The State of Illinois – Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) State Wildlife Action Plan IDNR Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan 2014-2019; The Conservation Foundation's 2019 Regional Conservation Message Study; The Morton Arboretum's Chicago Region Trees Initiative - Oak Ecosystem Recovery Plan; the Chicago Wilderness Green Vision; Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) Northeastern Illinois Regional Greenways and Trails Plan, and the Kendall County Regional Trail Plan.



*Oak Tree Planting at Pickerill-Pigott Forest Preserve*

The 5-Year Plan was reviewed by the Forest Foundation of Kendall County, a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization to determine primary areas for Foundation support for the next five years. Primary areas for Forest Foundation support is highlighted within the Plan's matrix.

The Planning and Advisory Committee finalized and approved recommendations of the planning matrix included within the appendices of this 5-Year Plan on October 27, 2020.

The Board of Commissioners approved the 5-Year Plan on November 16, 2020.

## *Land Acquisition*

### **Vision Statement**

Kendall County Forest Preserve District is committed to protecting forest preserve areas for future generations to connect people to nature; preserve quality of life for Kendall County citizens; protect wildlife habitat and natural lands, and support recovery of Kendall County's rare, threatened and endangered species.

### **Goals**

1. Maintain the current ratio 22.5-acres per 1,000 Kendall County resident population.
2. Identify high-quality natural areas for future acquisition located near Kendall County's population centers.
3. Prioritize fee-simple, voluntary purchases of land containing Class III (Native Floristic Quality Inventory=40-59) and Class IV (Native Floristic Quality Inventory >60) natural areas based on floristic quality assessments.



### **Projects Achievable within Current Limitations**

1. Leverage federal, State and local grants with Land-Cash matching funds; market and encourage opportunities for property donations; consider releasing non-referendum limited-tax bonds to support land acquisition.
2. Open Pickerill-Pigott Forest Preserve to the public; open Fox River Bluffs Forest Preserve to the public; establish a trail connection between Little Rock Creek and Maramech Forest Preserves.
3. Continue to work with the Forest Foundation of Kendall County to support Floristic Quality Assessments; continue to work with the Kane-Kendall Oak Ecosystem Recovery Group; continue to partner with the Chicago Botanic Garden's Plants of Concern monitoring program; complete baseline floristic quality assessments for all major preserve holdings (Hoover; Fox River Bluffs; Little Rock Creek; Lyon-Richard Young; Millbrook North and South); form a working Committee to identify, assess, and map locations of high-quality natural areas; work with other regional conservation partnerships to support natural area surveys and planning initiatives.



*Rare Fen Habitat at Lyon Forest Preserve*

### **Beyond the District's 5-Year Plan**

1. Increase funding, donations, and/or land acquisition grants (\$750,000 every five years) to maintain the current ratio of approximately 23-acres of open space per 1,000 population based on population projections. Consider establishing a Capital and Development Fund by referendum for the District under the provisions of the Illinois Downstate Forest Preserve District Act and/or issuing General Obligation Limited Tax bonds.
2. Establish a regional trail spur/loop from Yorkville to Millbrook along the Fox River corridor through voluntary, fee-simple land and easement purchases.
3. Establish an ongoing natural resources monitoring and management program.

*Conservation and Stewardship of High-Quality Natural Resources*

**Vision Statement**

Kendall County Forest Preserve District is committed to enhancing natural habitats, conserving Kendall County's natural history, and sustaining healthy populations of plants, animals, and other wildlife species native to Kendall County.



*Prescribed Burn at Hoover Forest Preserve*

**Goals**

1. Establish management plans for all Class III and IV natural areas. Identify priority areas for natural areas management based on preserve quality and identified management needs. Track prescriptive management activities using the Kendall County Geographical Information System (KC-GIS).
2. Clear invasive species and fallen tree material around all known Plants of Concern (PoC) populations. Reintroduce prescribed fire into oak woodland areas to support oak ecosystem regeneration.
3. Determine locations of breeding populations of rare populations of species in greatest need for conservation as identified within the State of Illinois Wildlife Action Plan. Increase monitoring, management, and habitat enhancement activities to sustain locally rare and declining populations.

**Projects Achievable within Current Limitations**

1. Continue to pursue and complete grant-funded restoration projects (Project Hoover; The Morton Arboretum - US Forest Service Landscape Scale Restoration Project; Fox River Bluffs cropland conversion project). Secure small grants from local, state and federal agencies (US Fish and Wildlife Service – Illinois Department of Natural Resources – Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation – The Conservation Foundation – Forest Foundation of Kendall County).
2. Complete floristic quality inventories for all Class III and Class IV preserve areas. Implement priority management activities based on limited staffing resources and funding.
3. Complete habitat enhancement projects at Hoover and Fox River Bluffs Forest Preserves to support Rusty-Patched Bumble Bee recovery; continue to support the District's Bow Hunt Program to support management of healthy White-tailed Deer populations and control the spread of Chronic Wasting Disease.



*Pileated Woodpecker Nest at Subat Forest Preserve*

**Beyond the District's 5-Year Plan**

1. Convert the District's remaining 571-acres currently in agricultural production to natural cover based on soil profiles and best practices. Pursue carbon credits for revenue generation for reforestation projects.
2. Complete FQI studies for all preserve areas every 10-years. Expand prescribed burning to 10% of preserve holdings annually. Increase invasive species clearing activities to 10% of preserve holdings annually.
3. Document trends of loss and recovery of wildlife populations in greatest need for conservation in Kendall County as identified and in accordance with the State of Illinois Wildlife Action Plan.

## Preserve Improvement Projects

### Vision Statements

#### **Trails and Corridors**

Expand the trail system in Kendall County for walking, biking and outdoor recreation.

#### **Amenities and Facilities**

Expand outdoor recreation opportunities for fishing, hiking, picnicking and education.

#### **Soil and Water Conservation**

Address soil erosion and water quality impacts to Kendall County's rivers, streams, and wetland areas.

### Goals

1. Construct a regional trail connection from Hoover Forest Preserve to Millbrook South Forest Preserve.
2. Construct a nature center for hosting at-leisure visitors, public and private functions at Subat Forest Preserve. Complete a master plan and architectural drawings, specifications and cost estimates for all master plan elements.
3. Complete soil erosion control projects to repair ravine head-cut formations and address streambank erosion and trail undercutting at Maramech, Little Rock Creek, Fox River Bluffs, Lyon-Young and Hoover Forest Preserves.

### Projects Achievable within Current Limitations

1. Complete the trail connection from Hoover Forest Preserve to Fox River Bluffs Forest Preserve; establish a maintained turf trail at Henneberry Forest Preserve; complete a trail connection from Little Rock Creek to Maramech Forest Preserve.
2. Leverage outside funding using the District's Endowment Fund to complete construction of a nature education center at Subat Forest Preserve.
3. Complete in-house soil erosion control projects at Little Rock Creek, Hoover, and Maramech Forest Preserves; identify opportunities for cooperating with Kendall County and local drainage districts to complete in-stream creek system debris clearing, low-head dam removal (Little Rock Creek Forest Preserve) and habitat enhancement projects.



Groundbreaking and Sign Dedication at Fox River Bluffs Forest Preserve



Oak Tree Planting at Pickerill-Pigott Forest Preserve

### Beyond the District's 5-Year Plan

1. Complete regional trail connections based on future land acquisition or trail easement purchases.
2. Extend at-leisure educational opportunities the dedication of operating funds for weekend interpretive staffing.
3. Establish a wetland mitigation bank in Kendall County through cropland conversion projects at Baker Woods and/or Millington Forest Preserve.

*Connecting People to Nature and Outdoor Recreation*

**Vision Statement**

Connect Kendall County residents and families to nature by offering and expanding high-quality educational and recreational program services.

**Goals**

1. Maximize participation within District programs. Support inclusion of all residents, insure access and opportunities to benefit from educational and recreational offerings.
2. Create programs that incorporate the Rusty Patched Bumble Bee Recovery Plan efforts at Hoover; Oak-Ecosystem Recovery Group efforts and initiatives; Landscape Scale Restoration Project efforts; the Pickerill-Pigott Preserve Opening Natural Resource Management Plan; and Subat Forest Preserve - Illinois Natural Area Inventory site recovery plan (Schaeffer Road Fen).
3. Diversify early learning educational and outdoor recreational experiences.
4. Take creative approaches and diversify K-12 educational program offerings in response to COVID-19.
5. Expand adult education offerings.
6. Enhance Ellis Equestrian Center capacity, programming and fee structures to encourage group lessons and programs.
7. Create programs that impart health benefits from both exercise and outdoor activities in natural areas through participation.



*Helping Hands at Hoover Forest Preserve*

**Projects Achievable within Current Limitations**

1. Continue to use popular social media channels; local news outlets; preserve kiosks, and new and emerging online platforms to engage residents.
2. Offer public events, create habitat programs to increase habitat and awareness for the Rusty Patched Bumble Bee and other pollinators at Hoover and Fox River Bluffs. Offer school programs that allow middle school and high school students to take part in a large scale stewardship project at different preserves.
3. Expand and diversify early learning educational and outdoor recreational experiences, adult education offerings, group lessons and programs, and guided outdoor recreational activities as affordable within the time constraints of District education full time and part time staff and instructors.



*Riding Lessons at Ellis Equestrian Center*

**Beyond the District's 5-Year Plan**

1. Construct an early learning program building.
2. Employ additional education department staffing as program demand increases.



## *Capital Infrastructure and Equipment*

### **Vision Statements**

Assess, maintain, repair, and replace the District's capital infrastructure and equipment to maximize useful life and utility with a replacement schedule that emphasizes general public access and District employee safety.

Secure intergovernmental and private support for completing preserve improvement projects.



*"The Rookery" Early Learning Program Facility*

### **Goals**

1. Prepare cost estimates and recommendations to Commission for repair, replacement, or removal of existing facilities and infrastructure on the landscape based on operational needs and public use.
2. Evaluate condition and building repair needs for District maintenance and public use buildings at Harris, Hoover, Baker Woods, and Pickerill-Pigott Forest Preserves.
3. Evaluate condition and replacement costs for District vehicles and equipment essential for support District operations.
4. Contact local County agencies, township road districts, and park districts /departments to determine interest with establishing an equipment pool.

### **Projects Achievable within Current Limitations**

1. Replace District vehicles and equipment as needed based on useful life and/or increased maintenance cost trend (Replacement Schedule Attached).
2. Replace District equipment as needed based on useful life and/or increased maintenance cost trend (Replacement Schedule Attached).
3. Remove or replace District capital infrastructure as needed based on useful life and/or increased maintenance cost trend (Replacement Schedule Attached).
4. Continue to work with the Kendall County Highway Department and Kendall County Township Highway Commissioners to support preserve access road maintenance.

### **Beyond the District's 5-Year Plan**

1. Additional capital funding resources will be needed to replace District vehicles, equipment, and capital infrastructure beyond the scope of this 5-Year Plan replacement schedule.



*Prairie Broadcast Seeding at Hoover Forest Preserve*

Kendall County Forest Preserve District Planning and Advisory Committee 5-Year Plan Preliminary Recommendations - FINAL DRAFT	5-Year Plan - Acronyms: IDNR - Illinois Department of Natural Resources; FFKC - Forest Foundation of Kendall County; FQI - Floristic Quality Inventory; FQA - Floristic Quality Assessment; ICECF - Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation; LSR - Landscape Scale Restoration Project (United States Forest Service and The Morton Arboretum); TCF - The Conservation Foundation; USF&WS - United States Fish and Wildlife Service		
	Forest Foundation of Kendall County Priority Focus Area		Project Contingent on Securing Outside Grant Funding

**KENDALL COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT 5-YEAR PLAN 2020-2025**

<b>MISSION STATEMENT</b>	<i>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.</i>
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**LAND ACQUISITION**

Vision Statement	Strategic Priorities	Goals for Conserving Open Space	Strategies for Conserving Open Space	Affordable within Current Limits	Additional Resources Required
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<i>Kendall County Forest Preserve District is committed to protecting forest preserve areas for future generations to connect people to nature; preserve quality of life for Kendall County citizens; protect wildlife habitat and natural lands, and support recovery of Kendall County's rare, threatened and endangered species.</i>	Expand existing, and establish new forest preserve areas along the Fox River and Fox River tributaries; high-quality oak ecosystem corridors, and the Aux Sable Creek corridor through fee-simple, voluntary purchases.	Maintain the current ratio 22.5-acres per 1,000 Kendall County resident population.	1. Restrict Land-Cash funds for use as local match for grant-funded acquisitions; 2. Promote and secure property donations; 3. Secure local, State and federal grants for the fee-simple, voluntary purchase of property; 4. Partner with the Forest Foundation and The Conservation Foundation to acquire property.	1. Leverage federal, State and local grants with Land-Cash matching funds; 2. Market and encourage opportunities for property donations; 3. Consider releasing non-referendum limited-tax bonds to support land acquisition.	Increase funding, donations and grants to (\$750,000 every five years) to maintain the current ratio of 22.5-acres of open space per 1,000 population based on population projections. Consider establishing a Capital and Development Fund by referendum for the District under the provisions of the Illinois Downstate Forest Preserve District Act.
	Expand existing, and establish new publically-accessible forest preserve areas and outdoor recreation opportunities near Kendall County population centers.	Identify high-quality natural areas for future acquisition located near Kendall County's population centers.	Form a District staff and volunteer committee to identify, evaluate (with permissions) and map locations of high-quality natural resources.	1. Open Pickerill-Pigott Forest Preserve and the Pickerill Estate House to the public; 2. Open Fox River Bluffs Forest Preserve to the Public; 3. Establish a trail connection between Little Rock Creek and Maramech Forest Preserves.	Establish a regional trail spur/loop from Yorkville to Millbrook along the Fox River corridor through voluntary, fee-simple land and easement purchases.
	Identify and map locations of the remaining highest-quality natural resources in Kendall County based on expanded natural resources partner data, and floristic quality assessments (FQI).	Prioritize fee-simple, voluntary purchases of land containing Class III (Native FQI=40-59) and Class IV (Native FQI >60) natural areas based on floristic quality assessments.	Reach out to private land owners containing high-quality natural areas to express interest in future conservation opportunities and land-management approaches and incentives. Promote involvement in the Kane-Kendall Oak Ecosystem Recovery Group.	1. Continue to work with the Forest Foundation of Kendall County to support Floristic Quality Assessments; 2. Continue to work with the Kane-Kendall Oak Ecosystem Recovery Group; 3. Continue to partner with the Chicago Botanic Garden Plants of Concern monitoring program; 4. Complete baseline floristic quality assessments for all major preserve holdings (Hoover; Fox River Bluffs; Little Rock Creek; Lyon-Richard Young; Millbrook North and South). 5. Form a working Committee to identify, assess, and map locations of high-quality natural areas, and 6. Work with other regional conservation partnerships to support natural area surveys and planning initiatives.	Establish an ongoing natural resources monitoring and management program.

HIGH-QUALITY NATURAL RESOURCES					
Vislon Statement	Strategic Priorities	Goals for Sustaining High-Quality Natural Areas	Strategies for Sustaining High-Quality Natural Areas	Affordable within Current Limits	Additional Resources Required
<p><i>Kendall County Forest Preserve District is committed to enhancing natural habitats, conserving Kendall County's natural history, and sustaining healthy populations of plants, animals, and other wildlife species native to Kendall County.</i></p>	<p>Increase natural area monitoring and management activities in all Class III and Class IV preserves to increase habitat buffers and corridors; promote oak regeneration and ecosystem recovery; increase invasive species clearing and prescribed burning, and implement preserve management recommendations.</p>	<p>Establish management plans for all Class III and IV areas. Identify priority areas for natural areas management based on preserve quality and identified management needs. Track prescriptive management activities using the Kendall County Geographical Information System (KC-GIS).</p>	<p>Complete/repeat floristic quality studies for all preserves, noting and mapping locations of conservative plant communities and resources.</p>	<p>Continue to pursue and complete grant-funded restoration projects (Project Hoover; The Morton Arb. - US Forest Service Landscape Scale Restoration Project; Fox River Bluffs conversion project). Secure small grants from local, state and federal agencies (USF&amp;WS - IDNR - ICECF - TCF - FFKC).</p>	<p>Convert the District's remaining 571-acres currently in agricultural production to natural cover based on soil profiles and best practices. Pursue carbon credits for revenue generation for reforestry projects.</p>
	<p>Increase identification and monitoring, and management of Plants of Concern populations in partnership with the Chicago Botanic Garden.</p>	<p>Clear invasive species and fallen tree material around all known PoC populations. Reintroduce prescribed fire into oak woodland areas to support oak ecosystem regeneration.</p>	<p>Reintroduce prescribed fire into oak woodland areas. Encourage oak regeneration by thinning canopy and understory invasive brush within oak-dominated areas. Plant/seed native trees, shrubs and woodland mixes to increase species diversity.</p>	<p>Complete floristic quality inventories for all Class III and Class IV preserve areas. Implement management activities based on limited staffing resources and funding.</p>	<p>Complete FQI studies for all preserve areas every 10-years. Expand prescribed burning to 10% of preserve holdings annually. Increase Invasive species clearing activities to 10% of preserve holdings annually.</p>
	<p>Increase identification, management, and monitoring for rare or declining species in greatest need for conservation. Support recovery plans for State and federally-listed species.</p>	<p>Determine locations of breeding populations of rare populations of species in greatest need for conservation as identified within the State of Illinois Wildlife Action Plan. Increase monitoring, management, and habitat enhancement activities to sustain locally rare and declining populations.</p>	<p>Evaluate species need, and develop management plans that favor conditions for supporting known populations of rare, threatened and endangered species.</p>	<p>1. Complete habitat enhancement projects at Hoover and Fox River Bluffs Forest Preserves to support Rusty-Patched Bumble Bee recovery, 2. Continue to support the District's Bow hunt Program to support management of healthy White-tailed Deer populations and control the spread of Chronic Wasting Disease.</p>	<p>Document trends of loss and recovery of wildlife populations in greatest need for conservation in Kendall County as identified and in accordance with the State of Illinois Wildlife Action Plan.</p>

PRESERVE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS					
Vision Statement	Strategic Priorities	Goals for Preserve Improvement Projects	Strategies for Preserve Improvement Projects	Affordable within Current Limits	Additional Resources Required
<i>Trails and Corridors - Expand the trail system in Kendall County for walking, biking and outdoor recreation.</i>	Connect trails for walking and biking. Continue efforts to complete the Fox River regional trail and Fox River Water Trail.	Construct a regional trail connection from Hoover Forest Preserve to Millbrook South Forest Preserve.	Connect Hoover and Subat to Fox River Bluffs. Continue to examine opportunities for completing a regional trail spur/loop from Yorkville to Millbrook along the Fox River corridor.	1. Complete the trail connection from Hoover Forest Preserve to Fox River Bluffs Forest Preserve; 2. Establish a maintained turf trail at Henneberry Forest Preserve; 3. Complete a trail connection from Little Rock Creek to Maramech Forest Preserve.	Complete regional trail connections based on future fee-simple, voluntary land or trail easement purchases.
<i>Amenities and Facilities - Expand outdoor recreation opportunities for fishing, hiking, picnicking and education.</i>	Construct a nature center for hosting at-leisure visitors, public and private functions at Subat Forest Preserve.	Complete a master plan and architectural drawings, specifications and cost estimates for all master plan elements.	Secure grant funds for facility construction and master plan improvements.	2. Leverage outside funding using the District's Endowment Fund to complete construction of a nature education center at Subat Forest Preserve.	Operating funds for weekend interpretive staffing.
<i>Soil and Water Conservation - Address soil erosion and water quality impacts to Kendall County rivers, streams, and wetland areas.</i>	Complete projects to protect highly-erodible soils; reduce ravine head-cut erosion by establishing buffers and drainage swales to slow storm water velocity. Repair and/or armor ravine head-cuts impacting District trails, overlooks, and bridge crossings.	Complete soil erosion control projects to repair ravine head-cut formations and address streambank erosion at Maramech, Little Rock Creek, Fox River Bluffs, Lyon-Young and Hoover Forest Preserves.	Establish drainage swale buffers and channel armoring, where practicable at various preserves. Complete stream channel armoring projects where erosion is impacting trails and overlook areas. Secure Army Corps of Engineers permits for addressing Fox River shoreline restoration projects.	1. Complete in-house soil erosion control projects at Little Rock Creek, Hoover, and Maramech Forest Preserves, 2. Identify opportunities for cooperating with Kendall County and local drainage districts to complete in-stream creek system debris clearing and enhancement projects.	Establish a wetland mitigation bank in Kendall County through cropland conversion projects at Baker Woods or Millington Forest Preserve.

CONNECTING PEOPLE TO NATURE AND OUTDOOR RECREATION					
Vision Statement	Strategic Priorities	Goals for Sustaining High-Quality Educational and Outdoor Recreational Services and Amenities	Strategies for Sustaining High-Quality Educational and Outdoor Recreational Services and Amenities	Affordable within Current Limits	Additional Resources Required
<p><i>Environmental Education - Connect Kendall County residents and families to nature by offering and expanding high-quality educational and recreational program services.</i></p>	<p>Retain and expand participation in educational and recreational offerings by extending and sustaining high-quality educational opportunities to all residents and families of Kendall County, and surrounding communities.</p>	<p>Maximize participation within District programs. Support inclusion of all residents, insure access and opportunities to benefit from educational and recreational offerings.</p>	<p>Evaluate current marketing strategies. Enhance marketing using cost-effective platforms.</p>	<p>Continue to use popular social media channels; local news outlets; preserve kiosks, and new and emerging online platforms to engage residents.</p>	<p>Funding for expanded advertising and marketing initiatives. Additional education staffing for implementing expanded marketing strategies.</p>
	<p>Create programs that overlap with natural resource projects to leverage volunteer contributions, reduce costs, and build awareness and ongoing support for the management of natural areas.</p>	<p>Create programs that incorporate the Rusty Patched Bumble Bee Recovery Plan efforts at Hoover; Oak-Ecosystem Recovery Group efforts and initiatives; Landscape Scale Restoration Project efforts; the Pickerill-Pigott Preserve Opening Natural Resource Management Plan; and Subat Forest Preserve - Illinois Natural Area Inventory site recovery plan (Schaeffer Road Fen).</p>	<p>Offer hands-on programs that incorporate natural resource stewardship projects and activities.</p>	<p>Affordable within the time constraints of District education full time and part time staff and instructors. Offer events in at Pickerill-Pigott Forest Preserve, create programs to increase habitat and awareness for the Rusty Patched Bumble Bee and other rare or State listed species at Hoover and Fox River Bluffs. Offer school programs that allow middle school and high school students to take part in a large scale stewardship project at different preserves.</p>	<p>Additional education and natural resource staffing as program needs and demand increases.</p>
	<p><i>Encourage lifelong connections to natural areas by diversifying educational and outdoor recreational opportunities.</i></p>	<p>Diversify early learning educational and outdoor recreational experiences.</p>	<p>Offer 5-day classes, expand age-range for participating children, increase parent involvement, use the Rookery early learning program building for hosting services during off-use times (blrthday parties, small programs).</p>	<p>Affordable within the time constraints of District education full time and part time staff and instructors.</p>	<p>Construct and early childhood education facility and employ additional instructional staff as program needs increase.</p>
		<p>Take creative approaches and diversify K-12 educational program offerings in response to COVID-19.</p>	<p>Expand family adventures, small group programming, after school enrichment programs, scout programs, birthday parties, camps .</p>	<p>Affordable within the time constraints of District education full time and part time staff and instructors.</p>	<p>Employ additional instructional staff as program needs increase.</p>
<p>Expand adult education offerings.</p>		<p>Expand teacher training, senior citizen programs, bow hunt program permitting, and adult volunteer opportunities.</p>	<p>Affordable within the time constraints of District education full time and part time staff and instructors.</p>	<p>Employ additional instructional staff as program needs increase.</p>	
<p>Enhance Ellis Equestrian Center capacity, programming and fee structures to encourage group lessons and programs.</p>		<p>Adjust fee structures to encourage group lesson enrollment; integrate stronger educational focus into Pony Club public programming. Continue to promote semi-private lessons. Expand horse adventure, birthdays and girl scout troop events. Create more specific camp programs to compliment the rider's abilities.</p>	<p>Affordable within the time constraints of District equestrian education part time instructors.</p>	<p>Employ additional equestrian center staff as program needs increase.</p>	
<p><i>Enhance program and public service opportunities that connect residents to forest preserve areas and the health benefits from active outdoor recreation.</i></p>	<p>Encourage healthy lifestyle choices by offering outdoor recreational programs.</p>	<p>Create programs that impart health benefits from both exercise and outdoor activities in natural areas through participation.</p>	<p>Offer an adult hiking club and outdoor yoga class series.</p>	<p>Affordable within the time constraints of District education full time and part time staff and instructors.</p>	<p>Additional education staffing as program needs increase.</p>

CAPITAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND EQUIPMENT PRIORITIES					
Vision Statement	Strategic Priorities	Goals for Maintaining Infrastructure and Equipment	Strategies for Maintaining Infrastructure and Equipment.	Affordable within Current Limits	Additional Resources Required
<p><i>Assess, maintain, repair, and replace the District's capital infrastructure and equipment to maximize useful life and utility with a replacement schedule that emphasizes general public access and District employee safety.</i></p>	<p>Prioritize completion of repairs and/or replacements for facilities, infrastructure and equipment identified within the 2020 Infrastructure Condition Survey and 2020 Equipment Inventory.</p>	<p>Prepare cost estimates and recommendations to Commission for repair, replacement, or removal of existing facilities and infrastructure on the landscape based on operational needs and public use.</p>	<p>Complete annual evaluations and assessments of District facilities, infrastructure, and equipment.</p>	<p>Replace District vehicles and equipment as needed based on useful life and/or increased maintenance cost trend (Replacement Schedule Attached).</p>	<p>Additional capital funding resources will be needed to replace District vehicles beyond the scope of this 5-Year Plan replacement schedule.</p>
		<p>Evaluate condition and building repair needs for District maintenance and public use buildings at Harris, Hoover, Baker Woods, and Pickerill-Pigott Forest Preserves.</p>		<p>Replace District equipment as needed based on useful life and/or increased maintenance cost trend (Replacement Schedule Attached).</p>	<p>Additional capital funding resources will be needed to replace District equipment beyond the scope of this 5-Year Plan replacement schedule.</p>
		<p>Evaluate condition and replacement costs for District vehicles and equipment essential for support District operations.</p>		<p>Remove or replace District capital infrastructure as needed based on useful life and/or increased maintenance cost trend (Replacement Schedule Attached).</p>	<p>Additional capital funding resources will be needed to address capital infrastructure replacements beyond the scope of this 5-Year Plan replacement schedule.</p>
<p>Secure intergovernmental and private support for completing preserve improvement projects.</p>	<p>Examine opportunities for intergovernmental cooperative use and exchange of intermittent-use equipment.</p>	<p>Contact local County agencies, township road districts, and park districts /departments to determine interest with establishing an equipment pool.</p>	<p>Examine opportunities for shared-use agreements between local government agencies.</p>	<p>Continue to work with the Kendall County Highway Department and Kendall County Township Highway Commissioners to support preserve access road maintenance.</p>	

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## PREFACE

The Kendall County Forest Preserve District ("District") was created by referendum in April of 1964, and is governed by the Downstate Forest Preserve District Act, 70 ILCS 805/0.001 *et seq.* (the "Act"). The boundaries of the District are co-extensive with the boundaries of Kendall County. Therefore, the District is governed by a Board of Commissioners ("Commissioners") who also serve as the current Kendall County Board Members. (70 ILCS 805/3a (West 2016.))

## I. KENDALL COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT COMMISSION MEETINGS

### A. REGULAR MEETINGS

Regular Meetings of the Kendall County Forest Preserve District Commission shall be held at the date and times specified by resolution, which shall be passed every year in December, by the Kendall County Forest Preserve District Commission. All regular meetings of the District shall be conducted in accordance with the Illinois Open Meetings Act, (5 ILCS 120/1, *et seq.*), the Downstate Forest Preserve District Act (70 ILCS 805/.01 *et seq.*), and any and all other applicable laws and regulations.

### B. CANCELED AND RESCHEDULED REGULAR MEETINGS

#### 1. Cancellation of Regular Meetings

When the President of the District ("President") determines that no business of the District requires the convening of a particular Regular Meeting of the Commission, or that a quorum will not be available for any such Regular Meeting, or that other good cause exists for not holding such Regular Meeting, the President may cancel such meeting, with or without rescheduling. The President shall promptly notify the Executive Director of the Forest Preserve District ("Director") of any such cancellation, and the Director shall promptly issue written notice of such cancellation to each Commissioner and to all news media that have filed requests for notice of District meetings pursuant to the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

#### 2. Rescheduling of Regular Meetings

When any Regular Meeting of the Commission has been canceled, the President may reschedule such Regular Meeting to such day and time as he or she shall deem appropriate by directing the Director or designee to give notice of such Rescheduled Regular Meeting pursuant to the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

### C. SPECIAL MEETINGS

Special Meetings of the Commission may be called pursuant to a "Special Call" by the President or by any six of the Commissioners of the Commission. Special Calls shall be in writing, shall be addressed to the Director or designee, and shall specify the time, place, and reason of the Special Meeting. Such a Special Call, from either the President or six Commissioners, shall be given in sufficient time to allow the Director to give at least 48 hours' notice of the Special Meeting, pursuant to the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

**D. EMERGENCY MEETINGS**

The President, upon notice in writing addressed to the Director or designee, declaring that a bona fide emergency exists and stating the nature of the emergency, may call an Emergency Meeting of the Commission and set the agenda. Promptly upon receipt of such notice, the Director or designee shall give notice of such Emergency Meeting, pursuant to the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

**E. MEETING LOCATIONS**

All meetings of the Commission shall normally be held in the County Board Room of the Kendall County Office Building, 111 W. Fox Street, Yorkville, Illinois. In the event that a meeting must be held elsewhere, the Director or designee shall give proper notice of the location pursuant to the Open Meetings Act.

**F. AGENDA**

1. The agenda and accompanying documentation for all Commission meetings shall be prepared by the Director or designee at the direction of the President.

2. Content of Agenda

The following shall be the general order of business set forth on the agenda for each Regular, Special, Emergency, and Rescheduled Regular Meetings of the Commission, subject to such changes thereof as may be directed by the President:

- a. Call to Order
- b. Pledge of Allegiance
- c. Invocation
- d. Roll Call of Commissioners
- e. Determination of Quorum
- f. Approval of Agenda
- g. Approval of Minutes
- h. Public Comment
- i. Consent Agenda
- j. Old Business
- k. New Business
- l. Executive Session
- m. Public Comment
- n. Adjournment

3. The Executive Director, or their designee, shall be responsible for reviewing the Commission meeting agendas prior to posting. A Consent Agenda will be used to expedite the handling of ministerial, routine, or non-controversial items. The District President, Executive Director, or a standing committee of the Board of Commissioners may place items on the Consent Agenda. The Consent Agenda may

include, but is not limited to the following items: approval of minutes, approval of bills, approval of reports, and approval of contracts. At the request of any Commissioner an item shall be removed from the Consent Agenda. The request to remove an item does not require a second or a vote of the Board of Commissioners. Any items removed from the Consent Agenda will be considered as the first item under New Business. Approval of the Consent Agenda shall be done by a roll call vote of the Board of Commissioners. (Amended 12/17/2019)

4. **Preparation and Contents of Commission Packet**

- a. The Commission packet shall be prepared by the Director or designee at the direction of the President and shall include all necessary supporting documentation as related to action items or discussion items on the agenda. This would include, but not be limited to:
  - i. All agreements proposed for approval, and all agreements included as action items for the agenda; and
  - ii. Resolutions and ordinances, such as those for land acquisition or otherwise, included as action items for the agenda; and
  - iii. Signature pages that are ready to be executed, summaries, staff reports, resolutions and ordinances, and such land acquisition resolutions and ordinances that have been included as action items on the agenda.

**G. RULES OF PROCEDURE**

1. **Adoption of Roberts Rules of Order**

In the absence of a governing provision of these Rules, the most current edition of *Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern.

2. **Meetings Held Electronically**

All meetings of the Kendall County Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners, including special committees and standing committees, are to be held in-person. The following rules shall remain dormant unless the Governor or the Director of the Illinois Department of Public Health has issued a disaster declaration related to public health concerns because of a disaster as defined in Section 4 of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, and all or part of the jurisdiction of the public body is covered by the disaster area, and the President of the Kendall County Forest Preserve District determines that an in-person meeting or a meeting conducted under this Act is not practical or prudent because of a disaster. If these conditions are met then the following rules shall apply for electronic meetings of the Kendall County Forest Preserve District, including special committee and standing committee meetings: (Amended 10/06/2020)

- a. **Remote Only Meeting.** If the Kendall County Office Building and Kendall County Historic Courthouse is closed to the public, all meetings will be remote only.
- b. **Hybrid Meeting.** If the Kendall County Office Building is open to the public, and the President of the District decides that a complete in-person meeting is not prudent, then all meetings will be hybrid (in-person and remote attendance are both allowed).
- c. **Executive Session.** The Commissioner shall be in a private area away from other individuals before joining an executive session.
- d. **Limitations on Commissioners.** Commissioners are encouraged to be in a quiet room to limit interruption to the meeting.
- e. **Login Time.** The Secretary of the Board of Commissioners or the Committee Chair shall schedule Internet meeting and login 15-minutes prior to the scheduled start of the meeting.
- f. **Quorum Calls.** The presence of a quorum shall be established by audible roll call at the beginning of the meeting. Thereafter, the continued presence of a quorum shall be determined by the online list of participating Commissioners, unless any Commissioner demands a quorum count by audible roll call. Such a demand shall be made following any vote for which the announced totals add to less than a quorum. If in a hybrid meeting the combination of in person attendance and the online list shall determine quorum.
- g. **Technical Requirements and Malfunctions.** Each Commissioner is responsible for his or her audio and Internet connections; no action shall be invalidated on the grounds that the loss of, or poor quality of a Commissioner's individual connection prevented participation in the meeting.
- h. **Disruption of the Meeting.** The President or Chair may cause or direct the muting of a Commissioner's connection if it is causing undue interference with the meeting. The President's or Chair's decision to do so, which is subject to an undebatable appeal that can be made by any Commissioner, shall be announced during the meeting and recorded in the minutes. The President or Chair may cause or direct the disconnection or muting of any non-Commissioner participant that is causing a disruption of the meeting.
- i. **Assignment of the Floor.** To seek recognition by the President or Chair, a member shall utilize the raise hand feature. If a meeting is hybrid then the President or Chair shall recognize the speakers based on those raising

their hand in meeting room and the electronic room.

- j. **Interrupting a Commissioner.** A Commissioner who intends to make a motion or request that under the Rules may interrupt a speaker shall use raise hand feature for so indicating, and shall thereafter wait a reasonable time for the President's or Chair's instructions before attempting to interrupt the speaker by voice.
- k. **Location of Presiding Officer.** If a hybrid meeting, then the presiding officer of the meeting must be present in the meeting room.

3. Rules for Commission Meetings

a. Quorum

A quorum (as defined in the Illinois Open Meetings Act) shall be necessary for the transaction of business at any Commission meeting. A majority consisting of at least six (6) Commissioners shall constitute a quorum.

b. General Voting Requirement

All Ordinances and all other proposals shall require the concurrence of a majority of those present for passage, except for those items requiring greater than a simple majority as required by law. Unless a different vote is required by applicable law, any other motion may be approved by a voice vote of the Commission, although any Commissioner may ask for and require a roll call vote on any such other motion, in which case the motion is approved if it receives affirmative votes of a majority of the Commissioners present.

Votes Requiring Other Than a Simple Majority

For purposes of these Rules, any Ordinance or Resolution authorizing the acquisition of land or any interest in land, shall be deemed to authorize the expenditure of District funds, and necessitate a majority vote of all elected Commissioners pursuant to 70 ILCS 805/12.

The following matters require a vote by an amount of Commissioners above a simple majority of those present at a particular meeting:

i. Two-thirds vote of the members of the Commission

- a. The making of appropriations in excess of those authorized by the appropriation ordinance in order to meet an immediate emergency.
- b. The sale of any one or more parcels of land owned by the District that are less than one acre in size whenever the Commission determines the sale to be advantageous to the District.
- c. The sale of outlots when the forest preserve district acquires a parcel of land in excess of 600 acres that includes one or more vacant, subdivided residential

outlots on the boundary of the 600 acres, regardless of whether the outlots are contiguous to one another, when the Commission determines that the sale is advantageous to the District.

- d. Overturning a veto by the President.
  - ii. *Three-fourths of the members of the Commission*
    - a. Vacating any street, roadway or driveway, or part thereof, located within a forest preserve by an ordinance pursuant to the public's interest.
  - iii. *Three-fifths vote of the members of the Commission*
    - a. Authorize the conveyance or sale of personal property of the District.
  - iv. *Unanimous Vote of the Members of the Commission*
    - a. The trade any one or more parcels of land owned by the District for one or more parcels of land owned by one or more individuals or any public or private entity whenever the Commission determines the trade to be advantageous to the District.
  - v. *Majority of those elected*
    - a. The passage of ordinances and all proposals to create any liability, or for the expenditure or appropriation of money.
- c. *Early Departure of Commissioner*  
A Commissioner wishing to excuse himself or herself from any portion of a meeting, while the meeting is in session, shall inform the President or designee, and it shall be noted in the meeting minutes.
- d. *Minutes*  
The Director or designee shall be the official keeper of records of all Forest Preserve Commission Meetings. The Director or designee shall be responsible for the audio recording of minutes, the taking of notes, and preparing minutes for Commission review. In addition, the Director shall be the official custodian of all records and minutes of the Commission. The minutes shall be approved by a majority vote of the Commissioners present within thirty (30) calendar days after the meeting or, at the Commission's second subsequent regular meeting, whichever is later. The approved minutes shall be available for public inspection within ten (10) calendar days after the Commission approves the minutes. Also, all approved minutes shall be posted on the District's website within ten (10) calendar days after the approval of the minutes by the Commission, and such minutes shall remain posted on the District's website for at least sixty (60) calendar days after their initial posting.

e. Suspension of Rules

These Rules may be suspended in any particular case by a vote of two-thirds of the Commissioners present. These Rules shall not be suspended for the purposes of considering the approval or amendment of the fiscal year budget, or to consider compensation increases for employees of the District.

**H. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

1. Public Comments

At all Regular, Special, and Emergency Commission meetings, as well as all Committee meetings, members of the public of the District shall be afforded time to comment. Such public comment shall be limited to a five-minute comment per individual, and no more than sixty minutes for any public comment period. Recognition of individuals shall be made by the President. Members of the public making public comments shall refrain from statements, remarks, or conduct that are uncivil, rude, vulgar, profane, or otherwise disruptive to the Commission meeting. If any person makes such prohibited statements or remarks or engages in such prohibited conduct, the President may terminate that person's public comment and direct the person to leave the meeting.

2. Recording by the Media and Public

Recording of the proceedings of the Commission may be done by the news media representatives or the public in such a manner that does not disrupt the meeting.

**II. KENDALL COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS**

**A. OFFICERS**

The officers of the District shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and an Executive Director.

1. President

- a. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Commission, be the executive officer of the District, and be a member of the Commission.
- b. The President shall sign all ordinances, resolutions, and other papers necessary to be signed, and shall execute all contracts entered into by the District and perform other duties as may be prescribed by ordinance.
- c. The President may veto any ordinance, orders, resolutions and actions, or any items therein contained, of the Commission that provide for the purchase of real estate, or for the construction of improvements within the preserves of the

District. Such veto shall be filed with the Secretary of the District within 5 days after the passage of the ordinance, order, resolution or action, and when so vetoed the ordinance, order, resolution or action, or any item therein contained is not effective unless it is again passed by two-thirds vote of all the members of the Commission pursuant to 70 ILCS 805/12.

- d. The President may vote in the same manner as the other members of the Commission.
- e. In the event of the death of the President, the Vice-President shall, within fifteen calendar days of said death, call a Special or Emergency meeting of the Commission, at which the Commissioners shall elect from among their number, by an affirmative majority vote of those present, a successor President.
- f. In the event of the incapacity of the President, the Vice-President shall, within fifteen calendar days of said death, call a Special or Emergency meeting of the Commission at which time it shall be determined by a three-fourths majority of the Commissioners present if the office of President shall be declared vacant. In such event, the Commissioners shall elect, from among their number, by an affirmative majority vote of those present, a successor President.

## 2. Vice-President

- a. If the President will be absent from a meeting, or any portion thereof, the Vice-President shall act as President pro-temp.
- b. The Vice-President shall fulfill the duties of the President during any period when the President is unable to serve because of personal reasons, injury, Incapacity, or emergency, until the President is again able to serve or until the President's successor is elected.
- c. In the event of the death of the Vice-President, the President shall, within fifteen calendar days, call a Special or Emergency meeting of the Commission at which the Commissioners shall elect from among their number, by an affirmative majority vote of those present, a successor Vice-President.
- d. In the event of the incapacity of the Vice-President, the President shall, within fifteen calendar days of said death, call a Special or Emergency meeting of the Commission at which time it shall be determined by a three-fourths majority of the Commissioners present if the office of Vice-President shall be declared vacant. In such event, the Commissioners shall elect, from among their number, by an affirmative majority vote of those present, a successor Vice-President.
- e. The Vice-President shall perform any other duties as assigned by the President of the District.



3. Secretary

- a. If the President or Vice-President will be absent from a meeting, or any portion thereof, the Secretary if a commissioner shall act as President pro-temp.
- b. The Secretary shall sign as witness or attest to all documents as required by law, and customary practice.
- c. The Secretary shall be the keeper of the Official Seal of the District.
- d. The Secretary shall perform any other duties as assigned by the President of the District.
- e. In the event of the death of the Secretary, the President shall, within fifteen calendar days of said death, call a Special or Emergency meeting of the Commission, to confirm a new secretary.

4. Treasurer

- a. Shall follow all rules and regulations according to State Statute.
- b. Shall be the duly elected Kendall County Treasurer upon his or her acceptance.
- c. Shall perform any other duties as assigned by the President of the District.

5. Executive Director

- a. Shall perform any duties as approved by the Commission.
- b. Shall have authority to sign and execute contracts approved by the Commission.
- c. Shall have authority to issue special use permits, to enter into District facility license agreements, and, with the consent of the President of the District as to the specific delegation, to delegate that authority to specific senior level administrative staff.
- d. Shall have authority to designate an Acting Executive Director to conduct the business of the District during a leave of absence by the Executive Director.
- e. Shall perform any other duties as assigned by the President of the District.

6. Absence of Officers

In the event of the absence of the President, Vice-President, and Secretary from any meeting of the Commission, or any portion thereof, the Commission shall select a President pro-tem.

**B. ELECTION OF PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT**

The President and Vice-President of the District shall each be elected for a two-year period from among the Commissioners by an affirmative majority vote of the Commissioners present during the Commission's initial organizational meeting following the election of new Commissioners every two years. The President and Vice-President shall each serve thereafter until his or her successor is elected or until his or her term as a Commissioner has expired.

**C. APPOINTMENT OF OTHER OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS**

1. *Secretary and Treasurer*

The President, as soon as possible after assuming office, shall appoint a Secretary and Treasurer, with the advice and consent of the Commission by a majority affirmative vote of those present, all of whom shall serve at the pleasure of the President and, if serving at the time of the expiration of the President's term, after such expiration until their successors are appointed. (70 ILCS 805/8(b))

2. *Executive Director of the District*

The Commission has the authority to hire the Executive Director of the District by an affirmative majority vote of the Commissioners present.

**III. KENDALL COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT COMMISSION COMMITTEES**

**A. STANDING COMMITTEES**

There shall be three Standing Committees of the Commission. All Standing Committees serve in an advisory capacity and shall not have any authority to take final action on behalf of the Commission unless otherwise authorized to do so by a majority vote of the Commission members present. All Standing Committee meetings shall be subject to the Illinois Open Meeting Act. These Standing Committees shall have the following duties as well as any other duties directed by the Commission:

1. *Finance Committee*

The Finance Committee shall review and make recommendations to the Commission concerning all financial affairs of the District, including but not limited to, bond issues, applications for grants, the preparation of budgets, appropriations and tax levies, wage and job classification policies, compensation and benefit program, insurance, safety, user fees, review of claims, and concession, leases, licenses, or similar arrangements. The Committee also shall review fundraising strategies for the District. The Committee shall not commit District funds or incur liabilities.

2. *Operations Committee*

The Operations Committee shall review and make recommendations to the Commission concerning operational affairs and policies of the District, including but not limited to all general use regulations, maintenance, programming and promotion of all District properties; the use of District facilities, programs and services; the conservation of District lands, waters, flora and fauna.

3. *Committee of the Whole*

The Committee of the Whole shall be up made of all serving Commissioners. The jurisdiction of the Committee of the Whole is the overall Standing Committee coordination, discussion of overall Forest Preserve District Policies and Objectives, and other items as decided by the President of District or the Commission.

**B. SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

A special committee is a committee established for a special purpose or special matter and it is of a limited duration. The following forms of special committees may be established in writing by the President with the approval of the majority of Commissioners present. These special committees shall not have any authority to take final action on behalf of the Commission unless otherwise authorized to do so by a majority of the Commission members present. All special committee meetings are subject to the Illinois Open Meeting Act, shall follow Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised and these Rules of Order.

1. *Ad Hoc Committees*

Ad Hoc Committees may be formed to study any matter of interest to the District and to perform any other functions as deemed necessary by the Commission. An Ad Hoc Committee shall consist of Commissioners and shall report to the Commission. An Ad Hoc Committee shall cease on the earlier of (a) when the President determines that they have completed their duties, including, if required by the President, the rendition of a final report, or (b) at the end of the President's term. Any determination of dissolution shall be submitted by the President to the Commission for its approval or disapproval by majority vote of the Commission members present.

2. *Advisory Committees*

Advisory Committees may be formed to hold hearings on specific matters and to perform other functions as deemed necessary. Advisory Committees shall consist of Commissioners and/or members of the public and shall report to the Commission. No ordinances or resolutions shall be referred, discussed, or voted on by an Advisory Committee. An Advisory Committee shall cease the earlier of (a) when the President determines that the Advisory Committee has completed its duties, including, if required by the President, the rendition of a final report, or (b) at the end of the President's term. Any determination of dissolution shall be submitted by the President to the Commission for its approval or disapproval by a majority vote of the Commissioners present.

**C. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**1. Appointment of all Members**

All Members of Standing and Special Committees shall be appointed by the President, with the advice and consent of a majority of the Commission members present. All Standing Committees and Ad Hoc Committees shall have five (5) members, with the exception of the Committee of the Whole, which shall be comprised of all serving Commissioners. The number of members of all Advisory Committees shall be set by the President with the approval of a majority vote of the Commissioners present. Reappointments of members to all Standing Committees shall take place at the beginning of each new term in the same manner as stated above.

**2. Appointment of Chairman and Vice-Chairman**

The President of the District, with the advice and consent of a majority of Commissioners present, shall appoint a Chair for each Standing and Special Committee. The Chair of each Committee shall appoint a Vice-Chairman from the membership of the Committee with the advice and consent of the Committee members present. In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman shall conduct the Committee meeting.

**3. Removal of Committee Members**

Any Standing or Special Committee Member may make a request to the President in writing at any time to remove himself or herself from one or more assignments to a Standing or Special Committee. The President shall then promptly review the request and make a determination in writing as to whether the request is approved or denied. The President may make changes in appointments to Standing or Special Committees when appropriate.

**4. Term of Committee Members**

Members of Standing Committees will serve until the end of the current term, unless removed pursuant to III (C) (3) above.

**5. Vacancies of Committee Members**

- a. A vacancy in a Standing or Special Committee is effective when any one or more of the following occur:
  1. The President approves a Committee member's written request for removal from the Committee.
  2. The death of a Committee member.
  3. The involuntary removal of a Committee member.

- b. When a vacancy occurs in a Standing or Special Committee, the President may fill the vacancy by appointment, with the advice and consent of a majority of the Commission members present.

**D. QUORUM**

A quorum (as defined in the Illinois Open Meetings Act) shall be necessary for the transaction of business at any Standing or Special Committee meeting.

**E. MINUTES**

Every Standing and Special Committee shall keep minutes of each of its meetings. All minutes shall be prepared by the Executive Director or designee who shall also serve as the custodian of the minutes. Copies of all minutes shall be forwarded to the Commission for approval by a majority vote of the Commission members present within thirty (30) calendar days after the Committee meeting or at the Commission's second subsequent regular meeting, whichever is later. The approved minutes shall be available for public inspections within ten (10) calendar days after the Commission approves the minutes. All minutes shall be posted on the District's website within ten (10) days after the approval of the minutes by the Commission and such minutes shall remain posted on the District's website for at least sixty (60) calendar days after their initial posting. (5 ILCS 120/2.06)

**F. PROCEDURES OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

1. Any individual or any spokesperson for a group shall be permitted to address a Standing or Special Committee. Recognition of such individuals shall be made by the Chair.
2. Agendas for Standing or Special Committee meetings shall be prepared by the Director or designee, and reviewed by the Committee Chair and the President. Agendas shall be posted at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the Standing or Special Committee meeting, pursuant to the Open Meetings Act.
3. The following shall be the general order of business set forth on the agenda for Standing or Special Committees, subject to such changes thereof as may be directed by the Committee Chairperson or by the President:
  - a. Call to Order
  - b. Roll Call of Committee Members
  - c. Determination of Quorum
  - d. Approval of Agenda
  - e. Approval of Minutes
  - f. Public Comment
  - g. Old Business
  - h. New Business
  - i. Executive Session
  - j. Public Comment

k. Adjournment

4. If a Standing or Special Committee Member arrives late or leaves early, it shall be so noted in the meeting minutes along with the time.
5. Any Standing or Special Committee member wishing to absent himself or herself from any portion of a meeting while the meeting is in session shall so inform the Committee Chair.
6. Direction of work efforts of the District's Director and staff members shall be determined by the President, Vice-President, the Commission, and Standing and Special Committees of the District.

**IV. FINANCE**

**A. FISCAL YEAR**

The Fiscal Year for the Kendall County Forest Preserve District shall be December 1 through November 30 of the subsequent year.

**B. ANNUAL AUDIT**

There shall be an annual independent audit of all funds and accounts of the District by Certified Public Accountants certified to practice public accounting in the State of Illinois. The auditor shall be selected by the Commission by majority vote of those present.

**C. REMUNERATION OF COMMISSIONERS**

**1. Per Diem**

- a. The President and Commissioners are authorized to receive a per diem of \$36.00 for attendance at all regular Commission meetings, Special or Emergency meetings, and Standing and Special Committee meetings. In addition, the President and Commissioners are authorized to receive the per diem when serving as an "interim Standing or Special Committee member" to fill a vacancy to form a quorum for the meeting. In order to receive the per diem, the Commissioner must be appointed to serve as an interim Committee member by the Chairperson of the applicable Committee, and said appointment must be identified in the Committee's approved minutes. The Commissioner's interim Committee member appointment shall expire upon the conclusion of the Committee meeting.
- b. The President or his or her designee is also authorized to receive a per diem fee in the amount of \$36.00 per day for attendance at a real estate closing in the

President's official capacity on the District's behalf, for attendance at a Kendall County Forest Preserve District staff meeting called for the purpose of personnel matters, or when acting as a liaison in the President's official capacity on behalf of the District.

- c. No Commissioner shall file for and/or receive a per diem payment for services rendered on the same day for which the Commissioner filed for and/or received a per diem payment as a Kendall County Board Member. Per diems are allowed only on days where a per diem is not otherwise paid to a Commissioner to conduct the business of the County.

## **2. Attendance**

Attendance is recorded at each regular Commission meeting and Standing or Special Committee meetings by use of a sign-in sheet, which is attached as "Exhibit 1A," signed by the President (for Commission meetings) or applicable Committee Chair (for Standing and Special Committee meetings) and submitted to the Kendall County Treasurer's Office at the close of the meeting.

## **3. Remuneration Vouchers**

The following rules apply regarding voucher submissions:

- a. Attendance is noted on the "Kendall County Board & Forest Preserve District Salary Voucher" form, which is attached as "Exhibit 1B." The Commissioners are required to submit their completed voucher forms monthly to the Kendall County Treasurer's Office at the end of each month for which payment is requested.
- b. Only the Commissioner should prepare and sign the voucher form. No payment shall be distributed until the voucher form is accurately and timely completed and signed by the Commissioner in accordance with these Rules of Order.
- c. There is no prepayment or deferment of payment for meetings attended.

## **4. Mileage**

The President and Commissioners are authorized to receive the mileage reimbursement at the IRS rate for out-of-county District related meetings for which they are eligible to receive a per diem. Mileage shall be claimed from the point of departure to the destination, except if the Commission member's home address is closer to the destination.

Mileage reimbursement is reported on the "Mileage Reimbursement Form," which is attached as Exhibit 1C. The Commissioners are required to submit their completed mileage reimbursement forms monthly to the Kendall County Treasurer's Office at the end of each month for which payment is requested.

## **V. AMENDMENT, CONFLICTS, TRANSITIONS, AND REPEALS**

### **A. AMENDMENTS**

1. Any Commissioner may propose an amendment to these Rules in writing to the President of the District or designee. The proposed amendment shall be referred to the Committee of the Whole for its consideration prior to being submitted to the Commission.
2. Amendments of these Rules may be adopted only by an ordinance approved by the concurrence of a two-thirds majority of all of the Commissioners.

### **B. CONFLICTS**

In the event of any conflict of these Rules with the Downstate Forest Preserve District Act, or any other statute, the applicable statutory provision shall prevail. In the event of any conflict or inconsistency between these Rules and any previously adopted rule, regulation, Resolution or Ordinance of the District, these Rules shall govern.

### **C. SEVERABILITY AND INVALIDITY**

These Rules are severable. That is, if any one of these Rules (or any part thereof) is found to be contrary to law, such finding shall not affect any other Rule (or any part thereof).

### **D. TRANSITION**

1. The membership of current Standing Committees of the District shall be maintained, with the membership of the Programing and Events Committee becoming the membership of the Operations Committee.
2. The Chairs of the current Standing Committees shall become of the Chairs of the new Standing Committees.
3. All actions, ordinances, and resolutions of the Commission passed before the adoption of these rules shall be deemed to have been adopted in compliance thereof, and remain in effect.
4. All current Officers of the Commission shall remain in place.



KENDALL COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT  
ORDINANCE #22-09-001 "EXHIBIT A"


**E. REPEAL**

All Kendall County Forest Preserve District Rules of Order previously adopted are hereby repealed.

**F. EFFECTIVE DATE**

Passed and approved by the President and Board of Commissioners of the District and in full force and effect upon date signed below.

Effective Date: June 20, 2017 Resolution #17-06-003  
Amended: December 17, 2019 Ordinance #12-19-001  
Amended: October 6, 2020 Ordinance #10-20-001  
Amended: September 20, 2022 Ordinance #22-09-001

  
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Judy Gilmour, President of the District

  
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Elizabeth Flowers, Secretary of the District

**Ordinance #22-09-002**  
**AMENDING ORDINANCE #02-01**

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**GENERAL USE REGULATION ORDINANCE**  
**Kendall County Forest Preserve District**

**WHEREAS**, the Kendall County Forest Preserve District (hereinafter the "District") is a body politic and corporate and municipal corporation organized and existing under the Downstate Forest Preserve District Act, 70 ILCS 805/0.001 et seq., as amended (hereinafter the "Act"); and

**WHEREAS**, it is reasonable, necessary and desirable for the Kendall County Forest Preserve District, hereinafter called "District," to promulgate a General Use Regulation Ordinance governing the use of the Forest Preserves of the District; and,

**WHEREAS**, 70 ILCS 805/7 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes provides as follows:

*"The board of any forest preserve district organized hereunder may by ordinance regulate and control the speed of travel on all paths, driveways and roadways within forest preserves, and prohibit the use of such paths, driveways and roadways for racing or speeding purposes, and may exclude therefrom traffic, teams and vehicles, and may by ordinance prescribe such fines and penalties for the for the violation of their ordinances as cities and villages are allowed to prescribe for the violation of their ordinances.";* and,

**WHEREAS**, 70 ILCS 805/7a of the Illinois Compiled Statutes provides, in relevant parts, as follows:

*"The board of any forest preserve district organized hereunder may by ordinance regulate, control and license all modes of travel within the forest preserve district.";* and,

**WHEREAS**, 70 ILCS 805/7b of the Illinois Compiled Statutes provides, in relevant parts, as follows:

*"The board of any forest preserve district organized under this Act may by ordinance issue licenses for any activity reasonably connected with the purpose for which the Forest Preserve District has been created.";* and,

**WHEREAS**, 70 ILCS 805/8 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes provides, in relevant parts, as follows:

*"The board shall be the corporate authority of such Forest Preserve District and shall have power to pass and enforce all necessary ordinances, rules and regulations for the management of the property and conduct of the business of such district.";* and,

**WHEREAS**, it is reasonable, necessary and desirable for the District to establish rules and regulations in order to provide for the safe and peaceful use of the Forest Preserves; for the education and recreation of the Public; for the protection and preservation of the property, facilities, flora and fauna of the Forest Preserves; and for the safety and general welfare of the public; and,

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the statutory authority set forth above, on or about June 21, 2022, the District's Board of Commissioners approved Resolution #22-06-001 amending Ordinance #02-01 "General Use Regulation Ordinance"; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the District has the authority and the power to establish and amend its General Use Ordinance; and

**WHEREAS**, the District's Board of Commissioners finds it necessary and in the public interest to amend the District's Ordinance #02-01 captioned "General Use Regulation Ordinance" by adopting this amended Kendall County Forest Preserve District General Use Regulation Ordinance (hereinafter "General Use Ordinance" or "Ordinance") in lieu thereof, which shall become effective immediately; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Board of Commissioners of the District as follows:

## **CHAPTER ONE – CONSTRUCTION OF WORDS AND DEFINITIONS**

### **Section I – Construction of Words:**

Words importing the singular number may extend and be applied to several persons or things, words importing the plural number may include the singular, and words importing gender may be applied to both male and female.

### **Section II – Definitions:**

The terms set forth below shall have the following meanings unless the context of a specific section clearly indicates otherwise.

- a. "Agent" means any director, officer, servant, employee, or other person who is authorized to act in behalf of the District.
- b. "Amusement Contraptions" means any mechanical device, gadget, machine or structure designed to test the skill or strength of the user or provide the user with any sort of ride, lift, swing or fall experience including, but not limited to, ball-throwing contest devices, pinball-type devices, animal ride devices, ball and hammer devices and trampoline devices.
- c. "Area" or "Areas" means a specified place within a Forest Preserve.
- d. "Board" means the Board of Forest Preserve Commissioners.
- e. "Director" means the Director of the District or such persons charged with or delegated such authority by the Director.
- f. "District" means the Kendall County Forest Preserve District.
- g. "Employee" means any full or part-time, regular or temporary worker in the employ of the District under the supervision of the Director.

- h. "Exclusion of Others" refers to prohibiting use or behavior by others, which disrupts or prevents the authorized and lawful use of a designated area or structure in a Preserve by a person or persons holding a valid Permit for such area or structure and activity.
- i. "Legal Adult" means one who has reached the age of majority as defined by the laws of the State of Illinois.
- j. "Permit" means the written permission that must be obtained from the District to carry out a given activity.
- k. "Person" or "Persons" means individuals, firms, corporations, societies or any other entity, group or gathering whatsoever.
- l. "Posted" means that a notice is posted, either by a sign in a Forest Preserve at the entrance to a Forest Preserve or at the District offices, the location being at the discretion of the Director.
- m. "Preserve" or "Forest Preserve" means land and waters, or property owned, leased, or licensed by the District and property over which the District has easement rights.
- n. "President" means the President of the Board of Forest Preserve Commissioners.
- o. "Property" means any lands, waters, facilities or possessions of the District.
- p. "Sound and Energy Amplification" means music, speech or any sound or noise transmitted by artificial means, including, but not limited to, amplifiers, loudspeakers, radios or any similar devices, or lights, rays, lenses, mirrors or laser beams.
- q. "Unmanned aircraft" or "UA" means a device used or intended to be used for flight in the air that is operated without the possibility of direct human intervention within or on the device.
- r. "Unmanned aircraft system" or "UAS" means an unmanned aircraft and its associated elements, including communication links and the components that control the unmanned aircraft, that are required for the safe and efficient operation of the unmanned aircraft in the national airspace system.
- s. "Vehicle" means every device in, upon or by which any person or property may be transported or drawn upon a highway, in addition to any device or conveyance on the land using wheels of belt-type track or tracks, skids or skis and propelled by an engine or motor and includes such land conveyances that are able to float and operate on water, except devices moved by human power.
- t. "Watercraft" means any device of conveyance on the water whether propelled by motor, engine, wind, or human power.

- u. "Waters" or "Waterways" means lake, pond, slough, stream, lagoon, marsh, or river within the jurisdiction of the District.
- v. "Written Permission" means written permission granted by the Board, President or Director or written permission granted by an authorized agent or employee of the District acting within the scope of their agency and employment.

## **CHAPTER TWO – PUBLIC USE**

### **Section I – Public Use and Purpose of the District:**

Forest Preserves are for use by the general public. One of the functions of the District is to acquire, protect, restore, restock and develop a well-balanced system of areas with scenic, ecological, recreational and historic values for the inspiration, education, use and enjoyment by the public. This Ordinance is intended to help carry out this function.

### **Section II – Hours of Use:**

- a. Forest Preserves shall be open to the public from 8:00 a.m. to sunset, local time, seven days a week, unless different hours are Posted by the President.
- b. No person shall remain in the Forest Preserves when the Forest Preserves are not open to the public, without Written Permission of the Director.
- c. Preserves or Areas within Preserves may be closed to the general public by the District for reasons including, but not limited to, public safety and protection of natural resources.

### **Section III – Permits:**

- a. No person shall conduct, operate, present, manage or take part in the following activities in a Forest Preserve unless a Permit is obtained prior to the start of the activity:
  - 1. Any contest, show, exhibit, dramatic performance, play, act, motion picture, bazaar, musical event, ceremony, parade, including, but not limited to, drills or maneuvers, rallies, or picketing.
  - 2. Any use of any Forest Preserve Area or facility by a certain person or group of persons to the exclusion of other;
  - 3. Camp on any lands of the District or inhabit any structure or facility overnight.
  - 4. To operate a registered UA and/or UAS on designated areas of District property.
- b. Persons desiring to engage in any of the above activities may apply to the District for a Permit or license under the following categories and subject to the policies and fees set by the Board:

1. Picnic – No Permit is required to have a picnic; however, if a Person desires to reserve a designated area or areas to the Exclusion of Others then a Permit is required.
2. Camping – A Permit is required. The Permit reserves a designated area or areas to the Exclusion of Others and allows the permittee to remain in the Preserve overnight. For organized, sponsored youth group campsites, the Permit may be valid for from one to seven consecutive nights. The Permit may provide permission to for other Permit controlled activities.
3. Special Event – A Special Event Permit may be required for activities listed in Chapter Two, Section IIIa, paragraph 1 above. The Permit may provide for use of an Area or Areas to the Exclusion of Others and for other Permit controlled activities pursuant to this Ordinance.
4. UA and UAS identification cards/Permits – In order to provide for the safe and peaceful use of the Forest Preserves an operator may not operate a UA and/or UAS on District property without a District issued identification Permit. The operator must maintain the identification Permit on their person at all times while operating the registered UA and/or UAS on District property. Each District UA and UAS identification Permit shall contain, at a minimum, the following information:

- a. The name, address and telephone number of the UA and UAS owner.

- b. The make, model, and serial number of the UA and/or UAS. (Where the owner is unable to provide a serial number of the UA and/or UAS, the Director shall specify the alternative identifying information that the owner shall provide to satisfy the requirements of this section).

c. **Permits in General:**

1. Permits are non-transferable and are subject to fees set by the Board. Permits must be applied for at least 72 hours in advance of the event, except those that require a certificate of insurance, which must be applied for at least 14 days in advance of the event. Permits shall only be issued to a Legal Adult and that Legal Adult must be present during the permitted activity. Minor changes in the Permit may be made upon the Written Permission of the Director for no additional fee providing that the specific Forest Preserve is not changed, the date or dates involved are not changed, the number or size of the designated areas is not increased, and the request for change is made at least 72 hours prior to the event.

2. The Board may require proof of and establishing the amount of liability insurance required, and/or requiring a Hold Harmless Agreement, or requiring an endorsement naming the District as an additional insured when the activity is deemed to require such.
3. An unmanned aircraft and/or unmanned aircraft system identification Permit shall be valid only in the calendar year of the date of issuance, or the date of expiration of the insurance certificate held on file, whichever is sooner.

## **CHAPTER THREE – Protection of Property, Structures, and Natural Resources**

### **Section I – Destruction or Misuse of Property and Structures:**

No person shall upon or in connection with any Property of the District commit or attempt to commit any of the following acts:

- a. Destroy, deface, paint, alter, change or remove any monument, stone, marker, benchmark, stake, post or blaze marking or designating any boundary line, survey line or reference point;
- b. Cut, break, mark upon or otherwise damage, destroy or remove any post, building, shelter, picnic table, bridge, pier, drain, well, fountain, pump, telephone, lamp post, fence, gate, refuse container, exhibit, display, tool storage box, utility outlet, movie screen, flag post or any other structure, facility, equipment, apparatus or parts thereof;
- c. Climb, stand, sit or walk on any structure, building, shelter, shelter, fence, gate, post, flagpole, picnic table, wall, refuse container or parts thereof, or any equipment, object or apparatus which is not designed or intended for such use;
- d. Deface, destroy, cover, damage or remove any placard, notice or sign, or parts thereof, whether permanent or temporary, Posted or exhibited by the District to announce the rules, regulations and warnings or any other information to the public necessary or desirable to the proper use of the Forest Preserve;
- e. Take, appropriate, excavate, injure, destroy or remove any historical or prehistorical ruin or parts thereof, or any object of antiquity, without prior Written Permission of the Board;
- f. Throw, carry, cast, drag, push or deposit any container or receptacle, picnic table, barricade or any other Property into any Waterway or upon the frozen Waters thereof or otherwise move, stack or hide such Property in such a way as to render it unavailable to the general public for its intended use;
- g. Occupy or inhabit any house, barn, shelter, shed or other structure, or use for storage, or cause to be used for the storage of any goods, any house, barn, shelter, shed or other structure without the prior Written Approval of the Director;

- h. Enter into or upon any Preserve or Waters or Areas thereof or structures closed or Posted against trespass without the prior Written Permission of the Director. These structures or Areas may be, but are not limited to, construction areas, equipment or material storage structures or areas, work shops or stations, tree nurseries, wildlife nesting areas, or Areas undergoing reforestation or restoration of soil or vegetation or areas deemed hazardous to public safety or health;
- i. Enter into or upon and Preserve or Areas thereof for the purpose of collecting, gathering, acquiring or scavenging lost, misplaced or abandoned personal property or any other items of personal property without the prior Written Permission of the Director and then only in accordance with the terms and conditions thereof;
- j. Tamper with in any way, enter or climb upon, damage or remove anything from any District Vehicle, Watercraft, cart, trailer, machine or equipment; or
- k. Misuse any refuse container or receptacle by depositing into it any hot or burning substances, unless such container has been clearly identified for such use.

## **Section II – Destruction or Misuse of Natural Resources:**

No person shall upon or in connection with any Property of the District commit or attempt to commit any of the following acts:

- a. Cut, remove, uproot, damage or destroy by any means, any sod, earth, tree, sapling, seedling, bush, shrub, flower or plant, whether dead or alive, or chip, blaze, box, girdle, trim or otherwise deface or injure any tree, shrub or bush or break or remove any branch or foliage thereof or pick or gather any seed of any tree or other plant without prior Written Permission of the Director;
- b. Remove or cause to be removed any sod, earth, humus, downed timber, wood chips, peat, rock, sand, gravel or any other natural material of the forest floor or earth without the prior Written Permission of the Director;
- c. Hunt, trap, capture, molest, poison, wound or kill any invertebrate, animal, mammal, bird, reptile, or amphibian, or disturb, molest or rob any nest, lair, den or burrow without prior Written Permission of the Director;
- d. Fish in any Waters of the District Posted against fishing, or fish in any District Waters by using a bow and arrow, spear or slingshot, or any device using more than two hooks per line, or seine or trap, or with unattended lines during the hours that the Forest Preserves are closed, as defined by provisions of this Ordinance, or in violation of any applicable laws of the State of Illinois as administered by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, or in violation of any regulation or restriction Posted by the Director controlling the size, species and number of fish that can be taken from a designated body of water;



- e. Release or cause to be released any wild, domestic or pet animal, bird, fish or reptile, or bring in, plant or distribute the seeds or spores of any flowering or non-flowering plant or fungus, without the prior Written Permission of the Director;
- f. Use or cause to be used any chemical or biological pesticide or other substance, procedure or process designed to alter the anatomy or physiology of any organism for the purpose of directly manipulating their populations, without prior Written Permission of the Director, and then only in compliance with all the applicable laws of the State of Illinois and the United States;
- g. Permit or allow any cattle, horses, sheep, goats, swine or other livestock to graze or browse on District Property; or
- h. Deposit, dump, throw, cast, lay or place, or cause to be laid or placed any ashes, trash, rubbish, debris, litter, grass clippings, brush, leaves or other organic material, or other discarded, used or unconsumed material anywhere but in those receptacles provided for such disposal and only material that was generated on the site in the course of normal, lawful use of Forest Preserve facilities.

### **Section III – Contraband:**

All animals, plants, birds, fish or reptiles, or parts thereof, killed, captured, trapped, taken, bought, sold or possessed contrary to any provision of this Ordinance or applicable laws of the State of Illinois shall be, and are hereby declared, contraband and, as such, shall be subject to seizure by any duly sworn peace officer.

### **Section IV – Destruction by or Misuse of Fire:**

No person shall upon or in connection with any Property of the District commit or attempt to commit any of the following acts:

- a. Knowingly or unknowingly set fire, or cause to be set on fire, any tree, forest, brushland, grassland, meadow, prairie, or marsh, or any other natural resource or Property of the District without first obtaining Written Permission from the Director;
- b. Build a fire anywhere, for any purpose, except in provided fireplaces or provided or privately owned fire receptacles, without first obtaining Written Permission from the Director;
- c. Build a fire or cause a fire to start in or out of a receptacle close to or in any structure whatsoever or close to any tree or plant in such a way as to deface, damage or destroy that structure or scar, injure or destroy the tree or plant or its foliage;
- d. Drop, throw away or scatter any burning, lighted or hot coals, ashes, cigarette, cigar, firecracker or match, except in those receptacles provided for such disposal; or

- e. Build any fire whatsoever for any purpose in or out of a receptacle or fireplace and leave it unattended, until such fire is properly extinguished. For the purpose of this Section, a fire shall be deemed properly extinguished when its ashes, residue, coals and unburned substance is cold to the human touch.

## **CHAPTER FOUR – REGULATION OF SPORTS AND GAMES**

No person shall upon or in connection with any Property of the District:

### **Section I – Swimming:**

Swim, wade or bathe at any time in any of the Waters or Waterways, except at such place or places as may be designated by the Board and then only in accordance with District rules, regulations and restrictions promulgated and Posted.

### **Section II – Watercraft:**

Bring into, attempt to launch, use, or navigate any boat, yacht, canoe, raft or other Watercraft upon the Waters or Waterways, except at such place or places as may be designated by the Board. Where allowed, Watercraft shall be used in accordance with District rules, regulations and restrictions, as well as all applicable statutes of the State of Illinois and the United States.

### **Section III – Engine-Powered or Radio Controlled Models or Toys:**

Start, fly or use any fuel powered, air-propulsioned or electric powered model or toy or any radio controlled model car, aircraft, boat or rocket or any like controlled toy or model, except in those Areas or Waters designated by the Board for such use and then only in accordance with District rules, regulations and restrictions promulgated and Posted, as well as all applicable rules and regulations administered by any federal, state or local agency responsible for controlling such use.

### **Section IV - Unmanned Aircraft and Unmanned Aircraft Systems**

To preserve wildlife and aquatic life and to ensure the safety and enjoyment of all visitors and District staff, the District instituted the following rules, which are hereby incorporated into this Ordinance:

- 1) No person shall operate, launch, take off, land, cause to launch, take off or land, or authorize the operation, take off, launching or landing of any UA and/or UAS without a current and valid District identification card/permit.
- 2) All UA and UAS operators must carry their District identification card/permit with them when operating a UA and UAS on District property and must immediately present it to a District agent for inspection if requested.
- 3) No person shall operate, launch, take off, land, cause to launch, take off or land, or authorize the operation, take off, launching or landing of any UA and/or UAS except at designated District Preserve areas. Use is first-come, first-served, unless otherwise pre-approved in writing by the District's Director. Designated areas shall be approved by the District's Board of Commissioners and may be amended by the District's Board of

Commissioners at any time. All designated UA and UAS areas will be marked with signage by the District. A map of all designated UA and UAS areas will also be available for public inspection at the District office.

4) All UA and UAS operators must, at all times, operate their UA and UAS in accordance with local, state and federal laws and regulations including, but not limited to all applicable rules, regulations and safety guidelines promulgated by the Federal Aviation Administration and Illinois Department of Transportation.

5) All operators shall use their UA and UAS devices in a courteous manner of others who are present in the District for the quiet enjoyment of nature.

6) All UA and UAS operators must hold a certificate of liability insurance (e.g., homeowner's insurance) naming the District as an additional insured, and the insurance must have a liability limit of at least \$1 million.

7) All UA and UAS operators must, at all times, comply with the District's General Use Ordinance and all other applicable District rules and regulations.

Each violation of this Section shall be considered a separate violation of the District's General Use Ordinance. Also, any violation of this Section could also result in immediate revocation of the operator's identification card/permit and termination of the operator's right to use their UA and/or UAS on District property.

The District will not be responsible for any damage to property or persons caused by non-District UA and UAS devices.

#### **Section IV – Horseback Riding:**

Bring into, unload, use or ride any horse, except on those fields, lots, Areas, trails, paths or roadways designated by the Board for horse use and then only in accordance with District rules, regulations and restrictions promulgated and Posted.

#### **Section V – Bicycling:**

- a. Ride a bicycle on any path, trail, roadway or other Area designated or Posted as prohibiting bicycles;
- b. Fail to ride a bicycle as closely as possible to the right-hand side of any road, trail or path, as conditions shall allow;
- c. Ride a bicycle more than two abreast on any trail, path, or roadway;
- d. Ride a bicycle more than single file when overtaking or approaching other bicycle or equestrian traffic;
- e. Ride a bicycle on any trail, path or other access which is less than eight feet in width; or
- f. Ride a bicycle on any trail, path, roadway, or parking area in a manner which endangers the safety of Persons or property, or at a speed which is greater than

is reasonable and proper for the safe operation of the bicycle with regard to existing conditions, including but not limited to, trail or road surface, hills, curves, intersections and other bicycle or pedestrian or equestrian traffic.

#### **Section VI – Skateboarding and Roller-blading:**

Skateboard or roller-blade in any Area Posted as not allowing such activities, or skateboarding or roller-blading in such a manner which endangers the safety of Persons or property, or in such a manner that damages District Property.

#### **Section VII – Sound or Energy Amplification:**

Play or operate any Sound Amplification devices, including radios, television sets, public address systems, musical instruments and the like, or operate any other Energy Amplification device in such a way as to be audible beyond the immediate vicinity of such device or musical instrument or in such a manner as to disturb the quiet of camps, picnic areas or other Preserve Areas without obtaining a Special Event as outlined in Chapter Two, Section IIIb, paragraph 3 of this Ordinance.

#### **Section VIII – Winter Sports:**

- a. Sled, toboggan, ski or slide on any Area Posted by the Director as being "unsafe" or "hazardous" or as being "closed" due to inadequate snow cover or other environmental conditions, or upon being duly notified by the Director.
- b. Enter upon any frozen Waters to skate, fish, slide or walk or for any other purpose whatsoever when such Waters are posted "closed" or "unsafe" or "hazardous" by the Director or when notified of such conditions by the Director.
- c. Fish through the ice on any frozen Waters or parts thereof designated as ice skating areas by the Board.
- d. Bring onto or upon the frozen Waters of any lake, pond or watercourse any iceboat or wind-driven-like device or other vehicle, without the Written Permission of the Director.

#### **Section IX – Field and Team Sports:**

Play or engage in any club, league, or sponsored team sport, athletic event, or any such endeavor which by its nature restricts public use and access of open Areas or fields, except in those Areas designated by the Board as athletic fields or, if none are available, only in those Areas and for such a period of time as defined by special use permit approved by the Executive Director, or other formal agreement approved by the Board of Commissioners, in order to ensure the safe and equal use of the Preserve by others. This does not restrict use of open Areas or fields by the public to engage in active and/or passive recreational games and activities that limit disturbances and impacts to forest preserve grounds and natural resources.

### **Section X – Amusement Contraptions:**

Bring in, set up, construct, manage or operate any Amusement Contraption, without prior Written Permission of the Board.

### **Section XI – Aviation:**

Make any ascent in or descent from any balloon, airplane, glider, hang glider, kite, helicopter or parachute, without the Written Permission of the Board.

### **Section XII – Gambling:**

- a. Manage, operate or engage in gambling of any form;
- b. Have in their possession any clock, wheel, tape machine, slot machine, pin machine or other machine or device for the reception of money or other thing of value on chance or skill or upon the action of which money is staked, bet, hazarded, won or lost. Any such machine or device shall be subject to seizure, confiscation and destruction by any police officer or employee of the District.

## **CHAPTER FIVE – REGULATION OF MOTORIZED VEHICLES, TRAFFIC AND PARKING**

### **Section I – State Law Adopted:**

The Illinois Vehicle Code as now or hereafter amended (625 ILCS 5/11-100 et seq.) is adopted by reference as if set forth at length in this section.

No person shall upon or in connection with any Property of the District:

### **Section II – Vehicle Operation and Equipment:**

Park, operate, or cause to be operated or parked, a Vehicle that does not comply with the Illinois Vehicle Code or other law or laws of the State of Illinois pertaining to the equipment, control, licensing, registering and use of Vehicles and/or the licensing of operators of such Vehicles.

### **Section III – Vehicle Types and Access Allowed:**

- a. Park, operate, or cause to be operated or parked, any Vehicle except on the roads, drives and parking areas provided, and then only in compliance with the directions and restrictions Posted on regulatory signs, issued Permits, or at the direction of any District staff or duly sworn peace officer;
- b. Park, operate, or cause to be operated or parked, any snowmobile, go-cart, trail bike, mini-bike or other all-terrain off-road Vehicle without prior Written Permission of the Board and then only in those Areas specified and in accord with the rules and restrictions set forth;

- c. Operate or move, or cause to be operated or moved, any Vehicle locked in as a result of the closing of the Forest Preserves at the designated time, until such time that the Preserve is officially opened; or
- d. Park, operate or cause to be operated or parked, any Vehicle on any road, drive or parking area Posted, gated or barricaded as being closed to public traffic.

#### **Section IV – Right-of-Way:**

Operate a Vehicle in such a manner as to fail to yield the right-of-way to pedestrians, bicyclists and equestrians.

#### **Section V – Parking:**

- a. Park a Vehicle overnight without prior Written Permission of the Director;
- b. Park a Vehicle in such a way as to block in another parked Vehicle;
- c. Park a Vehicle in such a way as to block, restrict or impede the normal flow of traffic;
- d. Park or stop a Vehicle in a zone or Area posted as prohibiting parking;
- e. Park a Vehicle on turf, meadow, prairie, marsh, field or woodland, except in an emergency or as directed by any District staff or duly sworn peace officer for the purpose of crowd control or special event parking;
- f. Park a Vehicle for the purpose of washing it or for the making of any repairs or alterations, except those of an emergency nature; or
- g. Park or stop a Vehicle in such a way as to occupy more than one provided parking stall or space unless otherwise directed to do so by District staff or duly sworn peace officer.

#### **Section VI – Speed Limit:**

Operate or propel a Vehicle or cause a Vehicle to be propelled on any road, drive or parking area at a speed greater than the speed limit posted along the right-of-way or, in absence of such posted limit, at a speed in excess of ten (10) miles per hour.

#### **Section VII – Special Speed and Operating Restrictions:**

Operate or cause to be operated any Vehicle upon any road, path, drive or parking area in any manner which endangers the safety of Persons or property, or at a speed which is greater than is reasonable and proper for the safe operation of the Vehicle, with regard to traffic conditions and special hazards such as trail crossings, entrances to parking areas or campgrounds, narrow or winding roads, hills, curves, weather or road conditions, and pedestrian, equestrian or bicycle traffic.

## **CHAPTER SIX – REGULATION OF PERSONAL CONDUCT AND BEHAVIOR**

No person shall upon or in connection with any Property of the District:

### **Section I – Vending and Advertising:**

- a. Collect fees, admission or cover charges or display or offer for sale any articles or things, or conduct or solicit any business, trade, occupation or profession, or offer without charge any articles or things, without a valid Concessionaire Agreement approved by the Board and then only in accordance with the terms and conditions thereof, it being the intention to control commercial enterprises or sales on District lands; or
- b. Display, distribute, post or fix and placard, sign, handbill, pamphlet, circular or any other written or printed material or objects containing advertising matter or announcements of any kind whatsoever, or mark with paint any ground, trees, roads or parking areas without prior Written Permission of the Director and then only in compliance with the terms of such permission or in compliance with the terms of a valid Concessionaire Agreement approved by the Board, except those groups holding a valid Picnic, Camping, or Special Event Permit may display signs to identify their location or direct others to it, providing such signs are temporary, not more than 24" x 36" in size and are removed by the Permittee at the termination of the activity and are not attached to any tree or shrub or any District sign, gate, or building.

### **Section II – Unlawful Obstructions:**

- a. Set or place or cause to be set or placed any goods, wares or merchandise, or any stand, cart or vehicle for the transportation or vending of any such goods, wares or merchandise, or any other article upon any property of the District to the obstruction of use of any Preserve or to the detriment of the appearance of any Preserve;
- b. By force, threat, intimidation or by unlawful fencing or enclosing or any other unlawful means prevent or obstruct or combine and conspire with others to prevent or obstruct any Person from peacefully entering upon any Property of the District, or prevent or obstruct free passage or transit over through any lands or Waters of the District, or obstruct the entrance into any facility within the District, except that nothing in this section shall be construed to deny lawful enforcement of a valid Permit granting a certain Person or Persons use to the Exclusion of others as defined and provided for in this Ordinance.

### **Section III – Unlawful Construction, Maintenance or Encroachment:**

- a. Erect, construct, install, or place any structure (*(\*)with the exception of use of pop-up shade canopy structures, up to 12 feet by 12 feet in size, during forest preserve open hours within preserve areas designated by the Board*), building, shed, fences, machinery, equipment, or apparatus of any type, or stockpile, store

or place any organic or inorganic material used for construction of such items on, below, over or across a Preserve without prior Written Permission from the District and then only in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in a valid License, Easement or Contract agreement.

*(\*) Designated areas for use of shade canopies up to 12' X 12' only include the turf grass field area at the Harris Forest Preserve Horse Arena and Baseball Field, and the Hoover Forest Preserve Baseball Field and Picnic Pavilion.*

- b. Perform or cause to be performed any mowing, trimming, cutting, or grooming of District lands, or perform any singular grounds maintenance for any purpose, or in any like manner encroach onto District property from privately or publicly owned lands without Written Permission from the Director; or
- c. Place, stockpile or store any gravel, stone, dirt, sand, wood, lumber or any other organic or inorganic material on District property.

#### **Section IV – Drug or Alcohol Use:**

For the purpose of this section, the words or terms used shall have the following meaning:

- a-1. "Cannabis" shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Section 3 of the Illinois Cannabis Control Act.
- a-2. "Controlled Substance" shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Section 102 of the Illinois Controlled Substance Act.
- b. Possess, bring into, or use any Controlled Substance or Cannabis or any derivative thereof;
- c. Possess, produce, plant, cultivate, tend or harvest the Cannabis sativa plant;
- d. Possess, bring into, or consume any alcoholic beverages on District property or any facility thereof, with the following exceptions:

Alcoholic beverages may be consumed at Ellis House at Baker Woods Forest Preserve, and Meadowhawk Lodge at Hoover Forest Preserve within 250 feet of these buildings as part of an approved facility rental agreement, which includes the service of prepared meals, with the service of alcohol exclusively controlled by:

- 1. A catering business enrolled in the Kendall County Forest Preserve District's Preferred Caterers Program that possesses a current Class I license in accordance with the Kendall County Liquor Control Ordinance;
- 2. A not for profit corporation or organization that possesses a current Class G or Class J license in accordance with the Kendall County Liquor Control Ordinance;



3. A pre-approved bartending service business serving, but not selling, alcohol and employing BASSET (Beverage and Alcohol Sellers and Servers Education Training) certified alcohol servers in accordance with 235 ILCS 5/6-27.1; or
4. A charitable organization hosting an event wherein alcohol is served, but not sold, by volunteers of the organization.

All entities serving alcohol on Forest Preserve property must satisfy District insurance requirements.

- e. Be present in an intoxicated condition or under the influence of alcoholic beverages, drug or narcotic to the extent of being unable to perform normal bodily functions, such as maintaining balance or coherent speech, or because of the influence of such or like substances engage in behavior or speech that intimidates others or interferes with or unreasonably disrupts others in the normal, safe use of the Forest Preserves or any facility thereof.

#### **Section V – Weapons and Harmful Substances:**

At any time have in their possession or on or about their Person, Vehicle or any other conveyance, concealed or otherwise, any firearm, stun gun, taser, bow and arrow, slingshot, cross bow, spear or spear gun, switch-blade knife, stiletto, sword, blackjack, billy club, martial arts weapon or any air rifle, paint gun or device capable of discharging a projectile or harmful chemical substance, or any weapon, instrument or substance of like character or design except at those ranges or Areas designated for their use by the Board and then only in accordance with the rules and restrictions set forth for the proper use of such ranges or Areas. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to prevent any duly sworn peace officer from carrying such weapons as may be authorized and necessary in the discharge of their duties nor shall it apply to a Person summoned by any such Officer to assist in making arrests and preserving the peace while such Person is engaged in assisting.

#### **Section VI – Disorderly Conduct:**

Engage in behavior or speech that provokes a breach of the peace or disrupts, alarms, disturbs, intimidates, or unreasonably interferes with others in the normal, safe use of the Forest Preserves or any facility thereof.

#### **Section VII – Disobeying a Lawful Order:**

Disobey, ignore, or in any manner fail to comply with any request, direction, or order given by any duly sworn peace officer charged with the control, management, or protection of District Property or resources when such request, direction or order is given in the lawful performance of his duties.

#### **Section VIII – Hindering or Bribing Employees:**

- a. Interfere with, unreasonably disrupt, delay, or in any manner hinder any Employee engaged in the performance of his duties; or

- b. Give or offer to give any Employee any money, gift, privilege or article of value on or off District Property in order to violate the provisions of this Ordinance or any other District Ordinance, Contract or Permit or Statute of the State of Illinois and the United States or in order to gain or receive special consideration in applying for any use or privilege or to gain special consideration and treatment in the use of any District Property of facility.

#### **Section IX – Control and Treatment of Animals:**

- a. Bring, lead or carry any dog that is unleashed or on a leash longer than 10 feet, except in those Areas designated by the Board for dog training and then only in accordance with the rules and restrictions duly promulgated for the control of such Area or Areas. Where Posted, Persons bringing a dog into a Preserve or Areas thereof shall be responsible for immediate clean-up and removal of the animal's excrement;
- b. Willfully or neglectfully cause or allow any domestic animal to run or remain at large, or to release any wild or domestic animal, for any purpose, except within those Areas designated by the Board and then only in accordance with the rules and restrictions duly promulgated for the control of such Area or Areas;
- c. Torture, whip, beat or cruelly treat or neglect any animal;
- d. Bring in, drive, ride or lead any animal, except that horses, sled dogs and other draft animals may be ridden or led, or driven ahead of Vehicles or sleds attached thereto on such portions of the Forest Preserves as may be designated by the Board and then only in accordance with the rules and restrictions duly promulgated for the control of such Area or Areas; or
- e. Hitch or tie any horse or other animal to any tree, bush or shrub;
- f. Bring in, lead, drive, ride or carry any wild, domestic or pet predator, leashed or unleashed into or upon any Forest Preserve, or part thereof, designated as a Nature Preserve or Nature Area or Historic Site, without Written Permission of the Director, unless such animal is kept confined within a closed vehicle or trailer.
- g. Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to prohibit the controlled use of certain animals approved by the President for the purposes of public safety, such as, but not limited to, the protection of District property or the protection of Employees in the performance of their duties or in the performance of search and rescue operations.
- h. Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to prohibit the controlled use of animals used for aiding physically challenged individuals.

#### **Section X – Honoring Permits:**

By act or speech willfully or unreasonably hinder, interrupt or interfere with any duly permitted activity or unreasonably or willfully intrude on any Areas or into any structure designated for

the use of a certain Person or Persons to the Exclusion of Others by Written Permission of the District.

**Section XI – Pyrotechnics:**

Set off or attempt to set off or ignite any firecrackers, fireworks, smoke bombs, rockets, black powder guns or other pyrotechnics.

**Section XII – Illinois Compiled Statutes Violation:**

Do or cause to be done any act in violation of: the Illinois Criminal Code of 1961 as amended, the Illinois Cannabis and Controlled Substances Acts of 1971 as amended, the Illinois Dram Shops Acts as amended, or any applicable Illinois Compiled Statutes as amended while in or on any property administered by or under the jurisdiction of the District.

**CHAPTER SEVEN – ENFORCEMENT**

**Section I – Police:**

All Police, Deputy, Sheriff, State Policeman or any other duly sworn peace officer has the power and is authorized to arrest, with or without process, any persons found in the act of violating any Ordinance of the District or law of the State of Illinois.

**Section II – Two Penalties – One Judgment:**

In all cases where the same offense shall be made punishable or shall be created by different clauses or sections or this or any other ordinance or statute, a duly sworn peace officer or person prosecuting an offender may elect under which to proceed, but not more than one judgment shall be entered against the same person for the same offense.

**Section III – Fines and Penalties:**

Any person found guilty of violating any provision of this Ordinance shall be fined an amount not less than \$75.00 but not more than \$500.00 for each offense.

**Section IV – Authority of Other Agencies:**

Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to prevent other officers from carrying out their sworn duties within the territories of the District as defined by applicable laws of the State of Illinois and the United States or Ordinances of Kendall County, Illinois or in accord with any Policing Agreement approved by the Board.

**Section V – Permits and Designated Areas – Authority:**

To carry out the terms of this Ordinance, the Director or their designee, is hereby given authority to issue Permits, License Agreements for Use of District Facilities, post notices or take other action as called for herein, subject to the guidelines set forth.

- a. The Director shall have the authority to close Preserves, or parts thereof, in the interest of public health, safety or general welfare or in order to protect the natural resources from unreasonable harm; to promulgate and issue Permits

where required by this Ordinance; and to collect such fees as established by the District in accordance with the following guidelines:

1. No Person shall be discriminated against because of age, race, sex, creed, color, national origin, or physical or mental handicap;
  2. The proposed use or activity shall not unreasonably interfere with or detract from the general public's use and enjoyment of the Forest Preserves and surrounding property or facilities;
  3. The proposed use or activity is not reasonably likely to result in violence or in serious harm to Property or Persons;
  4. The proposed activity or use shall not entail extraordinary expense or operation costs by the District or expose it to unusual or extreme liability;
  5. The Area desired has not been reserved for another activity at the same time;
  6. The proposed activity is not reasonably expected to detract from the promotion of public health; and
  7. The proposed activity is reasonably compatible with the type of Preserve, the size and character of the Area or waters involved and the facilities available, and that it is not reasonably expected to cause irreparable harm or extreme damage to the natural environment of the Preserve.
- b. The Director may impose reasonable restrictions on the granting of a Permit, or License Agreement including, but not limited to any of the following:
1. Restricting the open dates for reserved Area or Facility use; the length of time an Area or Facility will be held for reserved use; the use of ground fires; off-the-road vehicle access; the number of Persons present; the use of domestic or trained animals; the use of shelters or structures; the collecting for any purpose of any water, soils, minerals, flora or fauna; the type and location of sports and games or any other activity which appears likely to unreasonably interfere with the use and enjoyment of the Preserve by others or cause damage to District property; and
  2. Requiring the name, address, telephone number and driver license number of a legal adult responsible for the use or activity requested, as well as the name, address and telephone number of the group represented by the applicant.
- c. All Permits and Facility License Agreements required by this Ordinance and issued by the District shall be issued at the District headquarters at 110 West Madison Street, Yorkville, Illinois. All applications for Permits shall be submitted at least 72 hours in advance of the earliest requested date, provided that the

Director may waive the 72-hour time period in the interest of public safety or for such events that are of a significant civic nature.

- d. The Director, or their designee is authorized to seek reasonable information regarding any proposed use, activity or privilege and require a record of such information on a Permit or Facility License Agreement application. No Person shall misrepresent, falsify or withhold such required information.
- e. No Person granted a Permit or Facility License Agreement shall violate the requirements, terms, conditions, restrictions or rules duly set forth under the authority of this Ordinance as part of any granted Permit.
- f. The Board may set forth in other Ordinances guidelines and standards regulating such Permit or Facility License Agreement or registration fees as it deems proper and may change them from time to time.
- g. No Person shall obtain or use any Permit or Facility License Agreement without having first paid the established fee.
- h. All designated Areas, waters or facilities and all Permit or Facility License Agreement restrictions, rules, regulations or conditions are subject to review at any time by the Board. Any aggrieved Person shall have the right to petition the Board, in writing, regarding denial or restriction of use or activity and be properly heard by the Board, as the President shall direct.

#### **Section VI – Civil Suits:**

Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to prevent or preclude the lawful use by the District of a civil remedy at law, or correct an abuse or loss suffered by the District as a result of a violation of this Ordinance or any law of the State of Illinois.

#### **Section VII – State's Attorney Authorized to Prosecute:**

The Kendall County State's Attorney shall be authorized to prosecute any violations of this Ordinance until such a time that the District opts to employ its own attorney for representation of the District. Should the District employ a District Attorney for the purpose of prosecuting violations of this Ordinance, then said attorney shall be authorized to do so.

#### **Section VIII – State, United States and Local Laws:**

All Persons within the Forest Preserves are subject to all Ordinances, rules and regulations of the District, as well as all applicable laws of the United States and the State of Illinois, as amended and changed from time to time. These laws include, but are not limited to, the Downstate Forest Preserve Act, the Illinois Vehicle Code, the Criminal Code of 1961, the Wildlife Code and the Fish Code of the State of Illinois, as amended and changed from time to time.

### **CHAPTER EIGHT – MISCELLANEOUS**

#### **Section I – Enactment:**

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication as required by statute.

**Section II – Captions and Headings:**

The captions and headings used herein are for the convenience of reference only and do not define or limit the contents of each paragraph.

**Section III – Severability:**

The provisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed to be severable and the invalidity or unenforceability of any provisions shall not affect the validity and enforceability of the other provisions hereof.

**Section IV – Copies:**

The Secretary of the Forest Preserve District shall transmit a copy of this Ordinance to the President, Director and Attorney of the District, respectively, and shall cause it to be published as provided by law.


**Section V – Conflict:**


All Forest Preserve District ordinances and all resolutions and orders, or any parts thereof, in conflict with this ordinance, or any parts thereof, are hereby repealed.

**Section VI– Amendments:**

The District may amend this Ordinance from time to time.

**Passed and approved by the President and Board of Commissioners of the District this 20<sup>TH</sup> day of September, 2022.**

Approved:   
Judy Gilmour, President

Attest:   
Elizabeth Flowers, Secretary

Amended November 7, 2012.

Amended August 15, 2016.

Amended May 6, 2017

Amended September 18, 2018

Amended June 21, 2022  
Amended September 20, 2022

## Pickerill-Pigott Estate House

Coming in 2023!



Pickerill-Pigott Forest Preserve was established in 2007, named in honor of Ken and Jackie Pickerill who donated their land and estate home to the District. The estate house, estimated completion in Summer 2023, will host District education and partner agency programs, special events, and private events.

Expected to host 40 people on first floor, 90 on patio

Rates :

### House/Meeting Space

\$100/hr./Kendall County Residents;

\$120 /hr./Nonresidents

### House, Patio, Shelter

Wedding/Reception: \$2500

Weekend Events: \$125/hr./Residents;

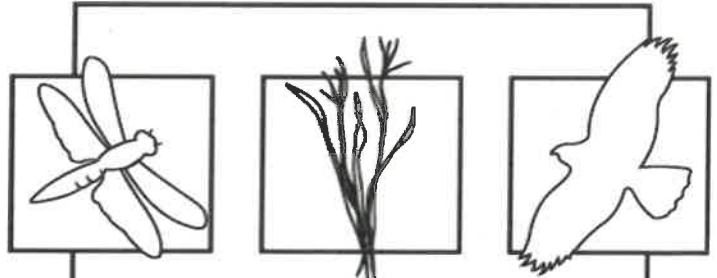
\$150/hr./Nonresidents

Weekday Events: \$80/hr./Residents;

\$105/hr./Nonresidents

\*50% of Rental Fees required as Refundable Security Deposit

For more information, email [kcforest@kendallcountyiil.gov](mailto:kcforest@kendallcountyiil.gov) or call 630.553.4025



**KENDALL COUNTY  
FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT**

## Facility Reservation Information



[kendallforest.com](http://kendallforest.com)

630.553.4025



## Picnic Shelters

- Harris
- Richard Young
- Jay Woods
- Pickerill-Pigott

\$60/day Kendall County Residents

\$85/day Non-Residents

Available 9am-sunset

Host 50-140 people



## Camping—Hoover

- **Bunkhouses** (up to 32 people)

\$180/night Kendall County Residents

\$240/night Non-Residents

*Primitive cabins also available at no extra cost and can accommodate an additional 16 guests*

- **Family Campsites** (up to 6 people)

\$20/night Kendall County Residents

\$30/night Non-Residents

- **Group Campsites** (up to 30 people)

\$60/night Kendall County Residents

\$80/night Non-Residents

<http://kendallforest.com/camping-rentals-yorkville.php#>

## Special Event Venues



- **Meadowhawk Lodge—Hoover**

Features full commercial kitchen, tables and chairs, and plenty of space to host up to 100 people

\$90/hour Kendall County Residents

\$110/hour Non-Residents

\$1900 - Wedding Ceremony and/or Reception

50% of Rental Fees required as Refundable Security Deposit

- **Ellis House**

Features full kitchen, tables and chairs and space up to 40 guests (seated reception) or 60 guests (appetizer reception). A tent can be rented through an outside vendor to accommodate larger parties up to 200 guests.

\$75/hour House Rental

\$50/hour Classroom Rental

\$2000—Wedding Ceremony and/or Reception

50% of Rental Fees required as Refundable Security Deposit

\*Rental Fees for Ellis House include use of grounds, House equipment, 40X80 tent pad (tent not included), tables and chairs

<http://kendallforest.com/special-events-yorkville.php>

Venue Addresses &  
Contact Information

**Contact Info:**

*Reservation Coordinator*

110 W Madison Street

Yorkville, IL 60560

630.553.4025

e-mail: [kcforest@kendallcountyil.gov](mailto:kcforest@kendallcountyil.gov)

**Meadowhawk Lodge**

11285 Fox Road

Yorkville, IL 60560

**Ken Pickerill Forest Preserve & Estate House**

6350 Minkler Road

Yorkville, IL 60560

**Ellis House & Equestrian Center**

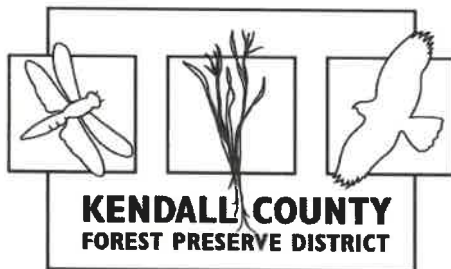
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Special Event Venue Catalog

## Meadowhawk Lodge



The Meadowhawk Lodge at Hoover Forest Preserve is a great location to hold your special event. Meadowhawk Lodge features a large event space, commercial kitchen and outdoor patio.

Meadowhawk Lodge is made to order for groups staying in the bunkhouses and needing a large space for meals and activities. The lodge is perfect for wedding receptions.

Meadowhawk Lodge can accommodate up to a maximum of 100 guests for all events.

For our guests with special needs, Meadowhawk Lodge is fully accessible.

Meadowhawk Lodge was built with the environment in mind. Geothermal heating and cooling, solar panels, wind power, and a permeable paver parking lot make the lodge a truly "green" building.

## Local Hotels

The Hampton Inn  
310 East Countryside Parkway  
Yorkville, IL 60560  
630.553.9805

Holiday Inn  
577 E. Kendall Drive  
Yorkville, IL 60560  
630.882.0600

Hampton Inn & Suites Minooka  
621 Bob Blair Road  
Minooka, IL 60447  
815.828.6450

Towne Place Suites by Marriot  
630 Bob Blair Road  
Minooka, IL 60447  
815.828.4900



## Catering Companies

The following caterers are approved to contract with:

Upper Crust Catering  
630.553.9533  
[uppercrust-catering.net](http://uppercrust-catering.net)

DD Pig Roast  
708.473.5373  
[ddpigroast.com](http://ddpigroast.com)

Chef by Request  
630.493.4300  
[chefbyrequest.com](http://chefbyrequest.com)

Calico Café  
815.496.9734

Station One Smokehouse  
815.271.6328  
[stationonesmokehouse.com](http://stationonesmokehouse.com)

Wooden Paddle  
630.296.4674  
[woodenpaddle.com](http://woodenpaddle.com)



## Ellis House & Equestrian Center

The Ellis House provides an ideal location for you to host your special event whether it is a wedding, banquet, meeting or party.

The Ellis House can accommodate up to 40 guests for a seated reception and 60 for an appetizer reception in the main level of the House. We also have a classroom that can seat up to 25 for a seminar or meeting. A tent can be rented through an outside vendor to accommodate larger parties up to 200 guests. For our guests with special needs, handicapped restrooms are accessible through the equestrian entrance.



## Pickerill Estate House



Pickerill-Pigott Forest Preserve was established in 2007, named in honor of Ken and Jackie Pickerill who donated their land and estate home to the District. The 95-acre preserve sits atop the Ransom glacial moraine overlooking the Oswego channel, and includes remnant oak woodlands, farm ponds, wetland areas, and tremendous views of the surrounding countryside. The Estate House will host District education and partner agency programs, special events, and private events. Boasting an outdoor, covered patio and space inside of the grand entryway, the Pickerill Estate House can host up to 90 people on the patio and 40 people inside of the Estate House. Additionally, the grounds surrounding the house provide ample space for guests to enjoy the outdoors. Opening Summer 2023

## Bartending Companies

Absolute Ladies & Gentlemen Bartending  
312.961.1978  
[gigslad.com/absolute\\_ladies\\_glendale\\_heights](http://gigslad.com/absolute_ladies_glendale_heights)

Over the Moon Private Bartending  
224.800.2441  
[Alexandra@otmprivatebartending.com](mailto:Alexandra@otmprivatebartending.com)

11th Hour Bartending  
630.746.1103  
[11thhourbartending@gmail.com](mailto:11thhourbartending@gmail.com)

## Rental Companies

Grand Rental  
630.553.3111  
[grandrental.com](http://grandrental.com)

Top Notch Rental Services  
630.999.3000  
[topnotchrentalservices.com](http://topnotchrentalservices.com)



## Pickerill Estate House Rate Schedule

Venue hours are from 9:00 am to 10:00 pm

	License Fee	Refundable Security Deposit
<b>Wedding Receptions and/or Ceremony (includes use of House, Patio, and Shelter)</b>		
Friday, Saturday & Sunday	\$2,500.00	\$ 1250.00
<b>House, Patio, Shelter</b>		
	<u>Resident</u>	<u>Non-Resident</u>
<b>Other Events - Weekend</b> <i>(Friday-Sunday)</i>	\$125.00/hr	\$150.00/hr
<b>Weekday</b> <i>(Monday-Thursday)</i>	\$80.00/hr	\$105.00/hr

*\*Security Deposit: 50% of contracted time*

	<u>Resident</u>	<u>Non-Resident</u>
<b>House (includes Meeting Space)</b>	\$105.00/hr	\$120.00/hr

**Staff Support Set-up and Tear-Down (optional)**  
\$75.00 (resident & non-resident)

**Client Set-up and Clean-up (pre-and-post event – optional)**  
\$15.00/per hour

**\*License fees include use of the tables and chairs for up to 130 people (90 on patio, 40 in House)**

## Venue Amenities

- Meadowhawk Lodge: (22) 60" round dinner tables, 115 banquet chairs, 10 rectangular meeting tables (6' and 8' available), as well as a projector screen and a podium.
- Ellis House: (8) 48" round dinner tables, 52 banquet chairs, (6) 6-foot rectangular meeting tables, and (1) 8-foot rectangular table. A projector, screen and a podium are available for use with your laptop.
- Pickerill Estate House: (20) 60" round tables, (10) 8' rectangular tables, and 150 banquet chairs

Table boutique linens, and other audiovisual equipment are available from local rental companies.

*The Dance floor requirement for all events is a minimum of 15' x 15'*

All Kendall County Forest Preserve Venues are Smoke Free. Please no glass bottles.



## Forest Preserve & Rental Policy

Kendall County Forest Preserve staff will be available by phone for emergencies and to report damages. Staff are authorized to prohibit or control any activity which is not consistent with the policies of the Kendall County Forest Preserve District or which could cause harm to the property, grounds, or guests.

Licensed and approved bartenders are required for any event serving alcohol.

Guests and contracted caterers are responsible for the set-up, service, take down, and clean-up of the areas that they use during the contracted hours.

Set-up and tear down of tables, chairs, and other Preserve equipment by Kendall County Forest Preserve staff is available at an additional cost. If you wish to set-up and clean-up on your own, this must be included in the requested license period. An additional fee will be charged for each additional hour or portion thereof that is used for these tasks. If Forest Preserve staff needs to arrange for additional clean up, these charges will be deducted from the security deposit.

The building must be left in the condition that it was found. All items (kitchen equipment, decorations, flowers, barware, sound equipment, etc.) brought in must be taken out following the event. It is the Licensee's responsibility to ensure that caterers provide proper service and clean up all areas where they are working.

Rice, water balloons, piñatas, sidewalk chalk, birdseed, flower petals, confetti, streamers, glitter, sequins, etc. may

## Ellis House Rate Schedule

Venue hours are 9:00am-10:00pm

### Friday through Sunday Weddings and/or Receptions

License Fee	Refundable Security Deposit
\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00

### Other Events

Ellis House      \$75.00/hour    50% of Contracted Time

Staff Set up or Clean up available: \$300

### Ellis House Classroom Rental

\$50.00/hour    50% of Contracted time

Use of the Fireplace      \$30.00

*Ellis House Staff will stoke fire and replenish wood*

**\*License fees include use of the grounds, house equipment, 40x80 tent pad (tent not included), and tables and chairs for up to 200 guests.**



## Meadowhawk Lodge Rate Schedule

Venue hours are from 9:00 am to 10:00 pm

	License Fee	Refundable Security Deposit
<b>Wedding Receptions and/or Ceremony</b>		
Friday, Saturday & Sunday	\$1,900.00	\$ 950.00
	<u>Resident</u>	<u>Non-Resident</u>
<b>Other Events</b> - Weekend	\$90.00/hr	\$110.00/hr
<i>(Friday-Sunday)</i>		
Weekday	\$60.00/hr	\$80.00/hr
<i>(Monday-Thursday)</i>		

*\*Security Deposit: 50% of contracted time*

**Staff Support Set-up and Tear-Down (optional)**  
\$75.00 (resident & non-resident)

**Client Set-up and Clean-up (pre-and-post event – optional)**  
\$15.00/per hour

**Not-for-Profit and Government Rate:**  
Call Main office (630-553-4025) for rate

Sound System w/microphone: \$25.00  
Podium & Projector Screen (included in fee)

**\*License fees include use of the tables and chairs for up to 100 guests, and use of the fully equipped commercial kitchen.**

## Forest Preserve & Rental Policy

not be used on Kendall County Forest Preserve grounds or inside the venues. No decorations are allowed to be placed on the walls or doors. Tapered candles with open flames, sparklers, and any type of pyrotechnical devices are prohibited. Parking is not permitted on the grass or outside of designated areas.

Reservations will be taken up to 12 months in advance of the desired date. All License Agreements must be signed by an adult at least 21 years old who will be in attendance at the event. The License fee is to be paid in full 30 calendar days prior to the event date.

Security Deposits for all events are required at the time of the request. If the event is cancelled following the date that the District and Licensee enter into the Agreement and up to 60 days prior to the event date, the District will retain 50% of the security deposit paid. In cases where the cancellation notice is received less than 60 days prior to the event date, the District will retain 100% of the security deposit paid.

Posting of placards or signs containing advertisements of any kind, an event collecting entrance fee or selling food, goods or services is strictly forbidden except for those groups holding a valid Special Event Permit. Groups may display signs to identify their location provided such signs are temporary and removed at the end of the event. These signs may be no larger than 24" x 30"



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## 2022-2023 School Programs



### Where Conservation and Education Take Flight

For Program Information  
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or  
630-553-2292



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## **Teacher Training Workshops:**

We offer a variety of teacher training workshops. These workshops include alignment of studies of natural areas to Common Core and Next Generation Science Standards. We also hold trainings on a variety of topics ranging from amphibians to insects to native plants. The Forest Preserve staff are eager to help you integrate environmental education into your curriculum. Let us know your training needs and we can develop workshops to meet your specific needs.

### **Contact:**

Education Department at  
KCFPDeducation@kendallcountyil.gov or 630-553-2292  
with any questions on the programs!



## Kindergarten Programs

### **Animal Adaptations for Survival**

The demands of winter requires animals to have adaptations to survive the cold and lack of available food. Students will learn about the survival methods of native animals and how it relates to humans.

Next Generation Science Standard: K-ESS3-1. Use a model to represent the relationship between the needs of different plants or animals (including humans) and the places they live.

<b>Program Description</b>
Location: At school
Duration: ½ hour/class
Fee: \$3.50 per student
Special Requirements: None
Available: Winter

### **Teeth of Herbivores, Omnivores, and Carnivores**

Discover the relationship between dental structure and the foods eaten by different animals. Students will learn about the specialization of teeth by herbivores, omnivores and carnivores that allows them to find nourishment. Tie this ecological concept into your health units.

Next Generation Science Standard: K-ESS3-1. Use observation to describe patterns of what plants and animals (including humans) need to survive.

<b>Program Description</b>
Location: At school
Duration: ½ hour/class
Fee: \$3.50 per student
Special Requirements: None
Available: All year

## **Kindergarten Programs**

### **Reptiles Verses Amphibians**

These two types of animals are often confused, but a hands on introduction to two animal guests will help students discover their unique features, and learn how each survives.

Next Generation Science Standard: K-LS1-1. Use observation to describe patterns of what plants and animals (including humans) need to survive.

<b>Program Description</b>
Location: At school
Duration: ½ hour/class
Fee: \$3.50 per student
Special Requirements: None
Available: All year

Reserve a Program by Contacting:  
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or  
630-553-2292



## 1st Grade Programs

### **Biomimicry**

Biomimicry is when humans copy an idea from nature. Students will participate in hands on activities that highlight how inventions often have roots in nature.

\* Forest Preserve experience includes a hike to discover local examples of biomimicry.

Next Generation Science Standard: 1-LS1-1. Use materials to design a solution to a human problem by mimicking how plants and/or animals use their external parts to help them survive, grow and meet their needs.

<b>Program Description</b>	<b>Program Description</b>
Location: At school	Location: At Harris Forest Preserve *
Duration: 1 hour/class	Duration: 2 hours total
Fee: \$7 per student	Fee: \$7 per student
Special Requirements: Large indoor space or outdoor area	Special Requirements: Two classes per session (am and pm)
Available: All school year	Available: Fall and Spring



Reserve a Program by Contacting:  
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 630-553-2292

## 1st Grade Programs

### **Bugfest**

Insects are fascinating animals that go through the process of metamorphosis as they grow into an adult. Students will rotate through four stations where they will learn about identifying characteristics of insects, pollinators, the habitats where insects are found, and life cycles of insects.

\* Outdoor experience includes visits to native habitats to discover native insect examples.

Next Generation Science Standard: 1-LS3-1. Make observations to construct an evidence-based account that young plants and animals are like, but not exactly like, their parents.

<b>Program Description</b>	<b>Program Description</b>
Location: At school	Location: Harris Forest Preserve *
Duration: 2 hours	Duration: 2 hours
Fee: \$7 per student	Fee: \$7 per student
Special Requirements: Outdoor natural area within walking distance of school	Special Requirements: Up to four classes per session (am and pm)
Available: Fall and Spring	Available: Fall and Spring

Reserve a Program by Contacting:  
[KCFPDeducation@kendallcountyil.gov](mailto:KCFPDeducation@kendallcountyil.gov)  
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## 2nd Grade Programs

### Seed Dispersal

Zoochory is when an animal assists in the planting of seeds.

Students will learn about three methods used by native plants and animals to ensure that seeds are dispersed in a method that will allow them to grow.

\* A field trip at Harris Forest Preserve includes a hike to discover native examples of seed dispersal.

Next Generation Science Standard: 2-LS2-2. Develop a simple model that mimics the function of an animal dispersing seeds or pollinating plants.

Program Description	Program Description
Location: At school	Location: Harris Forest Preserve *
Duration: 1 hour/class	Duration: 2 hours
Fee: \$7 per student	Fee: \$7 per student
Special Requirements: Large indoor space or outdoor area	Special Requirements: Two classes per session (am and pm)
Available: All school year	Available: Fall and Spring





## 2nd Grade Programs

### **Diversity of Life, Plants & Animals**

Habitats provide strong shelter, enough water, a variety of food, and adequate space for plants and animals to survive and thrive. Students will learn about different habitats that are found in Illinois. Students work together to compare and contrast various plants and animals who live in different Illinois habitats.

\* An outdoor program at Harris Forest Preserve includes a guided hike to see and experience first-hand a prairie habitat, a pond habitat, and a forest habitat.

Next Generation Science Standard: 2-LS4-1: Biological Evolution: Unity and Diversity. Make observations to collect data which can be used to make comparisons of plants and animals to compare the diversity of life in different habitats. Emphasis is on the diversity of living things in each of a variety of different habitats.

<b>Program Description</b>	<b>Program Description</b>
Location: At school	Location: Harris Forest Preserve *
Duration: 1 hour/class	Duration: 2 hours
Fee: \$7 per student	Fee: \$7 per student
Special Requirements: Large indoor space or outdoor area	Special Requirements: Two classes per session
Available: All school year	Available: Fall and Spring



## 3rd Grade Programs

### **Animal Adaptations- Bird Beaks**

Bird beaks provide clues for what a bird can and cannot eat.

Students will learn about a variety of native birds and participate in an activity that challenges them to decide what each species can successfully eat in order to survive.

\*A Field Trip at Harris Forest Preserve includes use of binoculars and observation of birds in their native habitat.

Next Generation Science Standard: 3-LS4-2 Use evidence to construct an explanation for how the variations in characteristics among individuals of the same species may provide advantages in surviving, finding mates, and reproducing.

<b>Program Description</b>	<b>Program Description</b>
Location: At school	Location: Harris Forest Preserve *
Duration: 1 hour/class	Duration: 2 hours
Fee: \$7 per student	Fee: \$7 per student
Special Requirements: Large indoor space or outdoor area	Special Requirements: Two classes per session
Available: All school year	Available: All school year

### **Teeth of Herbivores, Omnivores, and Carnivores**

Students will participate in eight hands on stations to explore the teeth of a variety of animals to learn about how different dentition adaptations allow different species to survive.

Next Generation Science Standard: 3-LS4-3. Construction and argument with evidence that in a particular habitat some organisms can survive well, some survive less well, and some cannot survive at all.

<b>Program Description</b>
Location: At school
Duration: 1 hour/class
Fee: \$7 per student
Special Requirements: Space to set up activities and allow classes to rotate to presentation
Available: All school year

## 4th Grade Programs

### **Fossils of Illinois**

The flat topography of much of Illinois may suggest a boring geologic history, but the opposite is true! Illinois was once covered by an ocean and the fossil record provides clues to this underwater past. Students will learn about the creatures that once lived in their own backyard by exploring local fossils.

Next Generation Science Standard: 4-ESS1-1. Identify evidence from patterns in rock formations and fossils in rock layers to support an explanation for changes in a landscape over time.

<b>Program Description</b>
Location: At school
Duration: 1 hour/class
Fee: \$7 per student
Special Requirements: Space to set up activities and allow classes to rotate to presentation
Available: All school year

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## 4th Grade Programs

### **Native Americans**

The Potawatomi Indians lived in the woodland, prairie, and wetland ecosystems in Illinois's past. This culture was able to provide for all of its needs by utilizing nature. Students will participate in four stations where they visit a reconstructed Potawatomi village, try bow drill fires, take a hike to explore the local ecosystems and learn about plant and animal uses, and try historical games that taught survival skills. (Social Studies connections to the ecology of native plants and animals).

Next Generation Science Standards: 4-ESS3-1

Crosscutting Concepts: Over time, people's needs and wants change, as do their demands for new and improved technologies.

<b>Program Description</b>
Location: Hoover Forest Preserve
Duration: 3 Hours of Instruction + a lunch break
Fee: \$7 per student
Special Requirements: Divide class into four groups with an adult chaperone
Available: Set dates in Fall



## **5th Grade Programs**

### **Ecology and Ecosystems of Illinois**

Illinois is home to many unique ecosystems. During a visit to Harris Forest Preserve, students will rotate through four different stations as they learn about a pond, prairie, and forest habitats. Students will explore the flow of energy between producers, consumers, decomposers through discovering evidence in nature.

Next Generation Science Standard: 5-LS2-1. Develop a model to describe the movement of matter among plants, animals, decomposers, and the environment.

Program Description
Location: Harris Forest Preserve
Duration: 3 Hours of Instruction + a lunch break
Fee: \$7 per student
Special Requirements: Divide class into four groups with an adult chaperone
Available: Fall and Spring



## 5th Grade Programs

### **Wetland Study**

Wetlands are part of the foundation of our nation’s water resources and are vital to the health of waterways and downstream communities. Students will participate in activities where they will learn that wetlands provide habitat for animals, help with flood control, and how wetland organisms provide indicators for pollution of nearby rivers and lakes.

Next Generation Science Standard: 5-LS2-1. Develop a model to describe the movement of matter among plants, animals, decomposers, and the environment.

Next Generation Science Standard: 5-ESS3-1. Obtain and combine information about ways individual communities use science ideas to protect the Earth’s resources and environment.

Program Description
Location: At school
Duration: 1 hour/class
Fee: \$7 per student
Special Requirements: Space to set up activity and allow classes to rotate to presentation
Available: All School Year



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 or  
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## **Wetland Program**

Wetlands are part of the foundation of our nation’s water resources and are vital to the health of waterways and downstream communities. Through hands-on activities at Harris Forest Preserve students will participate in activities where they will learn that wetlands provide habitat for animals, help with flood control, and how wetland organisms provide indicators for pollution of nearby rivers and lakes. Students will learn how the health of the pond ecosystem interacts with the balance of nearby habitats while going on an interactive hike through the woods.

MS-LS 2: Collect data to analyze and interpret data. Use data and observations to develop models to increase understanding of the cycling of matter and energy flow in ecosystems. Look at abiotic and biotic factors and evaluate designs for maintaining biodiversity.

MS-LS 4: Increase understanding of the common ancestry of organisms and the diversity of organisms. Observe effects of natural selection and development of adaptations. Observe genetic variation to make sense of organisms surviving and reproducing.

HS-LS2-6 Evaluate the claims, evidence, and reasoning that the complex interactions in ecosystems maintain relatively consistent numbers and types of organisms in stable conditions, but changing conditions may result in a new ecosystem.

HS-LS2-7 Design, evaluate, and refine a solution for reducing the impacts of human activities on the environment and biodiversity.

Program Description
Location: Harris Forest Preserve
Duration: 2-3 hours
Fee: \$10 per student
Available: Fall and Spring



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 OR  
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## **Project Hoover**

This program engages middle school and high school students within an authentic habitat management project at Hoover Forest Preserve. The program includes field experiences introducing students to the rich natural, geologic, and cultural histories of Hoover Forest Preserve, while participating within a large-scale habitat restoration initiative.

LS4.D. Humans depend on the living world for the resources and other benefits provided by biodiversity. But human activity is also having adverse impacts on biodiversity through overpopulation, over exploitation, habitat destruction, pollution, introduction of invasive species, and climate change. Thus sustaining biodiversity so the ecosystem functioning and productivity are maintained is essential to supporting and enhancing life on Earth. Sustaining biodiversity also aids humanity by preserving landscapes of recreational or inspirational value.

Program Description
Location: Hoover Forest Preserve
Duration: 2- 3 hours
Fee: \$10 per student
Available: November to Mid-April



**Do you have a group that is interested in having this stewardship experience?**

**Contact us at [KCFPDeducation@kendallcountyil.gov](mailto:KCFPDeducation@kendallcountyil.gov) to set up a service project.**



## **Making Maple Magic**

Maple sugaring is a time-honored tradition. This program takes place in late February through March, introducing early to late elementary students to tree structure and plant photosynthesis, the process for turning sap to syrup, and differences in production approaches from Native Americans to modern times.

Program Description
Location: Hoover Forest Preserve
Duration: 2 hours
Fee: \$7 per student
Available: Late February to Late March



**Have a program in mind but don't see it listed? We can create specialty programs for your students. Contact our Environmental Education Coordinator, for more information by calling 630-553-2292 or email [KCFPDeducation@kendallcountyil.gov](mailto:KCFPDeducation@kendallcountyil.gov)**

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(815) 467-4035



# About the Ellis Equestrian Center...



Ellis House and Equestrian Center facilities include the Ellis House available for rental for small to large family occasions and events, classroom space for children's camps and birthday parties, an indoor and outdoor riding arena, and 12 stall horse stable, and multi-purpose hiking and riding trail loops through the preserve's scenic areas.

The Ellis House and Equestrian Center is a facility of the Kendall County Forest Preserve District located at Baker Woods Forest Preserve along the Aux Sable Creek woodland corridor in Minooka, Illinois.

Ellis Equestrian Center offers a variety of equestrian-focused educational and recreational programs for adults and children introducing students to horse care knowledge and safety practices, and both English and western riding lessons.

Ellis Equestrian Center is the host facility for Sunrise Center North, a not-for-profit therapeutic riding program specializing in services that enhance the quality of life for children and adults with special needs by using equine oriented activities for cognitive, physical, emotional and social well being.

Programs include, but are not limited to the following:

## **Lead Line Individual Lessons and Lesson Packages - Ages 4 through 6**

Individual and 5-lesson packages are available for beginning riders to explore basic horse care and handling, tacking and mounting, and seat position. Lessons are offered in session blocks, with prorated package pricing available.

## **Individual and Semi-Private Lessons and Lesson Packages - Ages 7 through Adult**

Individual, semi-private, and 5-lesson packages are available for beginning riders to explore basic horsemanship through intermediate horse care and handling, tacking and mounting, seat position, and walk-trot-canter progression and control. Lessons are offered in session blocks, with prorated package pricing available.

## **Pony Parties, Group Outings and Summer Camps**

Pony Parties are available for children ages 4 and up, and feature use of the Ellis House party room, Ellis horses meet-and-greet, lead-line pony ride, and horse head cut-put craft activity or a actual horse shoe to decorate (additional charge). Ellis Equestrian Center also offers a variety of group outing packages, and summer camp programs for children.

## **Horse Adventure Tours**

Come and experience the wonderful world of horses! In this 1 hour class you will learn about safety, breeds and colors. Then, enjoy the hands-on activities of grooming and leading a horse.

# Ellis Equestrian Center Lessons Programs 2023 Sessions Schedule and Pricing

Ellis House and Equestrian Center offers a wonderful riding lesson program. Lessons are offered year-round, 7 days a week with a qualified riding instructor. Both English and Western riding styles are offered for students 7 years of age and older, with lessons personalized for each student's individual needs and goals.

1-hour lessons include approximately 15-minutes of grooming and tacking-up, 30-minutes of riding, and approximately 15-minutes of un-tacking, grooming, and a lesson review.

Lead Line Lessons , Private and Semi-Private Lessons are offered year-round. Riders are scheduled for 5-consecutive weekly riding lessons per session. Ellis Houses allocates 6 weeks for each 5 week session. If a rider misses a lesson during the session and calls to cancel, the riders are able to reschedule a single lesson during the make-up week for that session when a minimum 48-hour advanced notification is provided for the rescheduled lesson. **If a rider is a no-show-no call, the rider will not be able to make-up the lesson.** If a holiday falls on the rider's scheduled day, the prorated lesson fee will be deducted from the 5-week session. **Payment is required before lessons start for each session.**

**All riders are required to sign a waiver of liability and wear helmets at all times.**

## Lead Line Lessons - Ages 4 through 6

	<b>Kendall County Resident Fees</b>	<b>Non-Resident Fees</b>
5-Lead Line Lesson Package	\$ 130.00	\$145.00
Individual Lessons	\$ 30.00	\$ 34.00

## Private Lesson Packages - Ages 7 through Adult

	<b>Kendall County Resident Fees</b>	<b>Non-Resident Fees</b>
5-Private Lessons Package	\$210.00	\$240.00
Individual Private Lessons	\$ 53.00	\$ 61.00

## Semi-Private Lessons - Ages 7 through Adult

	<b>Kendall County Resident Fees</b>	<b>Non-Resident Fees</b>
Package	\$165.00	\$193.00
Individual Lessons	\$ 42.00	\$ 48.00

Please note that the Ellis Equestrian Center will prorate lesson package fees for mid-session enrollments.

## 2023 SESSION SCHEDULE

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| <p>1. Jan 8-Feb 11<br/>Make-up Week Feb 12-18</p> <p>2. Feb 19-Mar 25<br/>Make -up Week Mar 26 -Apr 1</p> <p>3. Apr 2-May 6 <b>No Class 4/7-4/9</b><br/>Make -up Week May 7-13</p> <p>4. May 14- June 17 <b>No Class 5/29</b><br/>Make-up Week June 18-24</p> | <p>5. June 25-July 29 <b>No Class 7/3 &amp; 7/4</b><br/>Make-up Week July 30-Aug 5</p> <p>6. Aug 6 -Sept 9 <b>No Class 9/4</b><br/>Make-up Week Sept. 10-16</p> <p>7. Sept. 17 - Oct. 21<br/>Make-up Week Oct 22-28</p> <p>8. Oct. 29-Dec 2 - <b>No Class 11/23&amp; 11/24</b><br/>Make-up Dec 3-9</p> |
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# Ellis Equestrian Center Pony Birthday Parties



Children and families are invited to Ellis Equestrian Center to learn and interact with the horses in a fun and unique way while celebrating your child's birthday!

### **A 3-hour Pony Party includes:**

- 1-hour of interactive hands-on horse activities and riding
- 1-hour of a craft activity provided by Ellis
- 1-hour for your leisure in our classroom or outside to eat and open gifts!

### **Pony Birthday Party Pricing (up to 10 kids):**

Kendall County Residents	\$250.00
Each additional child.	\$25.00
Out of County Residents	\$260.00
Each additional child.	\$26.00



Parties can accommodate 5 to 25 children. Please provide one adult chaperone for every 6 children attending.

The horse craft and horse activities are provided by Ellis Equestrian Center staff. Additional options and activities such as a tractor-drawn hayride and/or upgrade horseshoe craft for \$3.00 /person and/or face painting for \$2.00/person can be added on to your party package. All activities are age appropriate and keep the safety of the participants in mind!



# Scout Outings and Group Adventure Tours

## Scout Outing

Come to Ellis to earn your next badge! Get hands on experience with our horses and basic horse knowledge including horse care, feeding, brushing, horse behavior, riding and more!  
This is a 3-hour learning session with crafts.

### **Scout Outing Pricing:**

Kendall County Residents                      \$250.00  
Out-of-County Residents                      \$260.00

*Pricing includes an outing for up to 10 children.*

Additional children:

Kendall County Residents                      \$25.00 for each additional child.  
Out-of-County Residents                      \$26.00 for each additional child.



Additional options and activities such as a tractor-drawn hayride, upgrade horseshoe craft for \$3.00 /person and/or face painting for \$2.00/person can be added on to your party package

## Family Horse Adventure

This program is designed for a family of 6 or less to enjoy a one hour informative horse adventure. This experience includes: learning basic horse information; tour of the barn; and hands-on interaction with a horse.

### **Family Horse Adventure Pricing:**

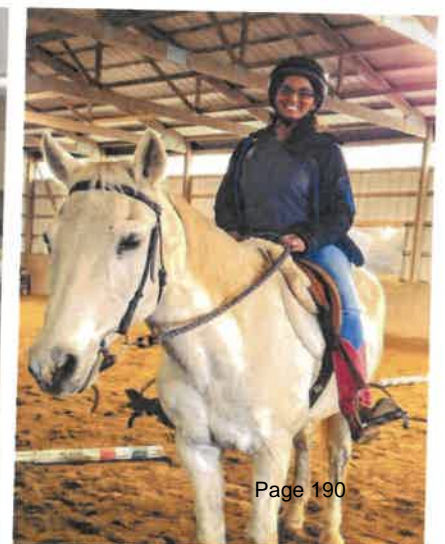
\$85.00 for up to 6 people  
\$14.00 additional individuals.  
\$10.00 / person for riding option

## Equestrian Center Field Trip Programs

Ellis Equestrian Center Field Trip programs provide two to three-hour program options for school groups, summer camps, and church groups to host a learning field day at Ellis House and Equestrian Center. Groups receive a tour of the Ellis barn and facilities, and learn the basics of horse care through fun, hands on activities!

### **Field Trip Program Pricing:**

\$12.00 per student  
\$10.00 / person for riding option



# 2023 Summer Horse Camps for Children

Summer Day Camps at Ellis Equestrian Center provide children with the opportunity to learn the basics of horse care and horse behavior. All camps include fun, hands-on activities that teach safe, responsible care for horses. Children learn confidence around the horses by feeding, grooming, leading, and riding the animals on a daily basis at our camps!

In addition to getting hands on with our horses, our camps provide a daily craft and a variety of games and activities to keep your child busy and having fun while they are here at Ellis!

Our summer camps at Ellis are designed to accommodate the needs of our children and are divided into three different age groups.

## Children's Summer Day Camp Options and Pricing

### PARENT AND TOT DAY CAMPS

Explore the wonderful world of horses with your tot! This is a two hour, one day camp offered for our younger horse lovers and the parent!

**Ages 3 to 5**

**Session 1:** Mon. June 12th

**Session 2:** Mon. July 10th

**Session 3:** Mon. August 7th

All Parent and Tot Camps run from 9:00 am-11:00 am

#### **PRICES:**

**\$60**(Kendall County residents)

**\$66** (Out-of-County)



### THREE DAY CAMPS

Ellis Equestrian Center 3-day camps are four-hours per day. Camps will provide students with hands-on horse care, feeding, handling, and riding. Each camp also includes a daily craft and other explorations of Baker Woods Forest Preserve.

**Ages 6 to 8**

**Session 1:** June 20-22 (Tues. – Thurs.)

**Session 2:** July 18-20 (Tues. – Thurs.)

**Ages 9 to 13**

**Session 1:** June 27-29 (Tues. – Thurs.)

**Session 2:** July 25-27 (Tues.—Thurs.)

All Three Day Camps run from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

#### **PRICES:**

**\$236** (Kendall County residents)

**\$247** (Out-of-County)

### **NEW OFFERING: OVERNIGHT CAMP!!** **2 NIGHTS & 3 DAYS**

This exciting new camp will teach every aspect of what it is like to own a horse. It will include classroom lessons on basic horse knowledge; daily horse care, different disciplines of riding, horse crafts, movie nights & much more!

**Ages 8-14**

**Session:** July 30th-August 1st (Sun-Tues.)

**Overnight Camp Times:** Sunday, 3:00 pm drop off –Tuesday, Noon pick up

#### **PRICES:**

**\$450** (Kendall County resident)

**\$500** (Out-of-County)

### **REGISTER TODAY!**

Summer camp enrollments are limited and fill fast!

Contact the Ellis Equestrian Center at **(815) 475-4035** to get details on registration. Registration forms can be found online at [www.kendallforest.com](http://www.kendallforest.com).



# Sunrise Center North Therapeutic Riding Program



**Sunrise Center North** is a not-for-profit therapeutic riding program specializing in services that enhance the quality of life for children and adults with special needs by using equine oriented activities for cognitive, physical, emotional and social well being.

Programs include, but are not limited to the following:

## **Special Needs Therapeutic Horseback Riding Program**

This program offers the opportunity to benefit from the movement of a horse in a controlled and safe environment. Therapeutic riding is a wonderful, emotional, physical and social activity for the disabled person. Many individuals with physical disabilities have seen vast improvement in core strength, flexibility and balance from our program. Often riders with mental disabilities improve his/her cognitive comprehension. Although the movement of the horse has proven benefits to the body and mind, the bond between the horse and rider cannot be put into tangible terms. We look forward to working with each rider and his/her individual goals.

## **Horses for Heroes**

This unique program provides equine therapy for wellness and rehabilitation to disabled veterans. Horses for Heroes programs are endorsed by the Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International (PATH Intl)

## **Autistic Musical Class on Horseback**

The songs will be interactive with the riders while the movement of the horse along with the repetition of the songs can be soothing to an autistic individual.

## **Seniors in Saddles**

The classes will be structured to help the senior with the following areas by grooming and riding the horse: increased blood circulation, increase liver function and digestion as well as stimulation of the internal organs, help bone-density and muscle mass, and keep the mind sharp.

Sunrise Center North therapeutic riding instruction is offered year-round following the Ellis Equestrian Center's lesson session schedule. For more information, contact:

Kris Mondrella,  
Therapeutic Riding Program Director  
815-260-5628

or

visit our website at:

<http://www.sunrisenorth.org>



# Ellis Equestrian Center - Contact Information

Ellis Equestrian Center is dedicated to connecting environmental stewardship with equestrian, educational, and recreational opportunities for the residents of Kendall County.

Baker Woods Forest Preserve and Ellis House and Equestrian Center's trails are open year round from 8:00 am to sunset. **All Ellis Equestrian Center facility rentals and programs require advanced reservations.**

## 2022 Ellis Equestrian Center Staff Directory

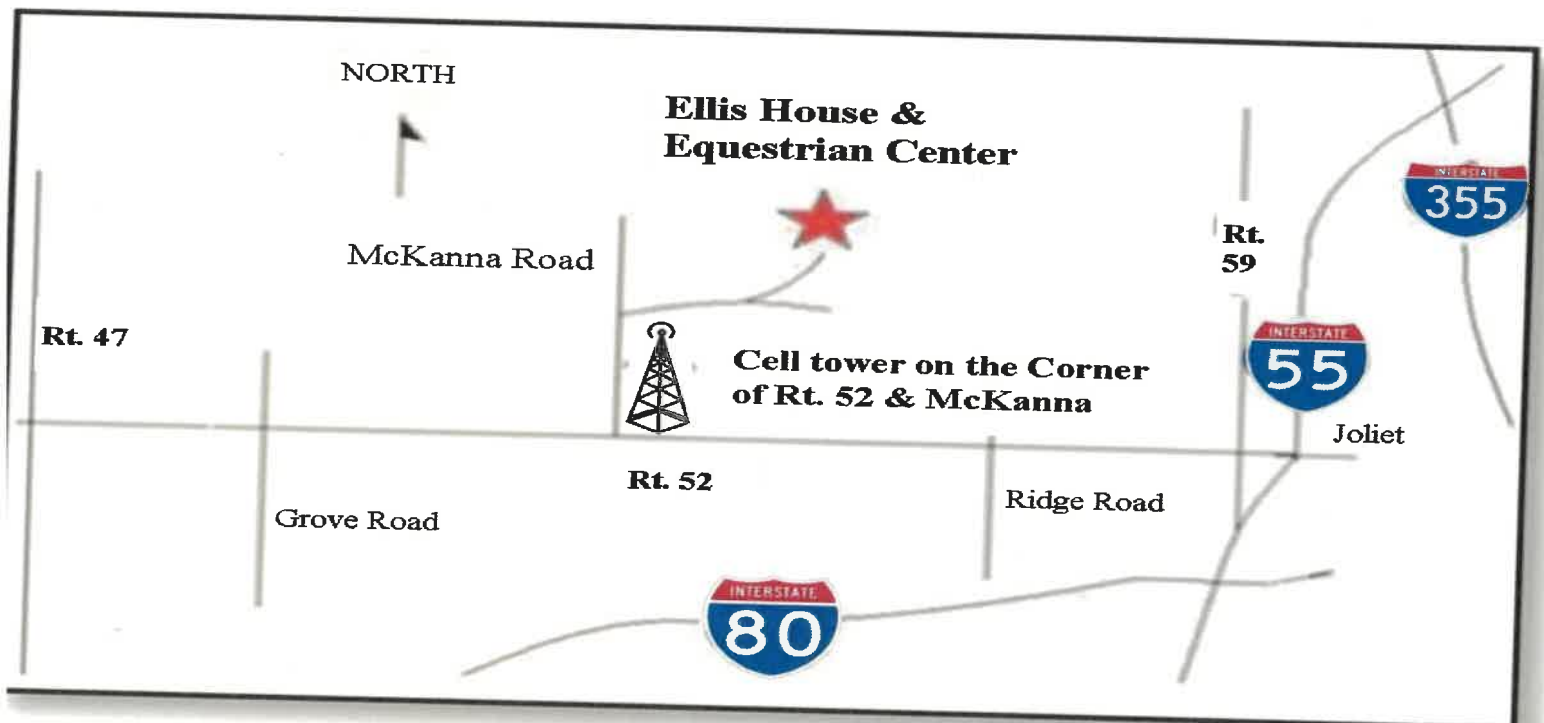
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# Kendall County Forest Preserve District Master Plan 2014-2019



# *Kendall County Forest Preserve District*

## *Master Plan*

### *2014-2019*

August 2014

Dear Kendall County Residents,

This Kendall County Forest Preserve District Master Plan is a document that not only reflects the future goals of the District, but documents the past. From a vision shared by several conservation minded acquaintances in the 1960's, through our rapid growth at the turn of the century, to the daily operations we now undertake, this plan shows the gradual journey to where we are now. The focus, however, is on the future, and what it will take to achieve the goals presented in this plan.

My sincere appreciation goes out to our Planning Ad-hoc Committee. For the better part of a year and a half, the group got together once a month in what soon became not only a planning, but a learning process. Each member of the committee brought their own area of expertise to the table, and the plan reflects this diversity. Thank you all!

Thanks to our Board of Commissioners, who reviewed and refined this document as it was developed. The approval of the plan reflects the input of all who are charged with its keeping.

My biggest thanks goes to our Director Jason Pettit, for all the time spent in preparing this document. From its original outline, to adding text, compiling maps and information, and its final preparation, this plan truly reflects his love of nature, and in particular, the natural resources of Kendall County. Thank you Jason!

From all of us, please accept this document as a guide to the future of our District, and a reflection of all the natural beauty we are so fortunate to enjoy.

*Jeff Wehrli*

President  
Kendall County Forest Preserve District



# Kendall County Forest Preserve District

## Master Plan

### 2014-2019

#### **Board of Commissioners - 2014**

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This Master Plan was approved by the Kendall County Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners in August of 2014. The Planning Ad-hoc Committee met monthly for 18 months to draft the Master Plan. The Board of Commissioners reviewed sections of the plan over four month period. The District greatly appreciates the time and effort that the Planning Ad-hoc Committee put towards this plan.

The Board of Commissioners and staff will refer to this plan on a regular basis for guidance in the decision making process and to develop the goals and objectives of the District. This plan will be reviewed annually and updated as needed.

Maps courtesy of the Kendall County GIS Department.



# Kendall County Forest Preserve District

## Master Plan

### 2014-2019

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## SECTION 1 INTRODUCTION

### HISTORY

The Kendall County Forest Preserve District was established when residents approved a referendum in April of 1964. By the early 1970s, four forest preserves with a combined 260 acres had been created in the county. Facilities consisted mainly of picnic shelters, footpaths, and the well-known Harris Forest Preserve sledding hill. For over two decades these preserves and facilities were sufficient to meet the low demands of the still largely rural and slow growing Kendall County.

A group of residents formed the Kendall Natural Area Guardians (KNAGs) and from the 1970s to the 1990s urged the District to acquire high quality natural areas. The KNAGs created a list that identified many of these natural areas. This KNAG list, along with accompanying maps and plant species lists, were utilized by the District for many years for land acquisition purposes.

As the population of Kendall County began to grow significantly in the 1990's, Kendall County citizens desired a more active Forest Preserve District. Long-time residents urged the District to preserve open space amid a wave of residential and commercial development. Newer residents, arriving mainly from counties with well established Forest Preserve Districts, desired the same in Kendall County.

The District also began to develop additional resources during the late 1990s and early 2000s. Increased staffing and funding allowed the District to initiate environmental education programming, public outreach, and natural resource management. These efforts led to increased awareness and use of the Forest Preserve District by residents. In 2000, the District completed its first Master Plan with the assistance of a Citizens Advisory Board. This plan was updated in 2008.

In 2003, as Kendall County was one of the fastest growing counties in the United States, a \$5 million open space bond referendum was approved by Kendall County residents for the District to acquire open space and to complete capital improvement projects.

In 2006 the District participated in Protect Kendall Now (PKN), an open space planning effort initiated by The Conservation Foundation. PKN combined the earlier KNAG list with municipal, county, and other open space plans to create a comprehensive vision for the preservation of natural areas and open space throughout Kendall County. The PKN effort produced the Natural Treasures of Kendall County map.



As Kendall County continued its unprecedented population growth, in 2007 voters approved a \$45 million open space bond referendum for additional land preservation and capital improvement projects. These funds, combined with nearly \$10 million in ensuing grant revenue, punctuated an amazing growth spurt where the District owns 5 times more acres in 2014 than it did just one decade earlier.

Many of these preserved acres contain some of the finest natural areas in Kendall County. Fox River frontage, property along streams, quality woodlands and wetlands, and expansion of existing preserves have all been added to District holdings in the past decade. This additional acreage has permitted the District to expand its facilities and offer more recreational and environmental educational opportunities to residents than ever before.



### *ORGANIZATION*

The Kendall County Forest Preserve District is governed by a ten member Board of Commissioners. The commissioners are elected officials, with five commissioners elected by the public from each of the two Kendall County Board Districts. The Board of Commissioners elects a President, Vice-President and Secretary, each of which serves a two year term. The District has its own property taxing authority, which largely funds the daily operating expenses of the District. These property tax funds are augmented by facility use fees, program fees, and farm license revenue. A yearly budgeting process determines the operating budget and tax levy to be issued by the District for each fiscal year. The District also has the ability to issue bonds for land acquisition, capital improvement projects and capital equipment purchases.

As of 2014 the staff of the District is comprised of 10 full-time and 18 part-time employees. Several seasonal employees assist with summer camps each year. The staff is responsible for the grounds maintenance, natural areas management, environmental education programming, event coordination, volunteer coordination and administration of the District.

### *MISSION STATEMENT AND GOALS*

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.

More specifically, the goals of the Kendall County Forest Preserve District are to:

1. Acquire and hold lands containing forests, prairies, wetlands, streams and other natural areas in order to preserve the flora, fauna and scenic beauties of Kendall County for the enjoyment of county residents and future generations.

2. Acquire and hold properties containing lands capable of being restored to a natural condition and lands that will provide recreational opportunities and facilities.
3. Utilize the forest preserves to provide educational opportunities for county residents regarding the natural systems, natural processes and natural history of Kendall County.
4. Provide and maintain passive and active recreational opportunities and facilities for residents that are compatible with District natural areas and open spaces.
5. Provide and maintain multi-purpose event facilities for residents that are compatible with District natural areas and open spaces.
6. Implement resource management practices and policies that maintain and enhance the biodiversity of District natural areas.
7. Maintain and enhance practices and policies that promote fiscal responsibility and organizational proficiency.
8. Maintain and enhance multiple media outlets to inform Kendall County residents of District programs, properties, facilities and policies.
9. Partner with other governmental agencies, conservation organizations and private landowners to preserve natural areas, create greenway corridors, and develop linear trails.

**SPOTLIGHT ON  
ARLENE & DALE ROBB**

*In 1857 Ephraim & Anna DeGroff purchased 120 acres along the Little Rock Creek north of Plano. For 150 years the same acres were owned and loved by the same family. As a child, Arlene Robb visited the property many times, which was then her Uncle Rene Jay's farm. She enjoyed the wildflowers, the birds, and sneaking cookies off to eat in the woods. When Arlene and her husband Dale inherited the property, they decided that they wanted to preserve this beautiful corner of Kendall County.*

*The Robbs donated 45 acres to the District through The Conservation Foundation, while 75 acres was purchased entirely with grant funds from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. The generosity of the Robbs led to all 120 acres being preserved at no out-of-pocket cost to the District.*



*MASTER PLAN GOALS & OBJECTIVES*

The intense growth in recent years presents the Kendall County Forest Preserve District with many challenges. Two of the main challenges are balancing the dramatic increase in the public's use of the preserves, facilities, and programs with the realities of current operational resources; and to acquire additional open space in the future.

While the yearly budget process and day-to-day operations focus on the short-term needs of the Kendall County Forest Preserve District, the ability to plan over a longer time span is essential. The development of a long-range plan will allow the District to best use its resources to meet its mission and goals, and better enable the District to be proactive in a rapidly changing landscape.

The goal of this Master Plan is to strengthen and focus the resources of the Kendall County Forest Preserve District so that it is most able to fulfill its mission statement and goals. This Master Plan was completed through the efforts of a Planning Ad-hoc Committee that consisted of Forest Preserve Commissioners, Forest Preserve staff, Kendall County staff, and partner organizations. The Planning Ad-hoc Committee met for 18 months to work on the Master Plan. The Master Plan was then reviewed and approved by the Kendall County Forest Preserve District Commission.



The Master Plan will be reviewed annually by Staff, the Planning Advisory Committee and the Board of Commissioners and updated as needed.

Master Plan Objectives (with corresponding FP Goals):

**Land Acquisition**

- Plan for future acquisition of lands containing natural areas, lands suitable for restoration, lands providing connectivity, and lands suitable for recreational facilities. (1,2,4,8)

**Facilities**

- Inventory existing facilities. (4)
- Create concept plans and/or identify improvements, estimate construction costs, and estimate maintenance costs for each of the preserves. (4,8)
- Prioritize capital improvement projects. (4,8)

**Administration**

- Continue to develop and implement appropriate policies, organizational structure, and processes. (6)
- Evaluate budget process to meet increased demands on preserves, facilities, and programming while practicing fiscal responsibility. (6)

**Programming**

- Continue to develop, promote, and evaluate educational opportunities to reach as many Kendall County residents as feasible. (3)

**Natural Areas Management**

- Continue to actively manage, document and evaluate the natural areas of the District. (5)

**Marketing and Outreach**

- Continue to inform and promote the public of the programs, properties, facilities and policies of the District. (7)

## SECTION 2 KENDALL COUNTY NATURAL RESOURCES

### NATURAL COMMUNITIES

When the first European settlers arrived in what is today Kendall County, they found a land dominated by prairie. Woodlands clung alongside creeks and rivers, with an occasional grove of trees interspersed among the prairie. Various forms of wetlands dotted the landscape, some held snow-melt and rainfall, while others released groundwater to the surface. Deep rooted plants acted as conduits to infiltrate water into the ground, resulting in a system of hydrology based more on groundwater than surface water. Boundaries between prairie, wetland, and woodland were not always clearly defined, and these boundaries shifted as fire and weather altered the landscape. Part of the Grand Prairie Natural Division, Kendall County has a rich natural history.

Fire shaped all of the natural communities of the region. Intense prairie fires pushed trees and shrubs from the grasslands. Slower, more moderate fires meandered through woodlands, reducing the numbers of less-protected thin barked trees. Wetlands, dried up at season's end, also felt the singe of fire. During the spring and fall, fire left a mosaic of burned and unburned on the landscape.

The natural communities were rich in diversity of plant and animal life, with intricate webs of relationships between predator and prey, pollinator and plant, soil and water. Many of these relationships we still strive to understand to this day.

The dark soils of the prairie were rich, as they were formed from organic matter built up over centuries. As settlers quickly determined that these soils were highly productive, prairies were quickly plowed under and wetlands were drained to create some of the finest farmland in the world. The margins of woodlands were pushed back and straightened. Fires were suppressed. Remaining natural communities were fragmented, isolated, and forever altered.

In the early 1900's a new conservation ethic began to take root. Preservation of natural areas and open space, the study of ecology, and the process to learn how to restore our natural communities began to be viewed as important subjects. Illinois, especially northeastern Illinois, has been a big player on this conservation stage. The Burnham Plan; the establishment of Forest Preserve and

NATURAL DIVISIONS OF ILLINOIS



1. Wisconsin Driftless
2. Rock River Hill Country
3. Northeastern Morainal
4. Grand Prairie
5. Upper Mississippi/Illinois River Bottomlands
6. Illinois/Mississippi River Sand Areas
7. Western Forest-Prairie
8. Middle Mississippi Border
9. Ozarks
10. Southern Till Plain
11. Wabash Border
12. Lower Mississippi River Bottomlands
13. Shawnee Hills
14. Coastal Plain

Image courtesy of the Illinois Natural History Survey

Conservation Districts; and restoration initiatives at Fermi Lab, the Morton Arboretum and many public lands across the region have collectively spearheaded one of conservation's great success stories.

## PRAIRIES

Prior to European settlement, tallgrass prairies were the dominant natural community in Kendall County, covering approximately 85% of the land. Tallgrass prairies in Illinois are part of the 'prairie peninsula', an eastward extension of this natural community that was sustained by frequent fire.

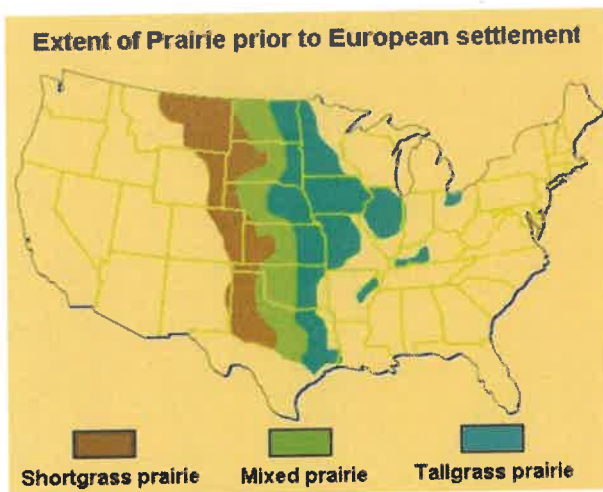


Image courtesy of Great Plains Nature Center

Prairies are classified by soil moisture (wet, wet-mesic, mesic, dry-mesic, dry) or type of soil (sand or gravel hill). Prior to European settlement, most prairies in Kendall County were wet, wet-mesic, and mesic prairie.

Prairies are fire dependent communities. Without regular fire, trees and shrubs invade the prairies, producing shade that kills the sun-loving plants. Fires are also important to recycle nutrients, eliminate non-native herbaceous plants, allow soil warming earlier in the spring, and to create a mosaic of burned and unburned areas that many animal species depend on.

### Prairie Plants

Prior to European settlement, more than 300 plant species grew in tallgrass prairies, a diverse mix of grasses, sedges, and forbs. While grasses such as big bluestem (*Andropogon gerardii*), Indian grass (*Sorghastrum nutans*), and switch grass (*Panicum virgatum*) may have

been the most numerous plants on the prairie, forbs would have contributed vast diversity.

Most of the biomass of tallgrass prairie lies below the ground surface, where plant roots can reach over 15 feet in depth. These deep roots allow the prairie plants to survive the harsh prairie environment that includes drought, grazing, and fire. These roots are also important to develop prairie soil and infiltrate water into the ground.

### Prairie Animals

Tallgrass prairie is home to an array of birds, mammals, reptiles, amphibians, and insects. Each animal species has its own set of requirements – other plants and animals it is dependent on, prairie structure, and size of a prairie to name but a few. If a habitat does not meet these requirements, the animal species simply cannot survive. To meet the requirements of the most number of species, large and varied grasslands are needed.

Many grassland bird species have been in decline in recent decades as the number of native prairie sites and other grasslands have been converted to other land uses or have been invaded by trees and shrubs.

### **Prairie Restoration & Management**

Unfortunately, no great expanses of intact prairie remain in Kendall County today. Due to the loss of prairie habitat in Kendall County, many native species of plants and animals have either been extirpated completely from the county, or have very small, and possibly unsustainable, populations. While a few tiny patches of prairie remnants cling alongside railroads or other out of the way locations, prairie restorations will make up the majority of future prairies in the county.

Prairie restoration on a landscape scale began in northeastern Illinois in the 1960s in efforts by Ray Schulenberg at the Morton Arboretum and at Fermi Lab in the 1970s by Dr. Robert Betz. These efforts led other land managers in the region to initiate prairie restorations of their own. Prairie restorations include soil preparation, seeding, burning, mowing, herbiciding, and restoring hydrology. While in a few short years a newly seeded site may begin to look like a prairie, the complex prairie ecosystem will take decades to become established.

Established prairies, whether a remnant or a restoration, typically require minimal management outside of a periodic controlled burn. Mechanical removal of invasive brush and control of herbaceous weeds can be performed as required.

Cool-season grasslands are a cousin of the native tallgrass prairie, but mainly contain non-native grasses and forbs. Typically, these cool-season grasslands are former pastures or hayfields. While they do not possess the great diversity of plant and animal life that a native prairie can, cool-season grasslands have proven to be suitable habitat for many native grassland bird species.



Jay Woods FP, Millbrook South FP, and Subat FP have examples of prairie restorations. Lyon FP and Richard Young FP have very small prairie remnants. Henneberry FP and Hoover FP both have cool-season grasslands.

### *WOODED COMMUNITIES*

Kendall County has a number of wooded natural communities that are distinct in their species make-up, tree canopy coverage, topography, and hydrology. Most local woodlands are dominated by oaks, maples, and hickories.

All of the wooded communities found in Kendall County are, to varying degrees, dependant on regular controlled burning. In general, more open canopy wooded communities require more frequent



and more intense burns, while more closed canopy wooded communities require less frequent and less intense burns.

Woodlands can be classified by soil moisture (wet, wet-mesic, mesic, dry-mesic, dry) or by the dominant trees (i.e. oak-hickory, oak-maple).

In Kendall County, there are 53 native tree species. Many of these species are the tall trees that form the canopy of the woodland. Other trees, such as hop hornbeam (*Ostrya virginiana*), thrive in the understory. Quality woodlands also possess a

number of shrub species and a diverse ground layer of herbaceous plants that includes broadleaves, grasses, and sedges. This layering of the woodland community – canopy, understory, shrub, and herbaceous – creates a variety of habitats that are important for wildlife.

### **Savannas**

Savannas form on the boundary where the prairie meets the woodland. As large, intense prairie fires swept into woodlands, only the most fire resistant tree could survive. In the Midwest, this hardy tree is the bur oak (*Quercus macrocarpa*).

Bur oak savannas have tree canopy coverage of 10-50%. The dappled sunlight that reaches the ground supports prairie and woodland plants, as well as certain plant species endemic to savannas. Shrubs typically found in savannas are the American hazelnut (*Corylus americana*) and the wild plum (*Prunus americana*).

Black oak savannas can form on poor, sandy soils. Dry conditions combined with more moderate fire combine to form black oak savannas. In Kendall County, small patches of black oak savanna can be found on sites with sandy soil, mainly in the Big Rock Creek watershed and along the Fox River.

Intact oak savannas are quite rare today as fire suppression, grazing, and invasive species have led to habitat degradation. However, many oak savannas persist today in Kendall County as more closed in woodlands, waiting for when sunlight might once again reach the ground. Jay Woods FP and Millbrook South FP both contain examples of bur oak savannas.

### **Open Woodlands**

In areas protected from intense fires by savannas, creeks or topography, open woodlands are to be found. As the name suggests, open woodlands have fairly widely spaced trees resulting in a canopy cover of 50-80%. This allows sufficient sunlight to establish diverse shrub and herbaceous layers.

Moderate fires worked their way through the open woodlands, keeping the numbers of thin barked

maple, ash, elm, and cherry to a minimum. As a result, most of our open woodlands are dominated by oak (*Quercus sp*) and hickory (*Carya sp*), although there can be quite a diversity of trees. Shrub species typical of open woodlands include American hazelnut (*Corylus americana*), wild plum (*Prunus americana*), chokecherry (*Prunus virginiana*), and black haw (*Viburnum prunifolium*).

Fire suppression, grazing, and invasive species have led to habitat degradation in our open woodlands. Specifically, garlic mustard (*Alliaria petiolata*), common buckthorn (*Rhamnus cathartica*), and honeysuckle (*Lonicera sp*), three invasive plants from Europe and Asia, have ruined many acres of open woodland habitat by pushing out native plants and preventing oak regeneration.

The best examples of open woodlands occur at Harris FP and Lyon FP, although most preserves have some amount of this community.

### Northern Flatwoods

Northern flatwoods are a rare type of natural community that is formed where a unique set of topography, soils, and hydrology combine to form this wet woodland. Flatwoods are characterized by having water at, or near, the ground surface for the majority of the growing season. This is usually caused by a layer of clay a few feet below the surface that forces water to slowly move laterally rather than percolating downward. Topography prevents the water from quickly draining overland and off of the site.

The canopy trees of the flatwoods are spaced fairly far apart which allows adequate sunlight to reach the shrub and herbaceous layers. Tree canopy coverage is typically 20-80%. Trees indicative of flatwoods include swamp white oak (*Quercus bicolor*), linden (*Tilia americana*), black ash (*Fraxinus nigra*), and cottonwood (*Populus deltoides*). Commonly found shrubs include paw paw (*Asimina triloba*), blue beech (*Carpinus caroliniana*), and buttonbush (*Cephalanthus occidentalis*).

The herbaceous layer usually possesses a large number of sedge species, along with a substantial amount of forb and grass species. The herbaceous layer of flatwoods can be very diverse and include plants typical of open woodlands and sedge meadows, besides those associated specifically with flatwoods. Periodic fires through the flatwoods enhance the biodiversity by creating a balance between the various components of the community. In flatwoods, these fires are slow moving and control the number of woody plants, thereby allowing adequate sunlight to reach the herbaceous layer. Flatwoods support a variety of animal life that depends on the unique watery community for food, shelter and breeding habitat.

Maramech FP contains the only flatwoods owned by the District, and possibly the only example of this community in Kendall County. The flatwoods in Maramech are an Illinois Nature Preserve, which not only acknowledges the rarity of this natural community, but identifies this site as one of the best examples of a flatwoods in the state.



**Forests**

Forests thrive where fires are infrequent and of low intensity. Tree species that cannot tolerate the intense fires of the savanna or the moderate burns of the open woodlands find refuge in the forest. With more tree stems per acre, forests understandably have a more closed canopy, between 80-100%. Forests are typically dominated by maple, either black maple (*Acer nigrum*) or sugar maple (*Acer saccharum*), and by red oak (*Quercus rubra*).

Floodplain forests are a common variety in Kendall County, where silver maple (*Acer saccharinum*), ash (*Fraxinus* sp), and elm (*Ulmus* sp) dominate. High quality floodplain forests are uncommon as land use changes and drainage have increased flooding occurrences and altered the hydrology of these communities. Baker Woods FP alongside the Aux Sable Creek and Jay Woods FP with the Little Rock Creek both contain examples of floodplain forests.

Shrubs typical of forests include bladdernut (*Staphylea trifolia*) and elderberry (*Sambucus canadensis*). Due to lower sunlight levels on the ground, the herbaceous layer of forest is generally sparser than that of other wooded communities.



Photo courtesy of Larry Granat

**Woodland Animals**

Because of the varied habitats that they possess and the diversity of their plant species, woodlands are home to many species of mammals, birds, herps, and insects. Some animal species are reliant on different layers of the woodland. For example, the red-eyed vireo feeds on insect high up in the canopy while building its nest on small trees or shrubs.

As many Kendall County woodlands are dominated by oaks, these trees are especially important for wildlife. The acorns of oak trees are an important food source for deer, turkey, and squirrels. Some species of birds time their spring migrations to coincide with the flowering of oaks and other trees so that they can feed on the insects attracted by the flowers.

The intricate web between plants, animals, and other components of our woodlands depend on maintaining diverse and healthy plant communities.

**Woodland Restoration & Management**

Many wooded communities in Kendall County have suffered from habitat fragmentation, fire suppression, invasive species, and changes in hydrology. As a result, our woodlands have lost some measure of plant and animal diversity, and long-term sustainability is uncertain. In many of our oak woodlands, new generations of oaks have not been able to grow due to habitat degradations. As the ‘elder statesmen’ oak trees begin to die, replacement oaks are not present to sustain this community.

To restore our woodland communities, a number of management techniques can be utilized. Brush and tree removal can permit adequate sunlight to reach all layers – canopy, understory, and ground – of the woodland. Controlled burns works to reduce the number of small trees, recycles nutrients, and controls invasive plant species such as garlic mustard. Invasive plants can also be controlled mechanically or with the use of herbicide.

Woodlands also benefit from the re-introduction of native plant species through seeding or the planting of plugs. Habitat fragmentation can be reversed by tree planting projects that reconnect and enlarge existing woodlands.

### WETLAND COMMUNITIES

Wetlands come in many forms. Some are wet year round, while other wetlands dry up during the dog-days of summer. Some wetlands have deep, standing water, while others have only saturated soil. Many wetlands thrive in full sun, while still others thrive under the shade of shrubs and trees. Wetlands are highly productive natural communities that support prolific plant growth and abundant animal populations. Despite the presence of water, most Kendall County wetlands are dependent on regular controlled burns.

#### **SPOTLIGHT ON KENDALL NATURAL AREA GUARDIANS**

*The Kendall Natural Area Guardians (KNAGs) formed in the late 1970's to assist the Kendall County Forest Preserve District in fulfilling its mission. The group led wildflower and fall color hikes, performed natural area management work, and compiled a thorough land acquisition list.*

*This land acquisition list identified and mapped the highest quality natural areas in Kendall County, as well as provided plant species list for many of these fine sites. For many years the District utilized 'the KNAG list' to guide its land acquisition program.*

*The KNAGs were under the umbrella of the Kendall County Soil & Water Conservation District until they disbanded a few years ago. But while in existence, the KNAGs were instrumental in strengthening natural areas efforts across the county.*

*A partial list of KNAG members includes Marilyn Bohm, Keith Tucker, Neill & Parkie Emmons, Dave Oram, Dave Ramsden, Janet Schorr, and Mike Brock.*



Wetlands are important components of an area's hydrology, linking surface waters with groundwater. They capture snowmelt and rainwater, infiltrating this water into the ground. This water moves laterally through the ground, eventually discharging into streams, rivers, and even other wetlands. Water infiltration serves to lessen flooding and improve water quality of our waterways.

Most Kendall County wetlands have been completely drained or so severely altered so that they retain little of their original bio-diversity or hydrological functions. As only a limited number of wetlands remain intact, these are especially vital as refuges for plants and animals dependant on these natural areas.

#### **Fens & Seeps**

Fens and seeps are unique wetlands that form where groundwater emerges to the surface, typically on a slope near a stream or river. This water is highly alkaline from the calcium it has picked up as it has migrated through the limestone rich ground. This groundwater flows, or more likely, oozes to the surface continually throughout the year. Many plants cannot tolerate the mineral laden water, leaving ample space for those specialist plants that can. Because they rely on a continuous supply of groundwater, fens and seeps require recharge zones to be maintained where water can be infiltrated into the ground.

Fens can be graminoid – full of grasses and sedges – or sparsely vegetated. Graminoid fens rely on controlled burns to prevent trees and shrubs from closing in and pushing out the herbaceous plants.



Woodland seeps are found where groundwater comes to the surface under tree cover. These shaded sites are typically dominated by skunk cabbage (*Symplocarpus foetidus*) and marsh marigold (*Caltha palustris*).

Kendall County, and the entire Fox River valley, is rather special in regard to fens and seeps as the area contains the highest concentrations of these wetlands in Illinois. Nice examples of fens can be found at Lyon FP and Millbrook-South FP, while seeps are present in those same preserves as well as Hoover FP.

### **Sedge Meadows**

These wetlands are flat lowlands dotted with tussocks, a bump of soil and roots created by species of sedges. The ground of sedge meadows is typically saturated, but standing water is many times present for only short periods. The soils of sedge meadows are highly organic peat. Like graminoid fens, sedge meadows depend on occasional controlled burns to keep trees and shrubs from becoming prolific.

Sedge meadows, wet prairies, and fens contain many of the same plant species. Sedge meadows are dominated by sedges, wet prairies by grasses, and fens by an assortment of calcium tolerant plants. Sedge meadows can be found at Subat FP and at Cannonball Sedge Meadow.

### **Marshes**

Marshes are wetlands that typically have standing water during most of the growing season. Some marshes may dry up during the late summer and early fall, while others retain water all year. Marshes are dominated by herbaceous plants, which may include both emergent and floating vegetation. Controlled burns in the fall work to maintain the plant diversity of the marsh.

Examples of marshes can be found at Subat FP and Millbrook-North FP.

### **Wetland Animals**

Wetlands are extremely valuable natural areas as breeding grounds, nesting sites, and migratory stops for wildlife. Many species of herps, especially frogs, toads, and salamanders, depend on wetlands for breeding. These same species spend much of their adult lives in upland areas, but return to wetlands each spring to breed.

Many species of waterfowl, wading birds, and shorebirds utilize wetlands for rest and feed stops on their bi-annual migrations. Resident birds of all sorts nest in and around wetlands.

While dragonflies may be one of the most recognizable insects of local wetlands, damselflies, butterflies, and a host of less visible insects populate these important natural areas.

### **Wetland Restoration & Management**

Due to the severe alterations that have been made to many wetlands, restoring these natural areas can involve more intensive planning and aggressive techniques. Planning for wetland restorations may require engineering, soil testing, and groundwater studies. Restoration work may include disabling drain tiles, earth-moving, and installation of water control structures.

Wetland restorations also may include seeding and/or planting with native plant species, control of invasive plant species such as Reed Canary Grass (*Phalaris arundinacea*) and Purple Loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*), and controlled burning.

*RIVERS AND STREAMS*

Kendall County is divided into two watersheds – the land that drains into the Fox River and its tributaries, and the land that drains into the Aux Sable Creek and its tributaries. Approximately 60% of the county drains into the Fox River, while the remaining 40% drains into the Aux Sable Creek.

A significant number of waterways in Kendall County are of high quality in terms of water quality and biotic diversity. The Fox River has rebounded from many decades of pollution and indifference to become both a natural and a recreation resource. Fisherman and paddlers recreate on the river, while many others enjoy its beauty from trails and parks.

Fox River tributaries such as the Big Rock Creek and Little Rock Creek are some of the higher quality streams in northeastern Illinois. These streams possess diverse fish, mussel, and aquatic insect populations. Streams such as the Blackberry Creek, Hollenback Creek, and Waubonsie Creek have also improved in water quality over the past few decades. Dam removals on the Blackberry Creek and Waubonsie Creek have reconnected parts of those streams to improve fish habitat and spawning.



The Aux Sable Creek, for covering such a large amount of Kendall County, is much lesser known than the Fox River. While it does not currently have some of the recreational opportunities as the Fox River, the Aux Sable is a very high quality stream based on its water quality and populations of fish, mussels, and aquatic insects. While many of the headwater streams of the Aux Sable Creek have been channelized, the main stem retains its original charm and character.

Many of the waterways in Kendall County have benefitted from watershed planning efforts over the past 15-20 years. These efforts bring together open space agencies, non-profit organizations, municipalities, wastewater treatment district, businesses, farmers, and others to plan for the protection and improvement of our waterways. The Fox River, Blackberry Creek, Big & Little Rock Creeks, Blackberry Creek, Waubonsie Creek, and Aux Sable Creek have all had watershed plans created. Many challenges remain for our waterways, especially as watersheds transform from agriculture to suburban landscapes. Meeting those challenges will take the continued cooperation of all of those who reside, work, and recreate in our watersheds.

## SECTION 3 PRESERVES AND FACILITIES

From its creation in 1964 until the mid-1990s, the Kendall County Forest Preserve District consisted of a few preserves with limited facilities. By far the most popular site was Harris Forest Preserve with its picnic shelters, horse arena, sled hill, ballfield, and trails. Trails at Lyon Forest Preserve, and a picnic shelter and trails at Baker Woods Forest Preserve completed the list of District facilities. By the 1990s, many of these existing facilities were aged and in decline.



The acquisition (1994) and development (1998) of the Richard Young Forest Preserve marked the beginning of a new era for the District. In this time period, the facilities at Harris, Lyon, and Baker Woods Forest Preserves were significantly upgraded. Additional properties were acquired and construction projects at Subat Forest Preserve, Maramech Forest Preserve, and the Shuh Shuh Gah Canoe Launch added more sites for the public to use. These newer facilities largely mirrored existing facilities with their picnic shelters and trails.

As land was acquired from the 2003 and 2007 open space referendums, additional preserves were improved with public facilities. Hoover Forest Preserve and the Ellis House & Equestrian Center provided the District with opportunities to diversify its facilities with tent campsites, bunkhouses, environmental education buildings, equestrian facilities, and multi-purpose spaces. Jay Woods Forest Preserve, Millbrook South Forest Preserve, and Blackberry Trails Forest Preserve were all acquired and improved with public use facilities during this time period.

### SPOTLIGHT ON THE OLD MILLBROOK BRIDGE



*On the Fox River in Millbrook you cannot but help to spot an endangered species. But it is not a bird or a plant, or even an insect. Technically speaking it is a Pratt truss span bridge, but in laymen's terms it is called the Old Millbrook Bridge.*

*The bridge was originally built in 1897 by Bellefontaine Bridge & Iron Company in Bellefontaine, Ohio. Three spans of 132 feet each cross the Fox River, resting on two stone piers in the river and concrete abutments on each bank. Steel for two of the current spans were produced by Carnegie Steel, while the third span is a replacement that was milled by U.S. Steel.*

*The single lane bridge was used for vehicular traffic until 1984, when it was replaced by a new bridge a short distance downstream. The District acquired the bridge as a future trail crossing. The bridge connects to the Shuh Shuh Gah Canoe Launch and is nearby to Millbrook North Forest Preserve.*

KENDALL COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT - MASTER PLAN

FACILITY CHART

	Acres	Parking	Trails	Picnic Shelters	Drinking Water	Bathrooms	Fishing	Tent Camping	Bunk-house	Baseball Field	Horse Arena	Sled Hill	Event Space	Canoe Launch
Baker Woods	252	✓	3.00	2		✓	✓				✓		✓ <sup>1</sup>	
Blackberry Trail	154	✓ <sup>2</sup>	1.42	1 <sup>2</sup>	✓ <sup>2</sup>	✓ <sup>2</sup>	✓				✓	✓		
Harris	94	✓	2.67	7	✓	✓	✓							
Henneberry	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													
Pickeril-Pigott	96													
Richard Young	118	✓	1.54	2	✓	✓								
Shuh Shuh Gah	2	✓		1	✓	✓ <sup>5</sup>	✓							✓
Subat	71	✓	0.98	1	✓	✓								
Other Parcels	104													
Total	2,663		22.44	17										

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

**BAKER WOODS FOREST PRESERVE**

Address: 2939 Route 52, Minooka  
 13986 McKanna Road, Minooka (Ellis House & Equestrian Center)  
 Township: Seward  
 Total Acres: 253

Existing Facilities - 2939 Route 52:

Parking: Yes Spaces: 18  
 Trails: Yes Miles: 3  
 Shelter: Yes Number: 2 Tables: 4  
 Restroom: Yes (seasonal)  
 V.I. Sign: Yes  
 Water: No  
 Other: Storage building

Existing Facilities - 13986 McKanna Road, Minooka (Ellis House & Equestrian Center):

Parking: Yes Spaces: 85  
 Trails: Yes Miles: 3  
 Shelter: No Number: 0 Tables: 4  
 Restroom: Yes  
 V.I. Sign: Yes  
 Water: Yes  
 Other: Ellis House, stable, indoor & outdoor arenas, storage building

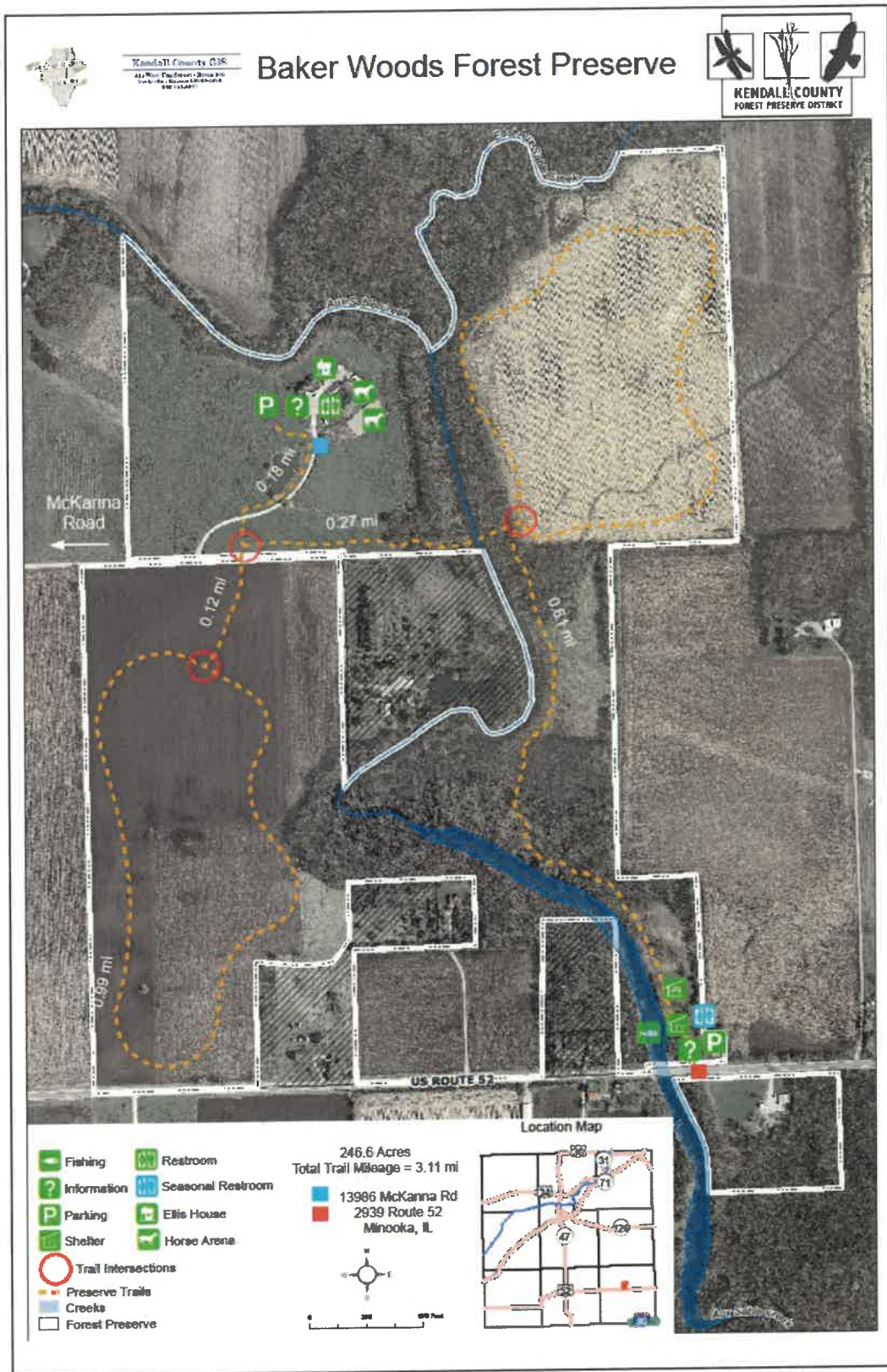
Acquisition History:

<u>Acquired From</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Grants</u>	<u>Acres</u>
Baker	1967	Donation	0	0	17.74
Young American's Club	1970	Fee Simple	22,500	0	8.70
Baker	1974	Donation	0	0	0.34
Sandstrom	2008	Fee Simple	1,117,390	0	64.33
Baker	2008	Fee Simple	1,909,000	250,000	95.45
Sova	2008	Fee Simple	20,723	0	0.78
Ellis	2008	Fee Simple	2,440,000	0	44.90
Seward Township	2009	Fee Simple	199,875	0	10.00
Devries	2011	Fee Simple	110,000	0	10.76

Natural Communities: Open woodland, floodplain forest, grassland, stream

Baker Woods Forest Preserve consists of the Aux Sable Creek and its associated woodlands, and row crop fields. Pastures and hay fields associated with Ellis House & Equestrian Center occupy the northwest section of the preserve. A small gravel parking lot and associated amenities are located at the Route 52 entrance. A multi-use trail was constructed in 2012.

The Aux Sable Creek is one of the highest quality streams in Kendall County and northeastern Illinois. The corridor along the creek is predominately mesic maple-oak woodlands, although there are some floodplain forests along the Aux Sable. A small prairie restoration is located near the Route 52 entrance and a few ephemeral wetlands dot the woodlands each spring. Eventually, row crop fields will be restored to natural areas.



**BLACKBERRY TRAIL FOREST PRESERVE**

Address: Caliendo Circle, Montgomery

Township: Bristol

Total Acres: 154

Existing Facilities:

Parking:	No*	Spaces:		
Trails:	Yes	Miles:	1.84	
Shelter:	No	Number:		Tables:
Restroom:	No			
V.I. Sign:	No			
Water:	No			
Other:				

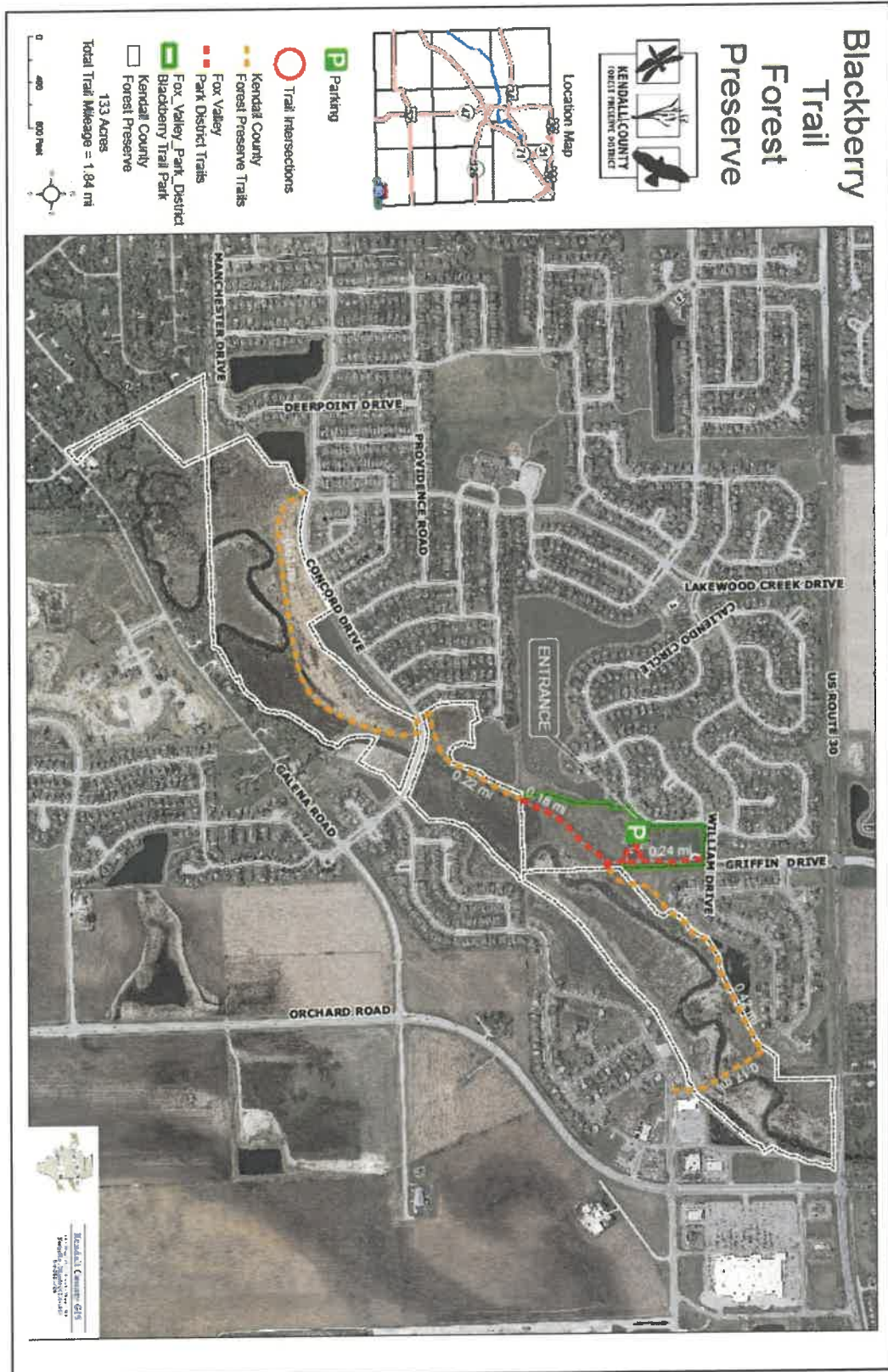
\* Parking and other facilities are available at Blackberry Trails Park operated by the Fox Valley Park District.

Acquisition History:

<u>Acquired From</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Grants</u>	<u>Acres</u>
Montgomery Crossing LLC	2004	Donation	0	0	74
Blackberry Crossing LLC	2005	Donation	0	0	8.41
Dickson	2007	Donation	0	0	24.28
Blackberry Pointe LLC	2009	Donation	0	0	52.47

Blackberry Trail FP was created through a cooperative effort between the District, Village of Montgomery, and various development companies. All of the property was acquired through dedication agreements with the developers, who also paid for prairie seeding and trail construction. A partnership with the Fox Valley Park District allows access to this preserve through the adjacent Blackberry Trails Park.

This preserve creates a nearly contiguous greenway along the Blackberry Creek from the Kendall-Kane line to Galena Road. Although there are little remnant natural areas, this preserve and other adjacent open spaces shows the value of prairie restorations, naturalized stormwater detention, and greenway corridors in a highly developed landscape.





**HARRIS FOREST PRESERVE**

Address: 10460 Route 71, Yorkville

Township: Kendall

Total Acres: 92

Existing Facilities:

Parking: Yes      Spaces: 100  
 Trails: Yes      Miles: 2.67  
 Shelter: Yes      Number: 7      Tables: 70  
 Restroom: Yes  
 V.I. Sign: Yes  
 Water: Yes  
 Other: Sled hill  
          Horse arena  
          Ballfield  
          Maintenance buildings (2)

Acquisition History:

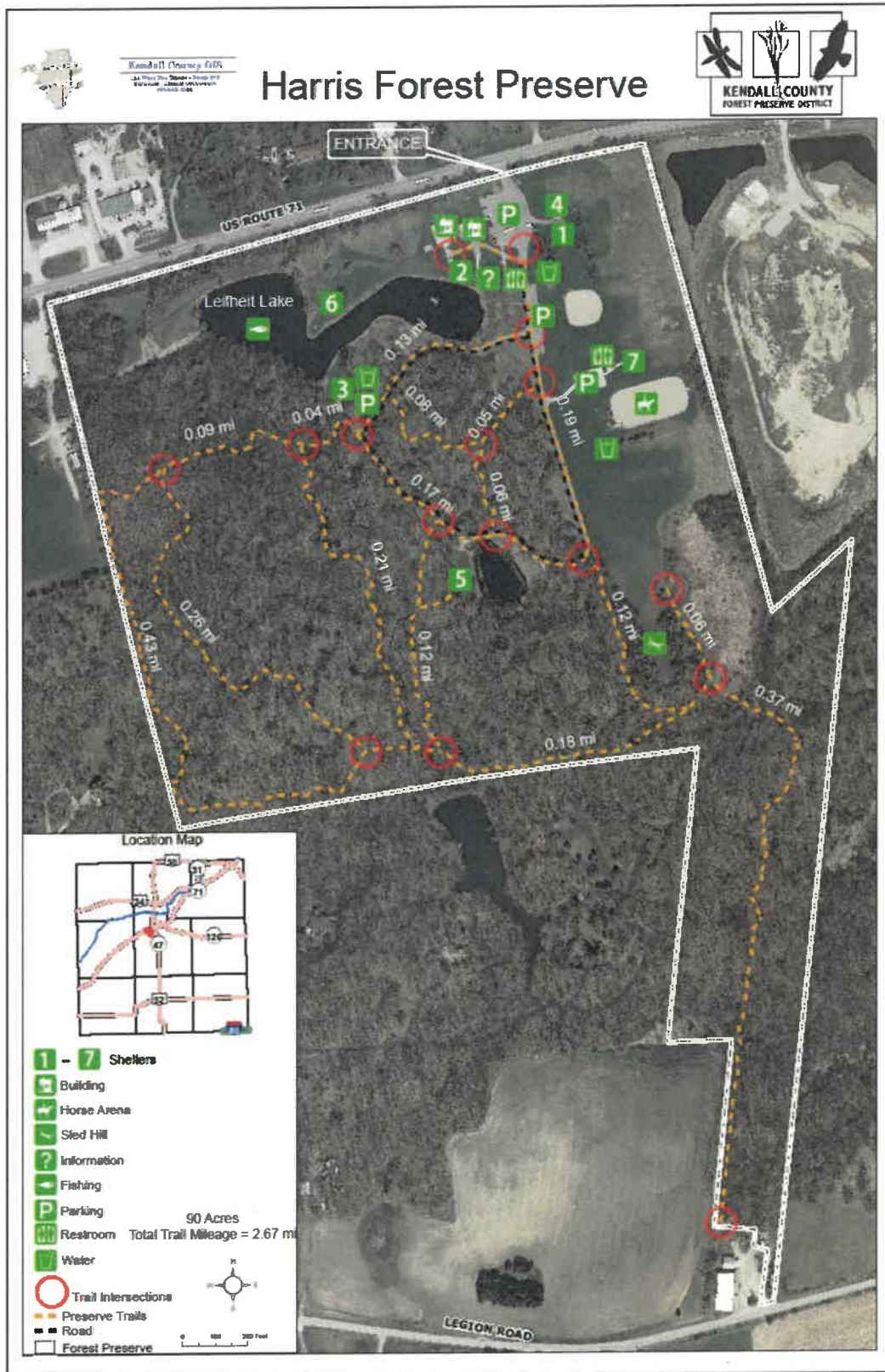
<u>Acquired From</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Grants</u>	<u>Acres</u>
Harris	1968	Fee Simple	80,900	40,450	86
KC Recreation Assoc.	1990	Donation	0	0	6

Natural Communities:

Open woodland, grassland, stream, pond

Harris Forest Preserve is one of the most used of the Kendall County Forest Preserves. The facilities have been significantly upgraded since the late 1990s. The maintenance buildings are part of a farmstead that used to be on the site. Leifheit Lake is a man-made lake that was created in the early 1970s, with the spoils being used to form the sled hill.

The natural areas of Harris FP consist mainly of oak-maple woodlands. Recent restoration efforts have increased the herbaceous plant coverage of sizable sections of the woodlands. A number of unused former turf areas have been converted to meadows and prairies and add important habitat buffers to the woodlands. Small, intermittent streams flow through the woodlands and into Leifheit Lake.



**HENNEBERRY FOREST PRESERVE**

Address: Cherry Road, Oswego

Township: Na-Au-Say

Total Acres: 217

Existing Facilities:

Parking:	No	Spaces:	
Trails:	No	Miles:	
Shelter:	No	Number:	Tables:
Restroom:	No		
V.I. Sign:	No		
Water:	No		
Other:			

Acquisition History:

<u>Acquired From</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Grants</u>	<u>Acres</u>
Henneberry Woods LLC	2010	Fee Simple	5,312,189	780,000	217

Natural Communities:

Open woodland, grassland, shrubland

This site contains rolling grasslands, shrublands, and some forested areas. Approximately 100 acres are in row crop fields as of 2014. There is no direct access to Henneberry as of 2014. The grasslands and shrublands at Henneberry are uncommon in Kendall County and a number of increasingly rare bird species breed in these habitats. The District monitors these bird species as part of the Bird Conservation Network's Prairie Bird Survey. Future planning for Henneberry will balance public use with the breeding requirements of these species. Henneberry has future planned connections to Waa Kee Sha Park owned by the Oswegoland Park District.

HENNEBERRY FOREST PRESERVE



HOLLENBACK SUGARBUSH FOREST PRESERVE

Address: Route 71, Yorkville

Township: Fox

Total Acres: 46

Existing Facilities:

Parking:	No	Spaces:	
Trails:	No	Miles:	
Shelter:	No	Number:	Tables:
Restroom:	No		
V.I. Sign:	No		
Water:	No		
Other:			

Acquisition History:

<u>Acquired From</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Grants</u>	<u>Acres</u>
Welles	2005	Fee Simple	670,855		46.26

Natural Communities:

Open woodlands, forest, stream

Hollenback Sugarbush was acquired by the District from descendants of one of the earliest families to settle in Kendall County. For many years, the area was home to a maple tapping operation. The preserve name acknowledges the Hollenback family and the history of site. Besides the large sugar maples, the preserve also contains oak woodlands and a stretch of the Hollenback Creek.

**HOLLENBACK SUGARBUSH FOREST PRESERVE**



**HOOVER FOREST PRESERVE**

Address: 11285 Fox Road, Yorkville  
 Township: Little Rock, Bristol, & Kendall  
 Total Acres: 393

Existing Facilities:

Parking:	Yes	Spaces:	194		
Trails:	Yes	Miles:	6.64		
Shelter:	Yes	Number:	4	Tables:	68
Restroom:	Yes				
V.I. Sign:	No				
Water:	Yes				
Other:	Bunkhouses (3)			Group and family campsites	
	Meadowhawk Lodge			Nature Exploration Station	
	Staff residence			Sled hill	
	Maintenance building (2)			Ballfield	
	Education building (2)			Fox River decks (2)	
	Volunteer building			Amphitheater	
	Neshnabe'k Village				

Acquisition History:

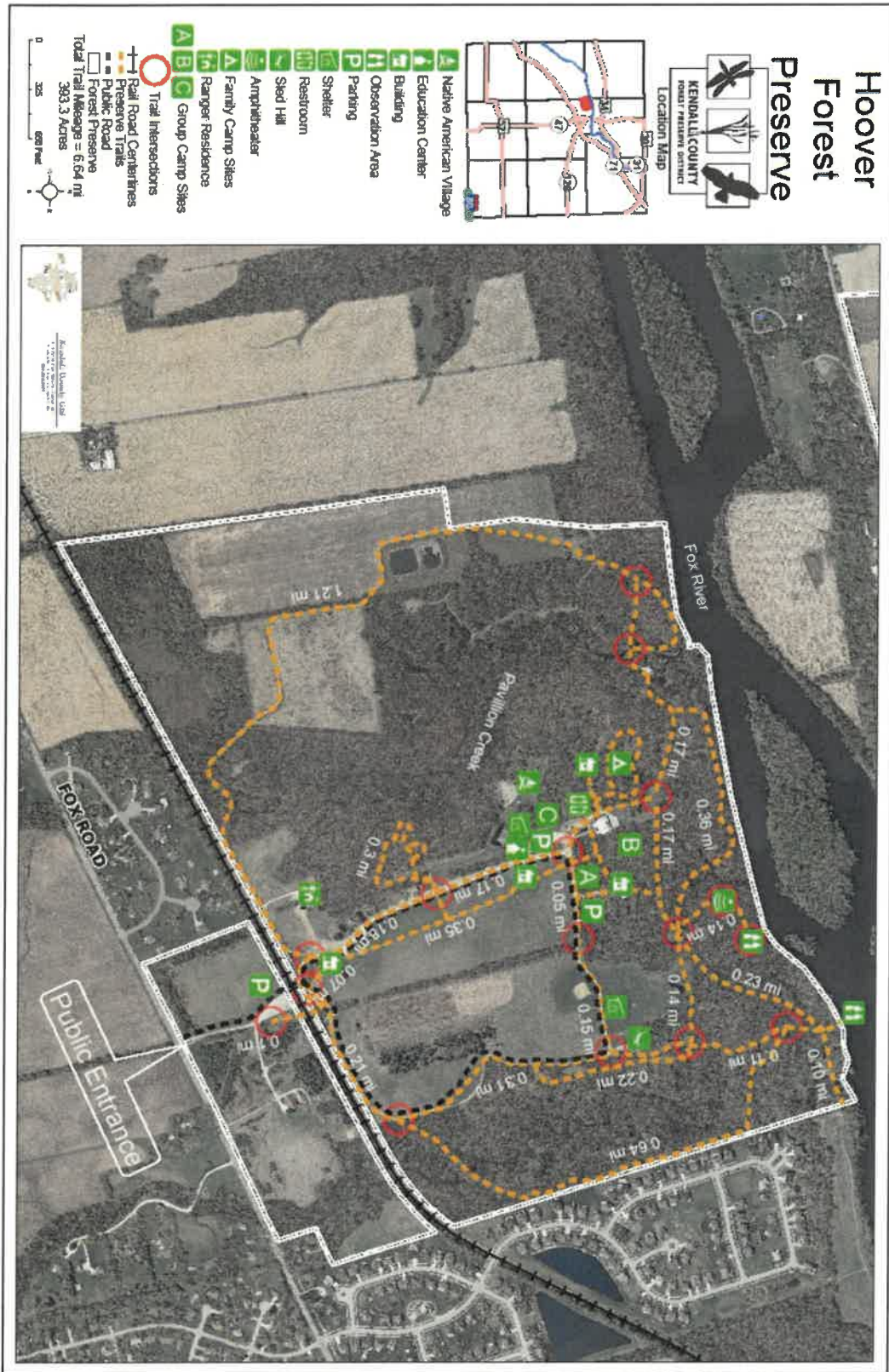
<u>Acquired From</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Grants</u>	<u>Acres</u>
Chicago Area Council - Boy Scouts	2004	Fee Simple	6,394,275	6,119,391	140
Openlands	2004	Fee Simple	780,525	750,000	17
Openlands	2005	Fee Simple	7,020,524	5,930,538	152
Openlands	2007	Fee Simple	4,145,000	0	84

Natural Communities: Open woodland, floodplain forest, fen, seep, grassland, prairie, stream

This former Boy Scout camp is the largest and most used preserve in Kendall County. Since 2007, nearly all of the buildings and infrastructure at Hoover FP have been upgraded and renovated. Hoover FP is the central location for many of the District's environmental education programs. The preserve is also the home of the Kendall County Outdoor Education Center, which is an educational cooperative of the Regional Office of Education. These facilities make Hoover FP the environmental education center of Kendall County.

Hoover FP has a number of facilities that are available for rental by the public - bunkhouses, family campsites, group campsites and Meadowhawk Lodge. Hoover FP possesses a deep water well, pump station, and water mains that service all of the facilities at the site. The preserve also has its own sewage treatment facility, an aerator lagoon system that is located on the west side of Hoover. A building that used to house an indoor pool currently stands vacant on the property. Five buildings formerly on the property were demolished by the District.

Hoover FP has approximately 0.75 miles of Fox River frontage and an associated bluff and ravine system. Mixed mesic woodlands dominate the bluffs, while wet-mesic woodlands are found in the ravines. A number of seeps are located both on the Fox River bluffs and on the sides of the ravines. Hoover has a number of fields, mostly planted in cool season grass cover by the scouts years ago. Three areas of Hoover were planted with trees by the scouts. A former row crop field on the west side of Hoover is being restored to tallgrass prairie.





**JAY WOODS FOREST PRESERVE**

Address: 860 Creek Road, Plano

Township: Little Rock

Total Acres: 120

Existing Facilities:

Parking:	Yes	Spaces:	56		
Trails:	Yes	Miles:	1.8		
Shelter:	Yes	Number:	1	Tables:	8
Restroom:	Yes				
V.I. Sign:	Yes				
Water:	Yes				
Other:	Overlook deck		Council ring		
	Corn crib				

Acquisition History:

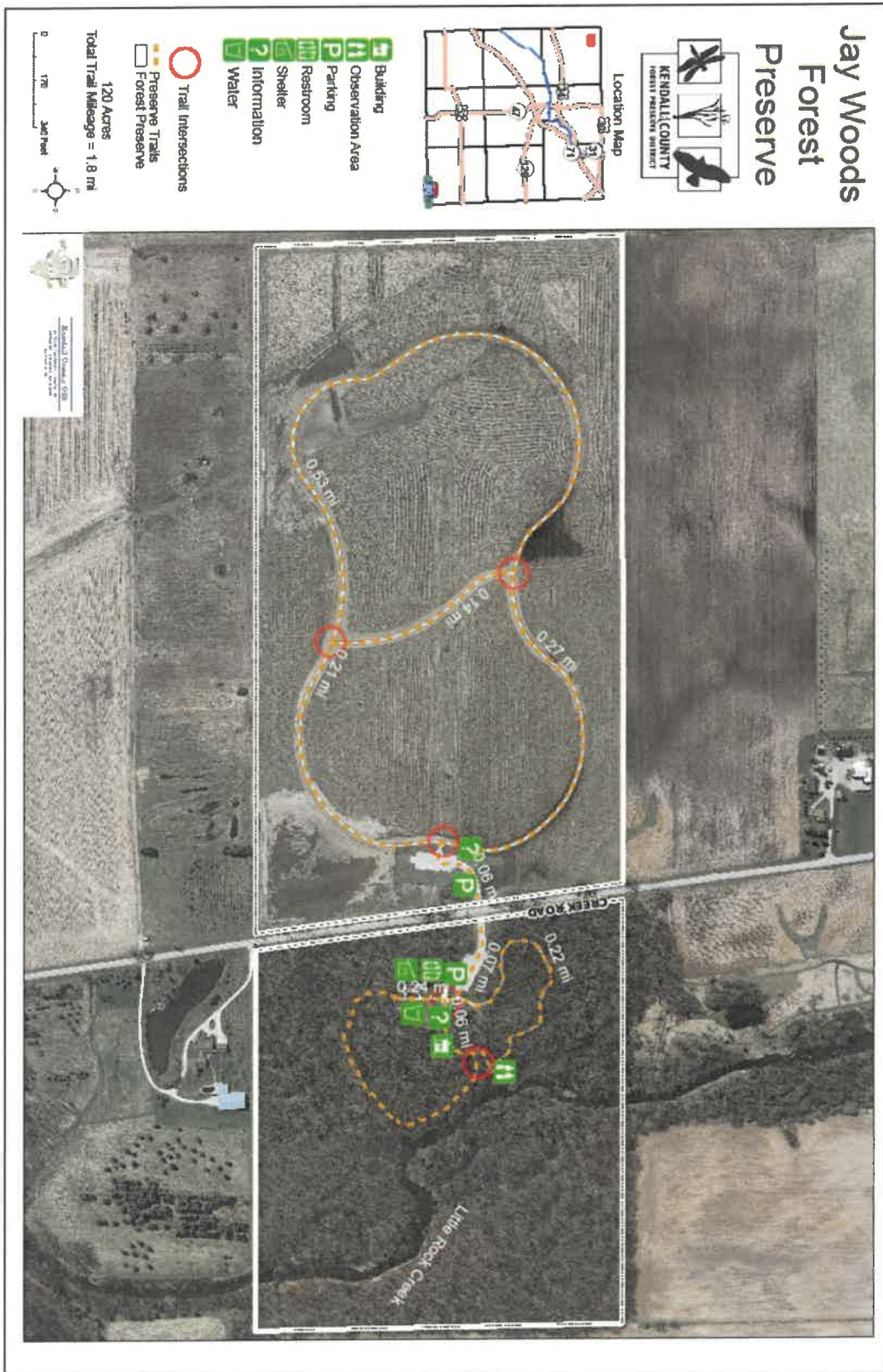
	<u>Acquired From</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Grants</u>	<u>Acres</u>
	The Conservation Foundation	2007	Donation	0	0	45
	Robb	2007	Fee Simple	750,000	750,000	75

Natural Communities:

Savanna, open woodland, prairie, stream

Jay Woods FP was acquired through a donation by Arlene and Dale Robb, as the property had been in Arlene's family since the 1850s. With the assistance of The Conservation Foundation as the holder of the donated parcel and a grant from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, the District was able to acquire the 120 at no cost. The District repurposed a 1950s corn crib as the trail head complete with interpretive signage.

Jay Woods contains 45 acres of woodlands east of Creek Road. These woodlands contain a variety of habitat types including oak savannas, mesic woodlands, and wet-mesic woodlands. The Little Rock Creek bisects the woodlands. The 75 acres on the west side of the preserve are being restored to tallgrass prairie and also have naturalized stormwater detention areas.



**LYON FOREST PRESERVE**

Address: 8300 Van Emmon Road, Yorkville

Township: Bristol & Kendall

Total Acres: 44.5

Existing Facilities:

Parking:	Yes	Spaces:	12	
Trails:	Yes	Miles:	1.33	
Shelter:	No	Number:		Tables:
Restroom:	No			
V.I. Sign:	No			
Water:	No			
Other:				

Acquisition History:

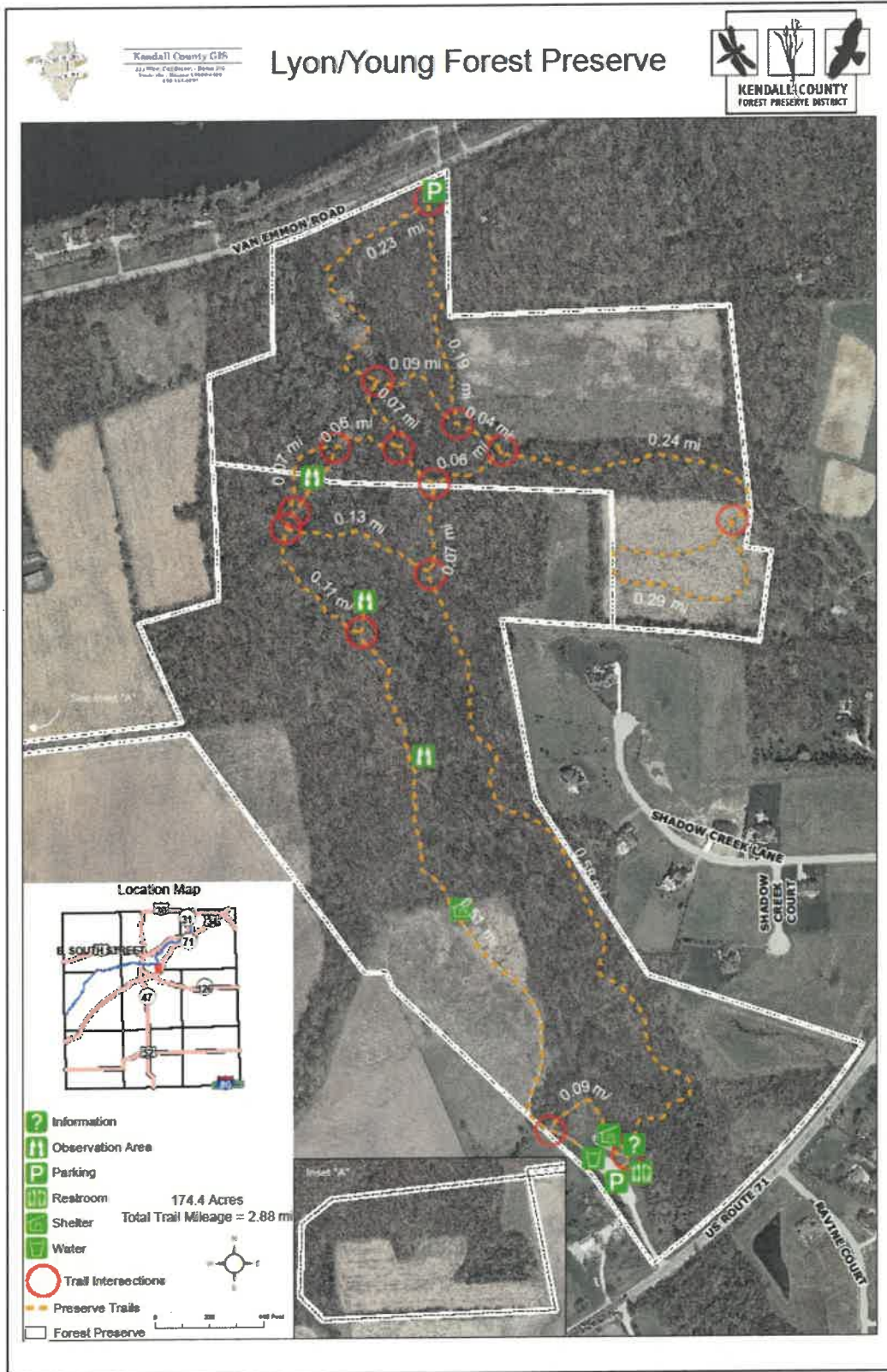
<u>Acquired From</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Grants</u>	<u>Acres</u>
Lyon	1970	Donation	0	0	44.5

Natural Communities:

Open woodland, fen, seep, prairie, stream

Lyon FP contains a very diverse mixture of woodlands, seeps, fens, and tiny patches of remnant prairie. Lyon Creek bisects the preserve as it flows to meet the Fox River at the north edge of the site. Lyon FP was created when Frances Lyon donated property to the District in 1970. Mrs. Lyon also donated property to the Kendall County Historical Society that is today Lyon Farm.

Lyon FP contains narrow footpaths and links up to the Richard Young FP to the south. Although Lyon FP does not possess any public use facilities besides parking and trails, more facilities can be utilized by visitors at the Richard Young FP. A Natural Area Volunteer Zone located in Lyon FP is a focus of the Natural Area Volunteers.



**MARAMECH FOREST PRESERVE**

Address: 14780 Griswold Springs Drive, Plano

Township: Little Rock

Total Acres: 92

Existing Facilities:

Parking:	Yes	Spaces:	19		
Trails:	Yes	Miles:	0.4		
Shelter:	Yes	Number:	1	Tables:	5
Restroom:	Yes				
V.I. Sign:	Yes				
Water:	Yes				
Other:	Overlook deck				

Acquisition History:

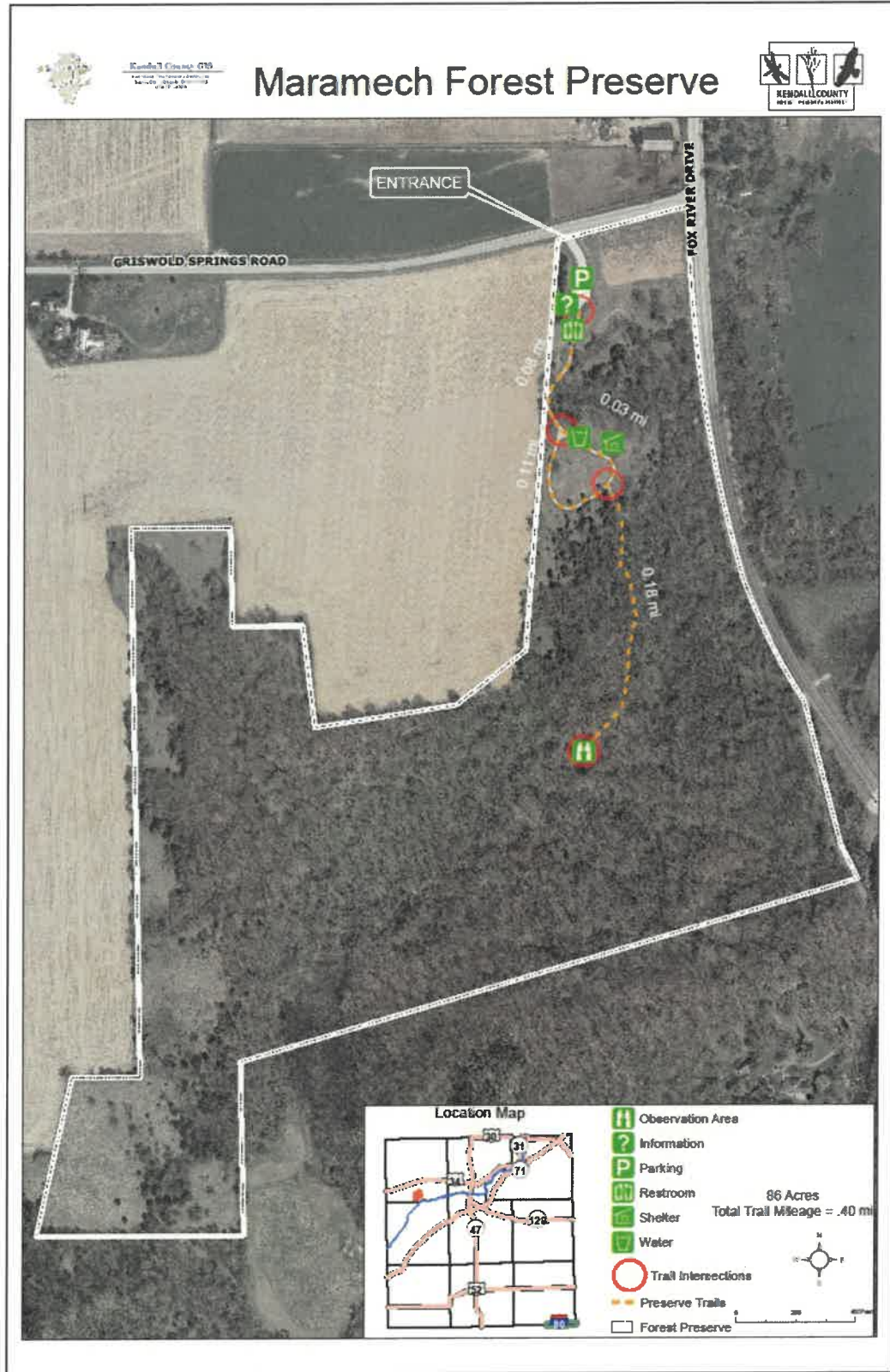
<u>Acquired From</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Grants</u>	<u>Acres</u>
First National Bank Trust	1966	Fee Simple	56,800	28,400	86
Silver	1968	Land Trade	0	0	6

Natural Communities:

Open woodland, northern flatwoods, seep, prairie, marsh

Maramech Forest Preserve was the first acquisition of the Kendall County Forest Preserve District, but did not have public access until the early 2000s. Much of the site is a designated Illinois Nature Preserve, identifying it as one of the highest quality sites of its type in all of Illinois. The Nature Preserve designation provides additional protections, and also restrict some uses of the site. Other sections of the site are designated as Nature Preserve buffer areas.

Maramech contains high quality northern flatwoods, an uncommon habitat that only occurs with the right combination of topography, hydrology, and soils. The flatwoods are located in a basin surrounded by wooded bluffs on three sides. The flatwoods contain a unique assemblage of wetland and mesic plant species. Management of the flatwoods is ongoing, with a major focus on keeping invasive plant species under control.



MILLBROOK NORTH FOREST PRESERVE

Address: Fox River Drive, Millbrook

Township: Fox

Total Acres: 294

Existing Facilities:

Parking:	No	Spaces:	No	
Trails:	No	Miles:	No	
Shelter:	No	Number:		Tables:
Restroom:	No			
V.I. Sign:	No			
Water:	No			
Other:	Silo, equipment shed			

Acquisition History:

	<u>Acquired From</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Grants</u>	<u>Acres</u>
	Lee	2007	Fee Simple	9,100,000	4,926,400	294

Natural Communities:

Open woodland, floodplain forest, prairie, marsh, stream

This preserve stretches for nearly one mile along the Fox River. The site contains high quality mesic woodlands, marsh, and the Hollenback Creek. Millbrook South and Millbrook North were acquired from the same property owner, preserving over 600 acres and 1.75 miles of Fox River frontage in the largest acquisition by the District.

MILLBROOK NORTH FOREST PRESERVE





**MILLBROOK SOUTH FOREST PRESERVE**

Address: Fox River Drive, Millbrook

Township: Fox

Total Acres: 308

Existing Facilities:

Parking:	Yes	Spaces:	15		
Trails:	Yes	Miles:	2.65		
Shelter:	No	Number:		Tables:	1
Restroom:	No				
V.I. Sign:	No				
Water:	No				
Other:	Barn, corn crib, grain bins				

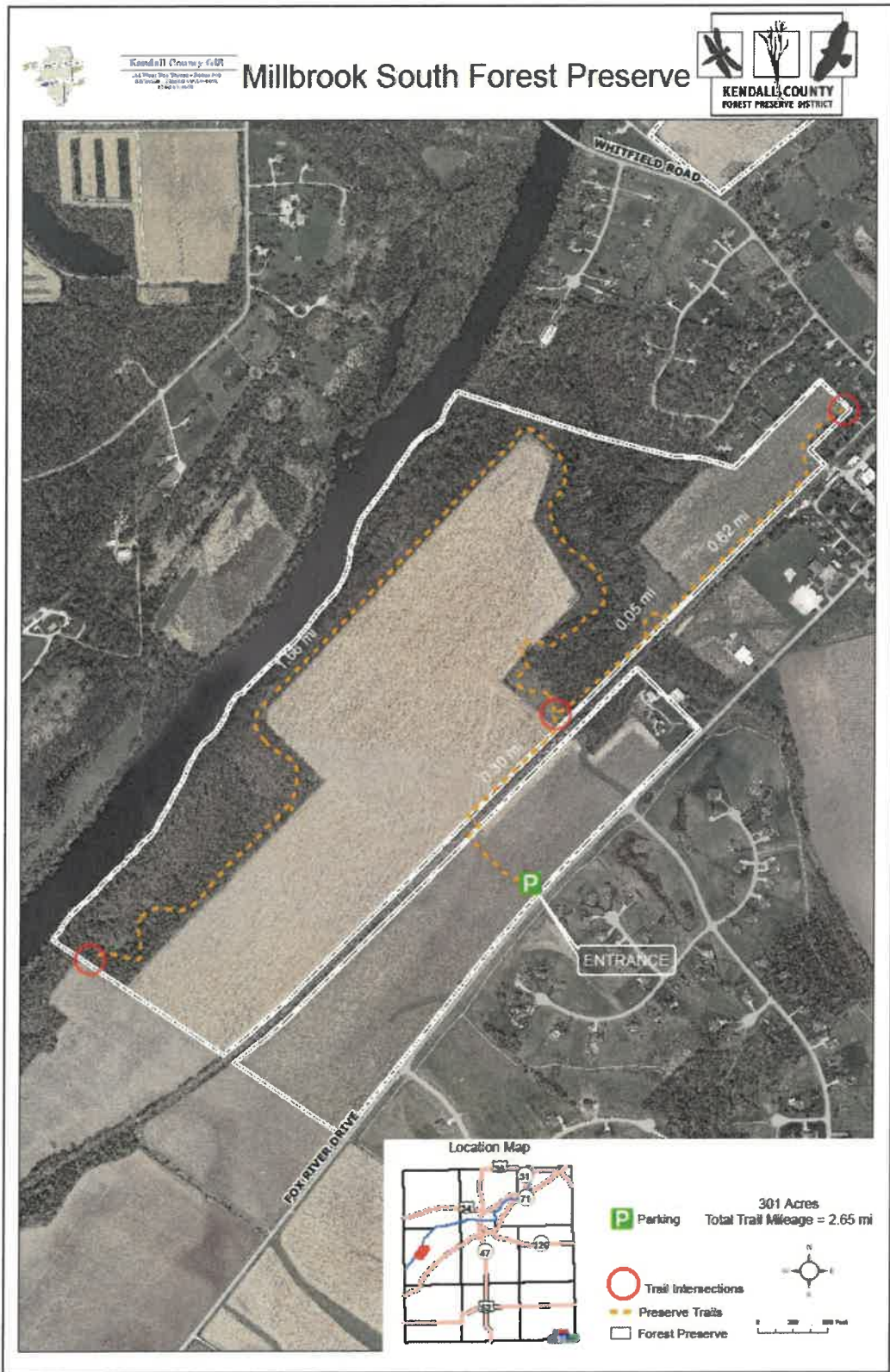
Acquisition History:

	<u>Acquired From</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Grants</u>	<u>Acres</u>
	Lee	2007	Fee Simple	11,900,000	1,250,000	308

Natural Communities:

Savanna, open woodland, prairie, fen, seep, stream

This preserve stretches for nearly one mile along the Fox River. The site contains high quality mesic woodlands, seeps, oak savanna, and a fen. Approximately 70 acres of tallgrass prairie are being restored. Millbrook South and Millbrook North were acquired from the same property owner, preserving over 600 acres and 1.75 miles of Fox River frontage in the largest acquisition by the District.



MILLINGTON FOREST PRESERVE

Address: Fox River Drive, Millbrook

Township: Fox

Total Acres: 198

Existing Facilities:

Parking: No      Spaces:  
Trails: No      Miles:  
Shelter: No      Number:      Tables:  
Restroom: No  
V.I. Sign: No  
Water: No  
Other:

Acquisition History:

<u>Acquired From</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Grants</u>	<u>Acres</u>
Bright	2010	Fee Simple	1,584,125		198

Natural Communities:

Savanna, open woodland, grassland, pond

This site contains a remnant bur oak savanna adjacent to Crimmins Road, six man-made ponds, grasslands, a stream and farm fields.

MILLINGTON FOREST PRESERVE



NEWARK FOREST PRESERVE

Address: Townhouse Road, Newark

Township: Big Grove

Total Acres: 42

Existing Facilities:

Parking:	No	Spaces:	
Trails:	No	Miles:	
Shelter:	No	Number:	Tables:
Restroom:	No		
V.I. Sign:	No		
Water:	No		
Other:			

Acquisition History:

<u>Acquired From</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Grants</u>	<u>Acres</u>
Friestad	1997	Fee Simple	177,000		42

Natural Communities:

Prairie, stream

This preserve contains restored prairies, woodlands, and a stretch of Clear Creek. Pedestrian access to the preserve can be made through the adjacent Newark Community Park.

**NEWARK FOREST PRESERVE**



PICKERILL-PIGOTT FOREST PRESERVE

Address: 6350B Minkler Road, Yorkville

Township: Kendall

Total Acres: 102

Existing Facilities:

Parking: No Spaces:  
 Trails: No Miles:  
 Shelter: No Number: Tables:  
 Restroom: No  
 V.I. Sign: No  
 Water: No  
 Other: Ranch house, storage shed - Pigott property  
 Home and storage building - Pickerill property

Acquisition History:

<u>Acquired From</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Grants</u>	<u>Acres</u>
Pickerill	2008	Donation			32
Pigott	2008	Fee Simple	4,227,000		70

Natural Communities:

Open woodland, grassland, pond

This preserve contains quality open woodlands, rolling grasslands, and two man-made ponds. The preserve has terrific views of the east of Reservation Woods and the Morgan Creek valley. Part of this preserve was donated to the District and is held in a life estate.

PICKERILL-PIGOTT FOREST PRESERVE





**RICHARD YOUNG FOREST PRESERVE**

Address: 8225 Route 71, Yorkville

Township: Bristol & Kendall

Total Acres: 130.17

Existing Facilities:

Parking:	Yes	Spaces:	45		
Trails:	Yes	Miles:	1.55		
Shelter:	Yes	Number:	2	Tables:	9
Restroom:	Yes				
V.I. Sign:	Yes				
Water:	Yes				
Other:	Overlook deck Council ring				

Acquisition History:

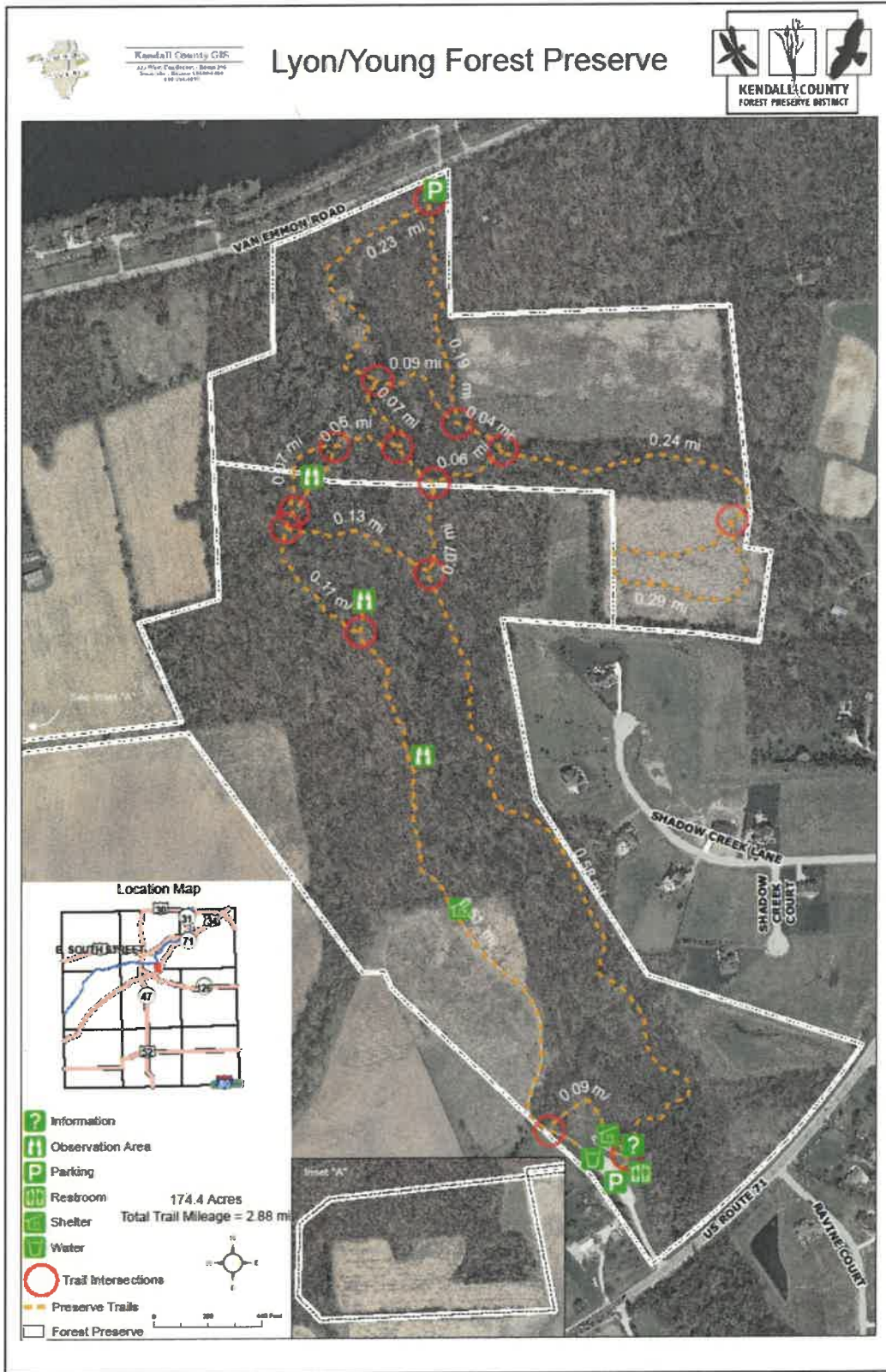
<u>Acquired From</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Grants</u>	<u>Acres</u>
Cole Taylor Bank	1994	Fee Simple	770,000	388,500	98
Killian	2004	Fee Simple	804,250	0	32.17

Natural Communities:

Open woodland, seep, prairie, stream

The core area of the Richard Young FP was the first major acquisition by the District in nearly 25 years and ushered in a new era of preserving open space. The preserve has surprising topography and a diverse assemblage of habitats, including mesic woodlands, wet-mesic woodlands, seeps, and restored prairies.

Young FP is bordered on the north by Lyon FP. Lyon Creek meanders through both preserves on its way to the Fox River. Young FP is named for lifelong Kendall County resident Richard Young, who was instrumental in preserving many natural areas in the Fox River valley and beyond.



## SHUH SHUH GAH CANOE LAUNCH

Address: 7488 Valley Lane, Millbrook

Township: Fox

Total Acres: 3.5

**Existing Facilities:**

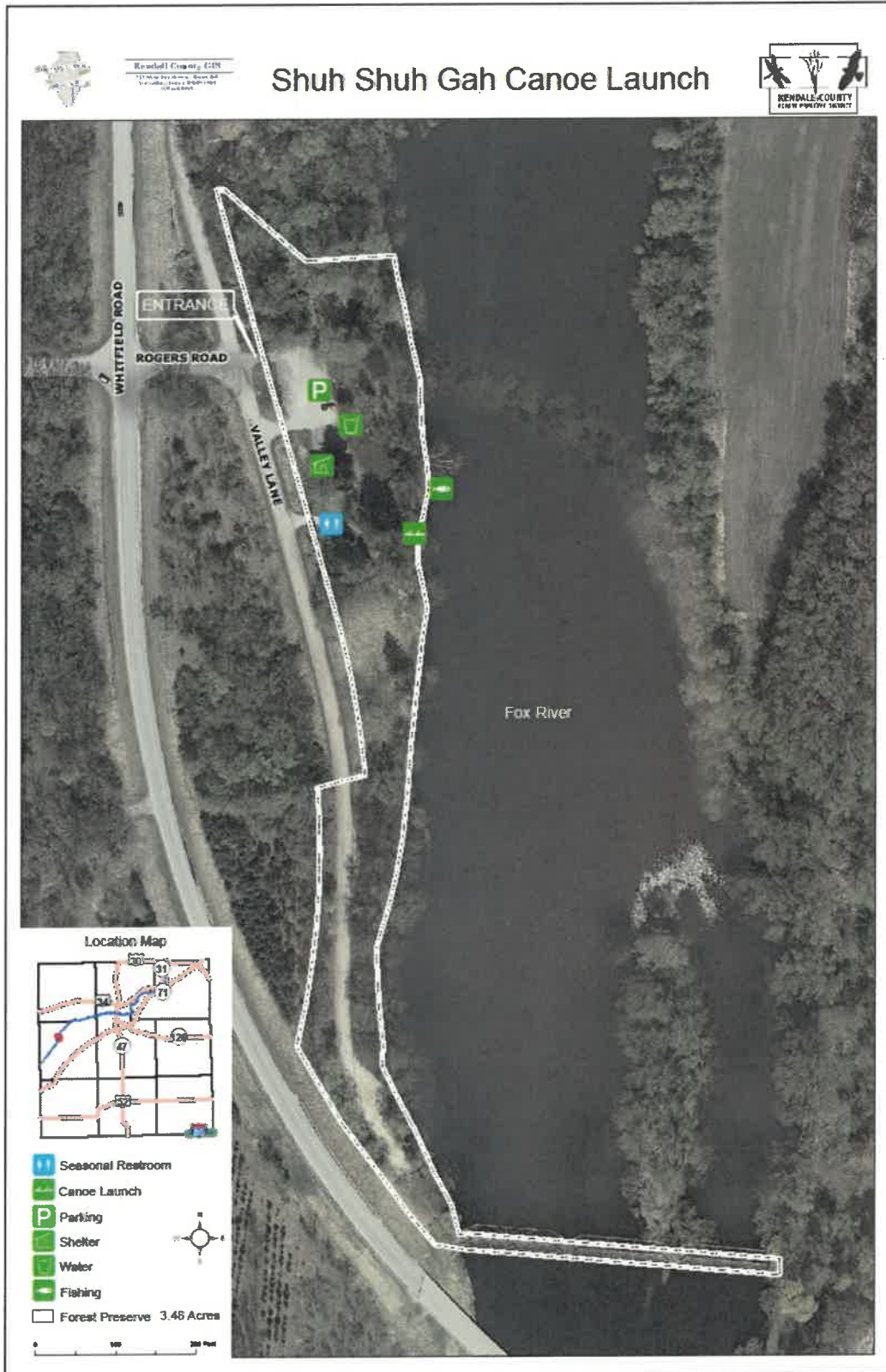
Parking:	Yes	Spaces:	16		
Trails:	No	Miles:			
Shelter:	Yes	Number:	1	Tables:	2
Restroom:	Seasonal				
V.I. Sign:	No				
Water:	Yes				
Other:	Canoe launch Steel truss Fox River bridge				

**Acquisition History:**

<u>Acquired From</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Grants</u>	<u>Acres</u>
3rd Order of St. Francis	1998	Fee Simple	89,293	89,293	0.46
Smith	1998	Fee Simple	30,972	30,972	1.5
Soulsby	1998	Fee Simple	77,828	77,828	0.98
Fox Township		Donation	0	0	1.15

Shuh Shuh Gah is located on the Fox River and is composed primarily of parcels acquired through the FEMA buy-out program following the incredible flood of 1996. Although there is little in the way of natural areas at the site, it does provide public access to the Fox River, which is limited south of Silver Springs State Park.

Also on this site and owned by the District is the historic Millbrook Bridge. This steel truss bridge dates to 1897 and while in need of repairs, promises to be a vital recreational link in the future.



**SUBAT FOREST PRESERVE**

Address: 4845 Eldamain Road, Plano

Township: Little Rock

Total Acres: 68

Existing Facilities:

Parking:	Yes	Spaces:	19		
Trails:	Yes	Miles:	0.98		
Shelter:	Yes	Number:	1	Tables:	4
Restroom:	Yes				
V.I. Sign:	Yes				
Water:	Yes				
Other:	Overlook deck				

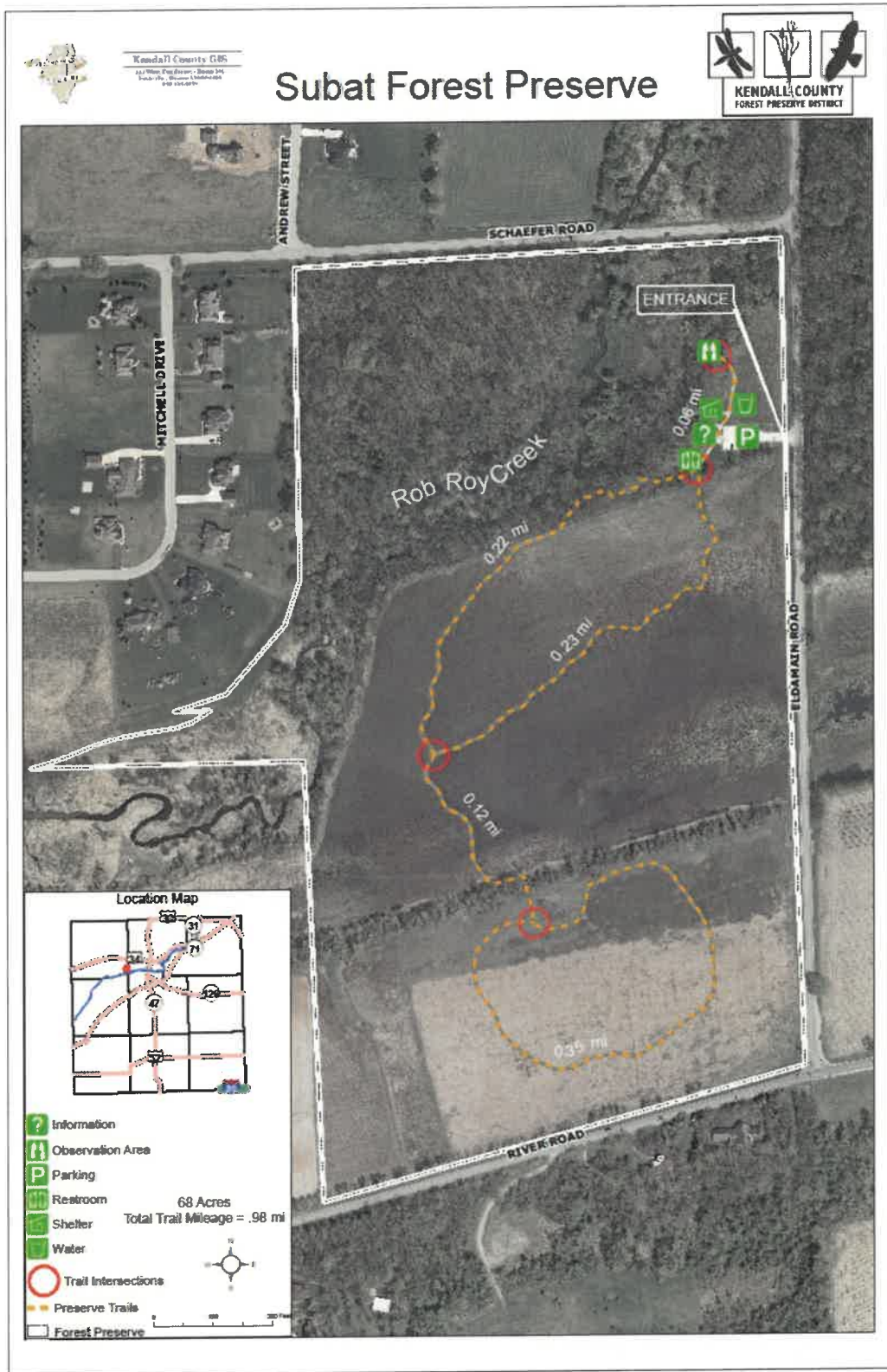
Acquisition History:

<u>Acquired From</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Grants</u>	<u>Acres</u>
Subat	2002	Fee Simple	692,111	506,800	66
County of Kendall	2003	Donation	0	0	2

Natural Communities:

Savanna, open woodland, prairie, sedge meadow, marsh, stream

Subat FP contains oak savanna, mesic woodlands, sedge meadow wetlands, restored tallgrass prairie, and the Rob Roy Creek. The preserve is named for John and Mary Subat, who sold the property at under fair market value and made several substantial financial donations to the District.



*OTHER PARCELS*

1. FOX RIVER ISLANDS - The District owns five islands in the Fox River south of the Route 34 bridge.

Acquisition History:

<u>Acquired From</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Grants</u>	<u>Acres</u>
FV Animal Welfare League	1992	Fee Simple	5,000		22
Hafenrichter/Church	1998	Donation			5

2. FOX RIVER BIKE TRAIL - Between Van Emmon Road and Saw Wee Kee Park as an eventual part of the Fox River Bike Trail.

Acquisition History:

<u>Acquired From</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Grants</u>	<u>Acres</u>
Barber-Greene	1998	Fee Simple	2,443	1,221	0.42
Hide-A-Way Lakes	2000	Fee Simple	5,666	2,833	1.36

3. CANNONBALL SEDGE MEADOW - Has a quality sedge meadow and a naturalized detention basin.

Acquisition History:

<u>Acquired From</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Grants</u>	<u>Acres</u>
Alan Dale Farms & Dev.	2000	Donation			10.71

4. SCHessler FEN - A very high quality fen wetland along the Blackberry Creek.

Acquisition History:

<u>Acquired From</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Grants</u>	<u>Acres</u>
Schessler	2004	Donation			3.5

5. McDANIEL PROPERTY - This joint acquisition with the Village of Minooka has floodplain forest and Aux Sable Creek frontage.

Acquisition History:

<u>Acquired From</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Partner</u>	<u>Acres</u>
McDaniel	2005	Fee Simple	365,552	213,276	18.13

6. RESERVATION WOODS - The District owns two parcels of this high quality woodland.

Acquisition History:

<u>Acquired From</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Grants</u>	<u>Acres</u>
Gabel	2007	Fee Simple	150,000		13
Hugart	2010	Fee Simple	185,000		13.3

7. FREEMAN PROPERTY - This site is located on the Fox River on the west side of Kendall County.

Acquisition History:

<u>Acquired From</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Grants</u>	<u>Acres</u>
Freeman	10	Fee Simple	156,600		10

8. TUCKER-MILLINGTON FEN - An Illinois Nature Preserve that contains several state endangered and threatened plant species.

Acquisition History:

<u>Acquired From</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Grants</u>	<u>Acres</u>
Tucker	2012	Fee Simple	35,000		4.5





## SECTION 4 CAPITAL PROJECTS

Since 2007 the Kendall County Forest Preserve District has completed a significant capital project program. Using funds from the 2007 Open Space Referendum and numerous grants, these capital projects have opened many new acres of Forest Preserve lands to the public, significantly upgraded facilities at existing preserves, enhanced visitor experiences and restored natural areas. For a list of major completed capital projects since 2007, please see Appendix 1.

Capital projects are defined using these criteria:

- Lifespan of at least 3 years
- Upgrade, repair or replacement of existing facilities
- Construction of new facilities
- Restoration or management of natural resources

Examples of capital projects range from the construction of improvements at Jay Woods Forest Preserve that includes parking lots, multi-use trails, picnic shelter, signage, restroom, overlook deck and prairie restoration with cost totaling \$800,000, to the replacement of a well pump at Hoover Forest Preserve that cost \$7500.

Capital projects that upgrade, repair or replace existing facilities will generally have a minimal impact on operating expenses. Construction of new facilities, especially those on a large scale, will have an effect on the operating budget as they will require additional resources to maintain.

The Forest Preserve District continues to have undeveloped properties that have little to no public access. The District will also continue to pursue acquisition of land in the future. All of these properties will eventually require capital projects in order to provide public access and preserve natural resources.

As a conservation organization, the Forest Preserve District is committed to environmentally sensitive and sustainable projects. Several District projects have included environmentally sensitive components such as using recycled materials, protecting natural areas from construction and utilizing solar and geothermal power.

### CAPITAL PROJECT PLANNING

Planning for the construction, installation, and maintenance of large scale capital projects typically occur over many years. These projects generally require architectural, engineering and other professional services.

A number of factors will be considered when the District plans for capital projects. The factors include, but may not be limited to:

- Kendall County Forest Preserve District mission statement and goals
- Kendall County Forest Preserve District Master Plan
- Public input
- Capital Project Budget
- Availability of capital project grant funding
- General Fund Budget



Photo courtesy of Ken Mozingo

Since 2000 the District has striven to provide a number of basic amenities at newly opened preserves or those being upgraded. These basic amenities include parking, restroom, entrance signage, visitor information kiosk, drinking water, picnic shelter and trails. The District has also transformed two sites – Hoover Forest Preserve and Ellis House & Equestrian Center – into special facilities that offer a wider array of uses and programming. As the District moves forward it will continually need to reassess the types of facilities that will meet the District’s mission and budgetary conditions, as well the public interest. A list of amenities and cost estimates is included in Appendix 2.

### GOALS & OBJECTIVES

- Establish and maintain a five-year capital plan. Annually review and update the capital plan.
- Develop standardized construction details for use in the District’s capital projects.
- Solicit public input for capital projects.
- Develop concept plans, cost estimates, and construction documents for capital projects as needed.
- Apply for and utilize grants to maximize capital project funds.
- Develop a land use classification system to guide the location of capital improvements and protection of natural resources on District lands.
- Partner with other government agencies, non-profit organizations, businesses and the public on the acquisition of multipurpose trail corridors and the construction of such trails.
- Partner with the Illinois Department of Transportation and other agencies on the construction and maintenance of multipurpose trails along state routes in Kendall County. Formally accept maintenance of such trails as feasible.
- Abide by Kendall County Planning, Building and Zoning Department codes and regulations for applicable capital projects.
- Construct and maintain facilities to meet the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- Facilitate donations of funds, goods, services, and labor for use with capital projects.

## SECTION 5 LAND ACQUISITION

Shortly after the Kendall County Forest Preserve District was created in 1964, it began to acquire property. A short flurry of purchases and donations ended in 1970 with the District owning just over 260 acres. Two of the early land purchases (Maramech Forest Preserve and Harris Forest Preserve) were partially funded by grants from the Department of Housing and Urban Development. A long land acquisition drought followed however, with the only property acquired between 1970 and 1992 being 8 donated acres.

In 1994 the District made its first significant purchase in nearly two and one-half decades with the acquisition of the Richard Young Forest Preserve, which was partially funded by a grant from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. Although it would be a few years before additional large tract acquisitions were made, the public discussions surrounding the purchase of the Richard Young FP showed that Kendall County residents were warming up to the idea of a much more active Forest Preserve District.

From the late 1990s into the early 2000s, the population of Kendall County was booming. With one of the fastest growing populations in the nation, many Kendall County residents were interested in seeing open space and natural areas preserved. In 2003, Kendall County voters approved a \$5 million open space bond referendum providing the Forest Preserve District with, for the first time in its history, significant dollars to acquire open space. With the aid of grants and donations, the District acquired nearly 500 acres from 2003 to 2006. These acquisitions nearly doubled the size of the Forest Preserve District.

As the county population continued to grow at unprecedented levels, voters approved a \$45 million open space bond referendum in 2007. Between 2007 and 2014 the District acquired almost 1700 acres, nearly tripling its holdings. (Numerous capital improvement projects were also completed using bond funds from the 2007 referendum). The District also secured nearly \$8 million in land acquisition grant funding from 2007 to 2014.

As of 2014, the District has limited land acquisition dollars available between remaining bond referendum funds and funds acquired from the Land-Cash Ordinance.

### LAND ACQUISITION EVALUATION PROCESS

The District becomes aware of potential acquisitions in several ways:

- The District contacts a landowner directly to determine if there is interest to sell property. If there is no interest, the District does not pursue any further.



- Landowner or real estate agent contacts the District regarding an available property.
- Resident informs the District of an available property.
- District works with other government agencies, non-profits, and developers on preservation of open space.

Once a property is determined to be available, information regarding the property is gathered by staff and presented to the Board of Commissioners. Included in this information is the Land Acquisition Worksheet (please see Appendix 3) that will assist the commissioners in evaluating the property based on its physical characteristics. 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.

Forest Preserve Commissioners, through staff or consultants, negotiate the purchase of property. When agreements are reached with a landowner, the Forest Preserve Commission approves an Acquisition Ordinance providing the officers and staff the authority to carry out necessary due diligence and to complete the acquisition.

The District utilizes fee simple purchases for the majority of its acquisitions. The District has acquired property via donations, dedication agreements with developers, partnerships with non-profits and the Kendall County Land-Cash Ordinance.

Funding for land acquisition comes from a variety of sources including, but not limited to, open space bond referendums, state and federal grants and the Kendall County Land-Cash Ordinance.



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### LAND ACQUISITION HISTORY AND MAPS

The land acquisition history of the Kendall County Forest Preserve District can be divided into three time periods:

- 1964-2002 – This period starts with the formation of the District and concludes just prior to the first open space referendum.
- 2003-2006 – This period begins with the District's first open space referendum in 2003 and ends just prior to the second open space referendum.
- 2007-2014 – This period starts with the District's second open space referendum in 2007 and concludes as those funds have been exhausted.

For the complete land acquisition history of the Kendall County Forest Preserve District, please see Appendix 4.

## LAND ACQUISITION GOALS & OBJECTIVES

- Apply for and utilize grants whenever possible to maximize land acquisition funds.
- Create a list of high priority potential acquisition sites.
- Consider a future open space acquisition bond referendum.
- Utilize the Natural Treasures of Kendall County Plan as a guide for natural area and open space acquisitions .
- Expand existing preserves, especially those with limited opportunities for expansion or those with limited access.
- Create and implement land acquisition procedures to streamline acquisition process.
- Increase public awareness regarding land preservation efforts.
- Create greenway corridors along the Fox River and the significant creeks of Kendall County.
- Work in partnership with other governmental agencies, non-profit organizations and private citizens to maximize open space acquisition and preservation.
- Educate landowners on the benefits of land donations.
- Educate landowners and attorneys on the potential benefits and values of conservation easements.
- Educate landowners and attorneys on the variety of financial and estate planning techniques that can result in open space preservation.
- Work in partnership with the Kendall County Planning, Building and Zoning Department, municipalities and developers on conservation design as a means for the preservation of open space.

### SPOTLIGHT ON DICK YOUNG



Photo courtesy of Keith Johnson

*For over half a century Dick Young led the way in awakening people to the beauty of local natural areas and in the fight to preserve them. He was green long before being green was good, or easy, and he left behind an environmental legacy unmatched in the Fox Valley.*

*In the mid-1960s, the lifelong Oswego resident was instrumental in the creation of both the Kendall County Forest Preserve District and the Oswegoland Park District. For many years Dick worked for the Kane County Forest Preserve District. Both Kendall and Kane counties have preserves named in his honor.*

*Dick was extremely knowledgeable, passionate, and hard-working. He could see the smallest detail, as evidenced by his book, Kane County Wild Plants and Natural Areas, which is full of charming observations on the beauty of our local flora. Dick was also big picture - visualizing and working to piece together large blocks of public open space, greenways, and trail networks.*

*Dick was a kind and gentle person who always took the time to teach - whether you were a board chairman or a youngster. Through the years, Dick was an advisor and mentor to the boards and staff of open space agencies in the Fox River valley and beyond.*

## SECTION 6 MANAGEMENT & ADMINISTRATION

### ORGANIZATION

The Downstate Forest Preserve District Act provides the statutory authority and legal requirements for the formation and operations of all Forest Preserve Districts in Illinois outside of Cook County. The Kendall County Forest Preserve District is governed by a 10-member Board of Commissioners. The Board of Commissioners elects a President, Vice-President, and Secretary, each of which serves a two year term. The Forest Preserve Director reports to the President and the Board of Commissioners.

The Board of Commissioners is responsible for understanding and meeting the open space needs of Kendall County residents as they pertain to the Forest Preserve District. Through its actions and policies, the Board of Commissioners preserves natural areas and open space, manages natural resources, offers environmental education programming, and provides recreational facilities to the public.

To conduct the business of the Forest Preserve District, the Board of Commissioners has several meetings and committees, each with specific functions:

- Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners – These meetings are held twice monthly, consist of all ten commissioners and are chaired by the President. Final approval for ordinances, claims, land acquisition, policies, budgets, levies and contracts is granted at the Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners meeting.
- Forest Preserve Committee of the Whole – This committee meets once per month, consists of all ten commissioners, and is chaired by the President. Typically, most items of business are discussed and vetted at the Forest Preserve Committee of the Whole meeting before being forwarded to the Board of Commissioners meeting.
- Forest Preserve Finance Committee – This committee meets twice monthly, consists of five commissioners appointed by the President and is chaired by a commissioner selected by the President. All claims are vetted by this committee and forwarded to the Board of Commissioners for final payment approval. The Finance Committee also oversees preparation of the annual budget and tax levy ordinances.
- Programming & Events Committee – This committee meets once per month, consists of 5 commissioners appointed by the President and is chaired by a commissioner selected by the President. This committee oversees items pertaining to Ellis House, Meadowhawk Lodge, and programming.



- Planning Advisory Committee – This committee meets annually or as needed, consists of a combination of 3 commissioners appointed by the President and 5 members of the public appointed by the President, and is chaired by a commissioner selected by the President. The Planning Advisory Committee provides input on long-term projects, reviews the Forest Preserve District's Master Plan on an annual basis and reviews the District's annual report.

Along with the Downstate Forest Preserve act, several ordinances and policies approved by the Board of Commissioners guide many of the activities that occur on District lands. These include the General Use Regulation Ordinance, Easement & License Ordinance, facility rental policies, and programming policies.

The Forest Preserve Director is responsible for overseeing the day-to-day operations of the District, and to implement the actions and policies of the Board of Commissioners.

The main offices of the Kendall County Forest Preserve District are located in the Kendall County Historic Courthouse, 110 West Madison Street, Yorkville, Il 60560.

Please see Appendix 5 for the Commission Organizational Chart and the Staff Organization Chart.

## *ADMINISTRATION*

The District performs a wide variety of administrative duties typical of a governmental open space agency. Many of these tasks are internal including human resource duties, staff coordination and project administration. Other duties involve the public and the Board of Commissioners.

Some administrative duties are performed by the Forest Preserve Director, but many staff members are assigned significant administrative responsibilities.

### Responsibilities:

- Coordinate District operations, programming, and facilities.
- Manage land acquisition and capital projects.
- Conducts human resources duties.
- Create and post meeting agendas, packets, and minutes.
- Process accounts payable and accounts receivable.
- Process facility rental permits and program registration forms.
- Process and track Freedom of Information Act requests.
- Coordinate with county departments, outside organizations and the public as needed.

### Goals & Objectives:

- Update, create, and administer ordinances and policies that promote efficient operations and adhere to legal requirements.
- Develop, review and update job descriptions as needed.
- Update Employee Handbook as needed.
- Provide training and equipment that promotes a safe working environment for District staff.
- Encourage public input, participation, and feedback.
- Create and distribute an annual report for the District.
- Review the District's Master Plan on an annual basis.

## MARKETING AND OUTREACH

Communicating with the public is a critical component of the operations of the Kendall County Forest Preserve District. As the District is a public agency, it is paramount to produce and disseminate information about the District to residents.

The Kendall County Forest Preserve District utilizes a variety of print and electronic platforms to provide information about the facilities, programs and accomplishments of the District. While there is more to be done, in recent years the District has greatly expanded its ability to communicate with the public. Traditional sources such as a newsletter, flyers and press releases have been combined with electronic communications to distribute information in ways that are relevant to the public.



### Responsibilities:

- Produce and distribute quarterly newsletter via mail and email.
- Produce and distribute press releases promoting District programs and events.
- Produce and distribute maps, brochures, and flyers promoting District programs and facilities.
- Maintain Facebook pages that promote District programs and facilities.
- Maintain email lists to provide the public with information on programs of the District.
- Respond to resident inquiries via phone, email, and in person.

### Goals & Objectives:

- Continuously promote District sites, programs, and accomplishments.
- Produce and update appropriate newsletters, brochures, flyers, maps, and electronic platforms.
- Encourage public input, participation and feedback.
- Utilize media to promote District facilities, programs and accomplishments.
- Provide public presentations and informational sessions as needed.
- Evaluate the potential of an online facility reservation system.
- Continue to evaluate and utilize new electronic platforms of communicating information.
- Partner with applicable groups and organizations to promote District sites, programs and accomplishments.



## SECTION 7 FINANCES & BUDGET

The Kendall County Forest Preserve District seeks to maintain and enhance sound fiscal practices and policies regarding collection of revenues, purchasing, contracts, payroll, auditing, insurance, investments and reporting.

District staff, in conjunction with Kendall County offices, processes payroll, accounts receivable and accounts payable. The Kendall County Treasurer is appointed every two years to serve as the Treasurer of the District.

The District maintains a general operating fund, capital funds, and special projects funds. The District's Investment Policy guides how and where these funds are invested.

The Kendall County Forest Preserve District utilizes a variety of sources for funding operating expenses, land acquisition, capital projects, and programming. Many funding sources have restrictions on how they can be allocated or are sporadic in their availability.

### **Property Tax Levy**

The yearly operating expenses of the District are funded predominately by a property tax levy. Expenses typically paid with property tax revenue include salaries, utilities, preserve maintenance, public programming, small equipment purchases, equipment maintenance, office supplies and insurance. The Downstate Forest Preserve Act prohibits property tax revenue collected for operating expenses from being used for the outright purchase of property. Property taxes collected that are to be used for operating expenses are deposited in the general fund budget.

The Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (PTELL) determines the amount of revenue that can be generated by the property tax levy for operating expenses.

### **Land-Cash Ordinance**

The Kendall County Land-Cash Ordinance requires that new residential developments provide for the open space needs of residents through either a dedication of property to the District or cash in lieu of land. Revenue generated through the Land-Cash Ordinance can only be used for land acquisition and capital projects. Land-Cash funds cannot be utilized to fund day-to-day operations.

The Kendall County Land-Cash Ordinance applies only to new residences and housing developments that occur in unincorporated Kendall County. Residential developments within municipal boundaries are governed by the ordinances of that municipality and do not generate revenues for the District.

Revenues collected from the Land-Cash Ordinance are deposited by the Treasurer into a Land-Cash account.



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### **Bonding Authority**

The District possesses two types of bonding authority, non-referendum and referendum, which can generate revenue for land acquisition, preserve improvements and capital equipment purchases. Both types of bonds are repaid through property tax revenue.

Non-referendum bonding authority allows the District to issue a limited number of bonds determined by outstanding bond debt and interest rates. The Forest Preserve District Commission controls non-referendum bonding authority.

Referendum bonding authority allows the District to issue bonds for an amount not to exceed the statutory debt limit of the District. County residents control referendum bonding authority by voting to approve or disapprove of a referendum that is placed on the ballot by the District.

### **Grants**

The District has been awarded a number of grants from a variety of state agencies, federal agencies and private foundations in recent years. While the vast majority of grants have been secured for land acquisition and capital improvements, grants have been utilized for staffing, programming and natural areas management. The District contracts with a grant administrator who assists with grant planning and prepares grant proposals.

Applicable grant programs include, but are not limited to:  
Open Space Land Acquisition & Development – This Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) program provides matching funds for land acquisition (up to \$750,000) and development projects (up to \$400,000). Applicants must provide a minimum of 50% of the total project cost. Applications are typically due in July of each year.

Recreational Trails Program – This federal program is administered by IDNR and provides matching funds for trail construction and trail rehabilitation (up to \$200,000), and land acquisition for trails (no limit). Applicants must provide a minimum of 20% of the total project cost. Applications are typically due in March of each year.

Illinois Bicycle Path Grant Program – This IDNR program provides matching funds for bike trail construction and trail rehabilitation (up to \$200,000), and land acquisition for trails (no limit). Applicants must provide a minimum of 50% of the total project cost. Applications are typically due in March of each year.

Park & Recreational Facility Construction Program – This IDNR program provides matching funds for park and recreation unit construction projects, and land acquisition for such projects. Applications are typically due in January of each year.

### **SPOTLIGHT ON JOHN & MARY SUBAT**

*Nestled along Eldamain Road between Plano and Yorkville, Subat Forest Preserve is not the showiest or most well-known preserve. But the generosity of its namesake certainly calls for much pomp and circumstance.*

*In 2002, John & Mary Subat sold 68 acres to the Kendall County Forest Preserve District at well under market value. The Subats also worked with the District as grants were lined up to pay for nearly 75% of the acquisition.*

*The Subats then made a number of financial donations that went towards building the picnic shelter and other improvements at the preserve.*

*Lastly, but certainly not least, the Subats set up trusts which eventually led to \$816,500 being donated to the District to eventually build a nature preserve building at the site.*



**Public Museum Capital Grant Program** – This program is jointly administered by IDNR and the Illinois State Museum and provides funds to public museums to develop or update exhibits and facilities (up to 100%).

**Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation** – This organization was established in 1999 as an independent foundation with a \$225 million endowment provided by Commonwealth Edison and whose mission is to improve energy efficiency, advance the development of renewable energy resources and protect natural areas in communities all across Illinois. Their land acquisition grant program provides up to 80% of projects costs, with the applicant supplying the remaining 20%. Letters of Inquiries are due in January and July.

**Grand Victoria Foundation** – This organization was established in 1996 by the Grand Victoria Casino in Elgin, which voluntarily donates 20 percent of its annual net operating income to fund initiatives that help turn local communities into vibrant civic hubs. This organization provides funding for land acquisition through its Vital Lands Illinois program. Applications can be submitted anytime during the year.

**Kendall County Transportation Alternatives Program** – This program is administered by Kendall County and provides matching funds for trail and sidewalk construction and rehabilitation along federal, state and county roads (up to \$50,000). Applicants must provide a minimum of 50% of the total project costs. Applications are due in April of each year.



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#### **Program and Facility Rental Fees**

The District charges fees for certain programming and rental facilities. These fees help to offset the operational costs to provide the programming and to maintain the facilities. Program and facility rental fees are deposited into the District's general operating fund budget. These fees are reviewed by the Forest Preserve Commission annually.

#### **Farm License Revenue**

The District has farm licenses agreements for several properties that have been acquired in recent years. Such licenses are authorized by the Downstate Forest Preserve Act and the revenues are deposited in the District's general operating fund budget. These licenses are reviewed and approved by the Forest Preserve Commission annually.

**Responsibilities:**

- Collect, track and deposit program and facility rental fees.
- Collect, track and deposit farm license revenue.
- Collect, track and deposit grant revenue.
- Receive and process accounts payable.
- Develop annual general fund budget, annual capital budget and tax levy.
- Obtain quotes for goods, services and projects as needed.
- Request proposals for professional services as needed.
- Provide local, state, and federal agencies with necessary financial reports.

**Goals & Objectives:**

- Continue to review and improve the process and format of the annual general fund budget, capital budget and tax levies.
- Continue to review and improve multi-year budgeting for operations and capital expenditures.
- Review and improve the District's investment policy as necessary.
- Develop and institute new ways to gather and review pertinent financial information from District operations.
- Evaluate program fees and facility rental fees annually or as needed.
- Maintain and improve standards for obtaining quotes and bids for goods, services, and projects.
- Review District insurance purchased through Kendall County for value and cost. Determine the financial and operational effects of the District purchasing insurance coverage separate from Kendall County.
- Review and implement recommendations of auditor as warranted.
- Analyze the need, cost and benefit to hire financial staff.
- Develop and implement strategy to improve fund balance.
- Investigate and evaluate alternate revenue streams.
- Investigate potential for an open space bond referendum.
- Investigate potential for creating tax levies specific to employee retirement, Medicare and insurance.
- Partner with applicable government agencies, non-profit organizations, and businesses on cost saving and increased revenue initiatives.

## SECTION 8 OPERATIONS & PROGRAMMING

The Kendall County Forest Preserve District is divided into several departments and programming centers. Staff, and in many instances, volunteers, strive daily to have the preserves and programs of the District meet the high standards required of a public open space organization. The various departments and programming centers work together everyday to ensure that the resources of the District are utilized as efficiently as possible. Hoover Forest Preserve and Ellis House & Equestrian Center, due to their high amounts of public usage compared to other preserves, are identified as separate operations.

### *Grounds & Natural Resources Department*

The Grounds & Natural Resources Department is responsible for maintaining all of the facilities and natural areas of the District. This department is led by the Superintendent of Grounds and Natural Resources and is housed mainly at Harris Forest Preserve. Hoover Forest Preserve and Ellis House & Equestrian Center also have maintenance equipment, facilities, and staff specific to those sites.

The Grounds & Natural Resources Department provides visitors with a quality experience through a high standard of maintenance, cleanliness, and service. The department is also charged with performing natural areas management projects in the District woodlands, prairies, and wetlands.

Currently, the District has no staff specifically dedicated to natural resources work. While the Grounds & Natural Resources staff performs a variety of natural areas management projects each year, the District is significantly limited in its ability to have an impactful natural areas management program on a year round basis due to staff time limitations.



The Grounds & Natural Resources staff also maintains the District's vehicles and capital equipment. The department possesses several trucks, trailers, mowers, and tractors. In the future, the department will require additional equipment in order to perform its duties safely and more efficiently.

#### Responsibilities:

- Prioritizes and implements natural areas land management activities.
- Maintains asphalt, limestone, woodchip, and dirt trails.
- Maintains picnic shelters, campsites, and baseball fields.

- Maintains wells, sewage treatment lagoon, septic fields and restroom buildings.
- Maintains bunkhouses, multipurpose event buildings, education buildings, horse stable, indoor riding arena and outdoor riding arenas.
- Maintains various maintenance, storage and ancillary structures.
- Maintains turf grass, landscaping, roads, parking lots and signage.
- With the Environmental Education Department, maintains the Neshnabek Native American Village, Rookery and Nature Exploration Station.
- Open and close preserves daily.
- Interacts with preserve visitors.
- Prepares and maintains rental facilities for use by the public.
- Maintains the District's equipment.
- Assists other departments.
- Coordinates community service workers.
- Coordinate sheriff's patrols.

Goals & Objectives:

- Keep the grounds and facilities of the District to a high standard of maintenance and cleanliness.
- Maintain District facilities for the use and safety of the public, and for protection of natural resources.
- Provide positive interactions with the public.
- Continue to develop and implement a preventative maintenance schedule for District facilities and equipment.
- Maintain the natural resources of the District through management and restoration projects.
- Create natural areas maps, natural areas management plans and document natural areas work completed in the preserves.
- Coordinate with the District's volunteer programs to assist with achieving goals and objectives.
- Maintain District equipment and vehicles.
- Partner with other agencies, community groups and youth groups to assist with achieving goals and objectives.
- Encourage public input, participation, and feedback.
- Evaluate the need and opportunity to hire staff specific to natural resources.
- Evaluate additional capital equipment purchases for efficiency and employee safety.
- Evaluate sheriff's patrols, employee safety and public safety.
- Evaluate the ability of Harris Forest Preserve to be a viable Grounds & Natural Resources center of operations in the future.

**SPOTLIGHT ON KIM OLSON**

*Forest Preserve Superintendent Kim Olson has worked for the Kendall County Forest Preserve District since 1999. But the years alone do not tell the story of the dedication that Kim shows every day.*

*In Kim's time on the job, things have changed dramatically. Years ago, mowing turf at a couple of preserves was tops on a fairly short list of duties. Now Kim and her staff take care of a wide range of public use facilities at eleven preserves.*

*The Grounds and Natural Resources Department that Kim oversees is also responsible for managing the District's natural areas, an area near and dear to her heart. With daughters and a granddaughter, being a steward of these special natural jewels is an inheritance she enjoys passing on.*



*ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT*

The Environmental Education Department is responsible for creating and implementing a wide variety of educational programs offered by the District. The department is led by the Supervisor of Environmental Education and is based out of the main District offices in the Kendall County Historic Courthouse. The Laws of Nature Center located in the Historic Courthouse, and The Rookery building and Neshnabe'k Native American Village at Hoover Forest Preserve are administered by the Environmental Education Department.

Like other sections of the District, the Environmental Education Department has grown dramatically in recent years. The numbers of summer camps, school programs, recurring programs, and seasonal programs have expanded as public demand for these environmental education offerings has increased. The department also recently initiated an early childhood learning program that operates concurrently with the school year.



The Kendall County Outdoor Education Center (KCOEC) is located at Hoover Forest Preserve, but is not operated by the Forest Preserve District. Administered by the Regional Office of Education, the KCOEC is a cooperative of school districts that bus students to Hoover for outdoor education programming. The KCOEC also does various other programs throughout the year, including several cooperative efforts with the District.

**Responsibilities:**

- Conducts summer camps.
- Conducts programming for of school groups.
- Conducts recurring programs.
- Conducts seasonal and one-time programs.
- Conducts Natural Beginnings Early Childhood program.
- Partners with other agencies to conduct large programs and events.
- Maintains exhibits in the Laws of Nature Center.
- Maintains accession records for the Laws of Nature Center.
- With the Grounds & Natural Resources Department, maintains the Neshnabe'k Native American Village and Rookery building.
- Coordinates Hoover Volunteer Program.

- Assists with production of the District's quarterly newsletter.
- Promotes environmental education programming via Facebook, email, flyers, events and print media.

**Goals & Objectives:**

- Continue to develop and offer a variety of quality environmental education programs and events to residents.
- Communicate environmental education programs and events to residents via print, electronic and other appropriate formats.
- Operate environmental education facilities to a high standard of maintenance, cleanliness and safety.
- Encourage public input, participation and feedback.
- Update interpretive signage in the preserves as needed.
- Continue to develop the Hoover Volunteer Program to assist with programming and facilities.
- Continue to develop and strengthen partnerships with traditional and non-traditional educators.
- Participate in applicable environmental education organizations.
- Evaluate potential online registration capability.
- Evaluate expenses and revenues of programs on a regular basis.
- Evaluate the location of the Laws of Nature Center as a viable, long-term education site.

### *ELLIS HOUSE & EQUESTRIAN CENTER*

The Ellis House & Equestrian Center location was acquired in 2008 and consists of 45 acres. Ellis is part of the 240 acre Baker Woods Forest Preserve that is located south and west of the house and stable. Ellis was opened in the summer of 2009.

Ellis House & Equestrian Center has two main centers of operations, house rentals and equestrian activities, although there is significant overlap between the two. House rentals involve the house, event tent and the grounds immediately surrounding the house. Operations related to rentals are administered by the Event Coordinator.

The equestrian activities involve the stable, indoor and outdoor riding arenas, pastures and hayfields. Ellis offers a variety of equestrian programming including riding lessons, children's parties, summer camps and other special events. Ellis owns school horses that it utilizes for equestrian programming. The equestrian operations are administered by the Barn Manager.





The grounds and facilities of Ellis House & Equestrian Center are maintained by the Grounds & Natural Resources Department.

**Responsibilities:**

- Conducts riding lessons.
- Conducts children's parties.
- Conducts summer camps.
- Conducts recurring programs.
- Conducts seasonal and one-time programs.
- Conducts annual Reindeer Run 5K in December.
- Partners with other agencies to conduct large programs and events.
- Conducts wedding and other house rentals.
- Coordinates Ellis House & Equestrian Center Volunteer Program.
- Coordinates community service workers.
- Assists with production of the District's quarterly newsletter.
- Promotes Ellis House & Equestrian Center via Facebook, email, flyers, events and print media.

**Goals & Objectives:**

- Continue to develop and offer quality equestrian programs and events to residents.
- Continue to provide superior rental facilities and services.
- Publicize Ellis facilities, programs and events to residents via print, electronic and other appropriate formats.
- Operate Ellis to a high standard of maintenance, cleanliness, and safety.
- Encourage public input, participation and feedback.
- Continue to develop the Ellis House & Equestrian Center Volunteer Program to assist with programming and facilities.
- Continue to develop and strengthen partnerships with other equestrian facilities and organizations.
- Participate in applicable equestrian organizations.
- Evaluate expenses and revenues of programs and facilities on a regular basis.

### *HOOPER FOREST PRESERVE*

At just under 400 acres, Hoover Forest Preserve is the largest site owned by the Kendall County Forest Preserve District. Acquired from 2003-07, Hoover stretches along the Fox River for .75 miles and has wooded bluffs, fens, seeps and grasslands. As a former Boy Scout camp, Hoover possesses a number of buildings, most of which have undergone significant renovation since 2007. Hoover also has its own water system and wastewater treatment system.

Hoover is the busiest of the Kendall County Forest Preserves. With bunkhouses, campsites, trails, ballfield, picnic shelters and overlook decks, Hoover has plenty of attractions for outdoor enthusiasts. Meadowhawk Lodge provides a spacious indoor event space. The Rookery and the nearby Neshnabek Village and Nature Exploration Station are the core environmental education facilities of the District.

Hoover is also home to the Kendall County Outdoor Education Center, a cooperative of local school districts that brings thousands of students to Hoover during the school year.

Hoover has a Site Manager who lives at the preserve and maintains the grounds, buildings, and natural areas, with the assistance of other Grounds & Natural Resources staff. Environmental education staff members spend significant time at Hoover to conduct programming.



**Responsibilities:**

- Prepares and maintains Meadowhawk Lodge, bunkhouses and tent campsites for rental use by the public.
- With the Environmental Education Department, maintains the Neshnabek Native American Village, Rookery, and Nature Exploration Station.
- Maintains other structures, water system and wastewater treatment system.
- Maintains turf grass, landscaping, trails, roads, parking lots and signage.
- Open and close preserves daily.
- Interacts with preserve visitors.
- Maintains the District's equipment.
- Assists other departments.
- Coordinates community service workers.

**Goals & Objectives:**

- Keep the grounds and facilities of Hoover to a high standard of maintenance and cleanliness.
- Maintain Hoover facilities for the use and safety of the public, and for protection of natural resources.
- Publicize Hoover facilities to residents via print, electronic and other appropriate formats.
- Provide positive interactions with the public.
- Coordinate with the Kendall County Outdoor Education Center on a regular basis.
- Partner with other agencies, community groups and youth groups to assist with achieving goals and objectives.
- Continue to develop and implement a preventative maintenance schedule for Hoover facilities and equipment.
- Maintain the natural resources of Hoover through management and restoration projects.
- Encourage public input, participation, and feedback.

## *VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS*

Volunteers are instrumental in assisting the District achieve its goals and objectives, and in fostering public involvement and appreciation in District efforts. Volunteers provide experience, knowledge and time to improve the facilities, natural areas and programs of the District. The District has three distinct volunteer groups - the Natural Areas Volunteer (NAV) Program, Ellis House & Equestrian Center Volunteer Program and the Hoover Volunteer Program.

The Natural Areas Volunteer Program was started in 2009. NAVs assist with natural areas management projects, monitor District trails, and participate in regional ecological monitoring programs such as Plants of Concern and the Prairie Bird Survey. The NAV Program is led by the Natural Areas Volunteer Coordinator, who handles the administration, training and scheduling for this group. The NAV Program utilizes a building at Hoover Forest Preserve for storage and training space. The NAV Coordinator works with the Superintendent of the Grounds & Natural Resources Department and the Forest Preserve Director to coordinate certain activities and goals. The NAVs work District-wide in many of the preserves. NAVs perform various resource management tasks such as native seed collection and processing, brush removal, invasive plant control and controlled burning.

The Ellis House & Equestrian Center Volunteer Program began in 2009 and volunteers assist with maintenance, programming, events and horse care. Staff members at Ellis are responsible for administering, training and coordinating the Ellis volunteers. The vast majority of Ellis volunteer time is spent on-site, with occasional time spent at other preserves or promotional events.

The Hoover Volunteer Program was initiated in 2012. These volunteers assist with the care and use of the Neshnabek Native American Village, Nature Exploration Station, maintaining the planting beds and rain gardens, and with Environmental Education programming at Hoover Forest Preserve. The Hoover Volunteer program is coordinated by one of the Naturalists in the Environmental Education Department. These volunteers work primarily at Hoover Forest Preserve.

### Responsibilities:

- Collects and processes volunteer application forms, volunteer agreements, and background check forms.
- Conducts volunteer orientations and trainings.
- Supervises volunteer activities:
  - ◆ Natural Area Volunteers
    - \* Natural areas management tasks such as brush removal, invasive plant control, native plant seed collection and assistance with prescribed burns.
    - \* Monitors trails
    - \* Conducts citizen scientist ecological monitoring including Plants of Concern and Prairie Bird Survey.
  - ◆ Ellis Volunteers
    - \* Assists with barn chores and horse care.
    - \* Assists with programming such as birthday parties, equestrian camps and family programs.
    - \* Assists with weddings and other special events.
  - ◆ Hoover Volunteers
    - \* Assists with maintaining Neshnabek and the Nature Exploration Station.
    - \* Assists with maintaining the planting beds and rain gardens at Hoover FP.
    - \* Assists with Environmental Education Department programming.

- Communicates with volunteers regarding scheduling, projects, and volunteer related issues.
- Tracks volunteer hours and projects.
- Maintains volunteer files.
- Maintains volunteer equipment and supplies.
- Schedules and supervises volunteer workdays and events.
- Coordinates with other agencies and organizations on projects.
- Hosts volunteer appreciation events.
- Assists with production of the District's quarterly newsletter.

**Goals and Objectives :**

- Continue to improve volunteer related forms and documentation.
- Develop and institute District-wide volunteer orientation.
- Continue to improve and expand volunteer trainings.
- Provide a safe working environment for all volunteers.
- Provide positive interactions with the public., staff and board.
- Promote the volunteer opportunities of the District to recruit additional volunteers.
- Develop a consistent volunteer appreciation and recognition program.
- Develop strategies and solicit input to foster volunteer retention.
- Encourage public input, participation, and feedback.
- Continue to develop and strengthen partnerships with other agencies and organizations.
- Participate in applicable volunteer management organizations.
- Develop and implement a program to train and utilize Site Stewards for the NAV Program.
- Utilize NAVs to educate citizens about the natural areas of Kendall County.



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**KENDALL COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT - MASTER PLAN**

*APPENDIX 1: CAPITAL PROJECTS, 2007-14*

<u>Forest Preserve</u>	<u>Year(s)</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Grant Funding</u>	<u>Capital Project</u>
Baker Woods Forest Preserve	2008-09	529,500		Ellis House improvements, maintenance building, parking
	2008-09	50,000		Improvements to barn, arena, house
	2009	2,000		Improvements to riding arenas and pastures
	2011	3,000		Signage
	2011	35,000		Gravel parking & tent pad
	2012-13	950,000	200,000	Trails & bridge
	2014	36,000		Ellis House furnishings, storage, improvements
Blackberry Trails Forest Preserve	2008	4,000		Signage
Harris Forest Preserve	2008-10	8,500		Picnic shelter improvements
Hoover Forest Preserve	2008-12	134,500		Upgrades to sewage system & water system
	2009	15,000		Entrance Improvements
	2009-10	1,850,000		Renovate Rookery, bunkhouses, water main, entrance
	2010-13	17,600		Upgrade picnic shelters and Neshnabe'k Village
	2011	1,100,000	400,000	Trails, campgrounds, parking, restrooms, overlook decks
	2011	260,000		Staff residence
	2011	165,000		Maintenance building
	2011-13	2,800,000	650,000	Renovate Meadowhawk Lodge
2014	7,700		Information kiosk	
Jay Woods Forest Preserve	2009	800,000	369,000	Trails, parking, picnic shelter, overlook deck, restroom
Millbrook North Forest Preserve	2010	27,000	11,750	Floodplain Restoration Grant
Millbrook South Forest Preserve	2009	50,000		Native Prairie Seed - 75 acres
	2009	7,500		Parking, signage, trail
Pickerill-Pigott Forest Preserve	2009	28,700		Demolition & salvage
Richard Young Forest Preserve	2012	20,000		Bridge replacement, electric
Multiple Preserves	2009	25,000		Improve asphalt entrances
	2009	1,200		Dog stations
	2011	27,000		Demolition - Hoover, Baker Woods, Millington
	2011	7,000		Signage
Totals		8,961,200	1,630,750	

**KENDALL COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT - MASTER PLAN**

*APPENDIX 2: ESTIMATE OF DEVELOPMENT COSTS*

<u>Item</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Material Only</u>	<u>Material &amp; Labor</u>
Shelter (including excavation)	Each	\$	45,000.00
Concrete Floor for Shelter	Lump Sum	\$	14,000.00
Picnic Tables:			
6' Wood	Each	\$	800.00
6' Recycled Plastic	Each	\$	950.00
8' Wood ADA	Each	\$	950.00
8' Recycled ADA	Each	\$	1,100.00
Grills	Each	\$	500.00
Benches - 6' with arms:			
Wood	Each	\$	950.00
Recycled Plastic	Each	\$	900.00
Trash Receptacles	Each	\$	575.00
Bike Rack	Each	\$	950.00
Vault Latrine	Each	\$	32,000-35,000
Doggie Pot System	Each	\$	500.00
Park Signage:			
Entrance Sign	Each	\$	4,500-6,000
Kiosk - 3-sided	Each	\$7,700	\$ 12,000.00
Message Board Single-sided	Each	\$	9,000.00
Interpretive Sign	Each	\$700	\$ 1,800.00
Info, Park ID, Trail Markers	Each	\$25	
Fireplace in Shelter	Each	\$	8,000-10,000
Fire Pit	Each	\$	750 - 1,000
Council Ring	Each	\$	12,000-15,000
Trails:			
Excavation	C.Y.	\$	43.00
8" Depth Gravel	S.Y.	\$	17.00
2" Asphalt	S.Y.	\$	5.00
Limestone Surface	S.Y.	\$	2.25
Wood Chip Surface	S.Y.	\$	1.75
Concrete Walk	S.F.	\$	6.00
Footbridge 15' - Wooden	Lump Sum	\$500	\$ 1,500.00
Entrance Road & Parking Lot:			
Excavation (spoils removed from site)	CY	\$	45.00
Gravel (8" depth)	S.Y.	\$8	
Asphalt:			
1 1/2" Binder Course	S.Y.	\$	6.00
1" Surface Course	S.Y.	\$	4.00
Car Stops	Each	\$	37.00
Guardrail:			
Steel	L.F.	\$	19.00
Wooden - Timber	L.F.	\$	12.00

*APPENDIX 2: ESTIMATE OF DEVELOPMENT COSTS - CONTINUED*

<u>Item</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Material Only</u>	<u>Material &amp; Labor</u>
<b>Bollards &amp; Fencing:</b>			
Drop Down	Each	\$750 \$	1,250.00
Timber	Each	\$	350.00
Round Steel Pipe	Each	\$	650.00
Entrance Gate (arm style)	Each	\$	2,000.00
Split Rail Fence	L.F.	\$	11.50
<b>Landscaping:</b>			
Native Shade Tree 2" BB	Each	\$	350.00
Intermediate/Ornamental Tree 5' or 1 3/4"	Each	\$	250.00
Native Shrubs 24" - 30"	Each	\$	65.00
Turf Seeding	S.Y. or Acre		\$0.82 or \$4,000
Prairie Seeding	Acre	\$	6,000.00
Prairie Plugs, Plants	Each	\$	3.50
Well & Hand Pump		\$	7,500 - 10,000
<b>Pond or Detention Construction:</b>			
Excavation (spoils used on site)	C.Y.	\$	25.00
Excavation (spoils removed from site)	C.Y.	\$	45.00

1. Each price is for the item to be furnished and installed individually.
2. If these items are part of a larger project, the price could be less.
3. Add 2.5% each year for inflation

*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	—
Nature Trails	8	—
Water/Fishing/Canoe Access	4	—
Picnic Areas/High Use Areas	4	—
Preserve Access/Parking	4	—
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>32</b>	—

**Complement Existing Plans:**

Protect Kendall Now	8	—
Kendall County Land Resource Management Plan or Watershed Plan or Municipal/Park District Plan or Trail Plan	4	—
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>12</b>	—

<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	—
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<u>Year</u>	<u>Preserve</u>	<u>Landowner</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Type of Acquisition</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>Funding</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1966	Maramech	First National Bank of Chicago	86	Fee Simple	56,800	HUD	28,400
1967	Baker	Baker	17.74	Donation			
1968	Maramech	Silver	6	Land Trade			
1968	Harris	Harris	87	Fee Simple	80,900	HUD	40,450
1970	Baker	Young American's Club	7.72	Fee Simple	22,500		
1970	Lyon	Lyon	44.5	Donation			
1974	Baker	Seward Township	0.34	Donation			
1990	Harris	Kendall County Recreation Assoc.	6	Donation			
1992	Fox River Islands	Fox Valley Animal Welfare League	22	Fee Simple	5,000		
1994	Richard Young	Rohrer, etal	98	Fee Simple	770,000	OSLAD	388,500
1997	Newark	Friestad	42	Fee Simple	177,000		
1998	Fox River Islands	Church/Hafenrichter	5	Donation			
1998	Fox River Bike Trail	Barber-Green Hunt Club	0.42	Fee Simple	2,443	Bike Path <sup>1</sup>	1,955
1998	Shuh Shuh Gah	Kendall County	2.95	Fee Simple	196,800	FEMA	196,800
2000	Cannonball Sedge Meadow	Alan Dale Farms & Development	10.71	Donation			
2000	Fox River Bike Trail	Hide-a-way Lakes	1.364 0.637	Fee Simple Easement	5,666	Bike Path <sup>1</sup>	4,533
2002	Subat	Subat	68.7	Fee Simple	692,111	C2000 OLT DCCA FP Funds	129,000 127,800 250,000 185,311
2003	Subat	County of Kendall	2.022	Donation			
2004	Schessler's Fen	Schessler	3.5	Donation			

APPENDIX 4: LAND ACQUISITION HISTORY

KENDALL COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT - MASTER PLAN

<u>Year</u>	<u>Preserve</u>	<u>Landowner</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Type of Acquisition</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>Funding</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2004	Hoover	Chicago Area Council of BSA	140	Fee Simple	6,394,275	NPS ICECF 2003 Bonds	4,938,391 1,181,000 274,884
2004	Hoover	Openlands	17	Fee Simple	780,525	OSLAD 2003 Bonds	750,000 30,575
2004	Blackberry Trails	Montgomery Crossing LLC	74	Donation			
2004	Young	Killian	32.17	Fee Simple	804,250	2003 Bonds	804,250
2005	Hoover	Openlands	152	Fee Simple	7,020,524	NPS OLT 2003 Bonds	4,930,538 1,000,000 1,089,986
2005	McDaniel Property	McDaniel	18.13	Fee Simple	365,552	Minooka 2003 Bonds	213,276 152,276
2005	Hollenback Sugarbush	Welles	46.26	Fee Simple	670,855	2003 Bonds	670,855
2005	Blackberry Trail	Blackberry Crossing LLC	8.41	Donation			
2007	Jay Woods	Robb via The Cons. Found.	45	Donation			
2007	Jay Woods	Robb	75	Fee Simple	750,000	OSLAD	750,000
2007	Reservation Woods	Gabel	13	Fee Simple	150,000		
2007	Hoover	Openlands	84	Fee Simple	4,145,000	2007 Bonds	4,145,000
2007	Millbrook - North & South	Lee	603	Fee Simple	21,000,000	2007 Bonds OSLAD NPS ICECF	14,823,600 750,000 4,926,400 500,000
2007	Blackberry Trail	Dickson	24.28	Donation			
2008	Baker Woods	Sandstrom	64.33	Fee Simple	1,117,390	2007 Bonds	1,117,390
2008	Pickerill-Pigott	Pickerill	32.18	Donation			
2008	Pickerill-Pigott	Pigott	69.52	Fee Simple	4,227,000	2007 Bonds	4,227,000

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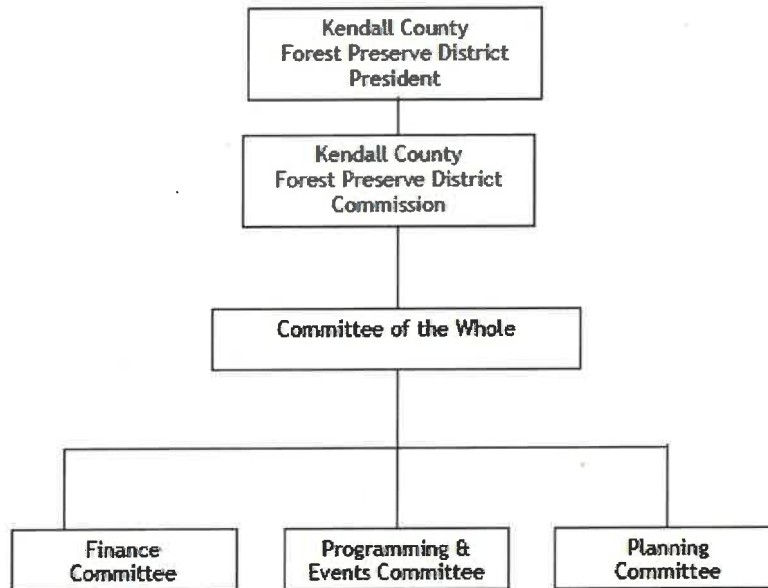
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2008	Baker Woods	Baker	95.45	Fee Simple	1,909,000	2007 Bonds DCEO	1,659,000 250,000
2008	Baker Woods	Sova	0.78	Fee Simple	20,723	2007 Bonds	20,723
2008	Baker Woods	Ellis	44.9	Fee Simple	2,440,000	2007 Bonds	2,440,000
2009	Blackberry Trail	Blackberry Pointe LLC	52.47	Donation			
2009	Baker Woods	Seward Township	10	Fee Simple	199,875	2007 Bonds	199,875
2010	Henneberry	Henneberry Woods, Inc.	216.7	Fee Simple	5,312,189	2007 Bonds OSLAD TCF	4,532,189 750,000 30,000
2010	Millington	Bright	198	Fee Simple	1,584,125	2007 Bonds	1,584,125
2010	Millington	Freeman	10	Fee Simple	156,600	2007 Bonds	156,600
2010	Reservation Woods	Hugart	13.3	Fee Simple	185,000	2007 Bonds	185,000
2011	Baker Woods	Devries	10.76	Fee Simple	110,000	2007 Bonds	110,000
2012	Tucker-Millington Fen	Tucker	4.5	Fee Simple	35,000	2007 Bonds	35,000
2014	Subat	IDOT	30.7	Donation			
	<u>TOTAL</u>		<u>2698.44</u>				

<sup>1</sup> Joint project with OPD  
 HUD - Department of Urban Development  
 OSLAD - Open Space Land Acquisition & Development (IDNR)  
 Bike Path - Illinois Bicycle Path Program (IDNR)  
 FEMA - Federal Emergency Management Agency  
 C2000 - Conservation 2000 (IDNR)  
 OLT - Open Land Trust (IDNR)  
 DCCA - Department of Commerce and Community Affairs  
 DCEO - Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity  
 NPS - National Park Service  
 ICECF - Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation  
 TCF - The Conservation Foundation

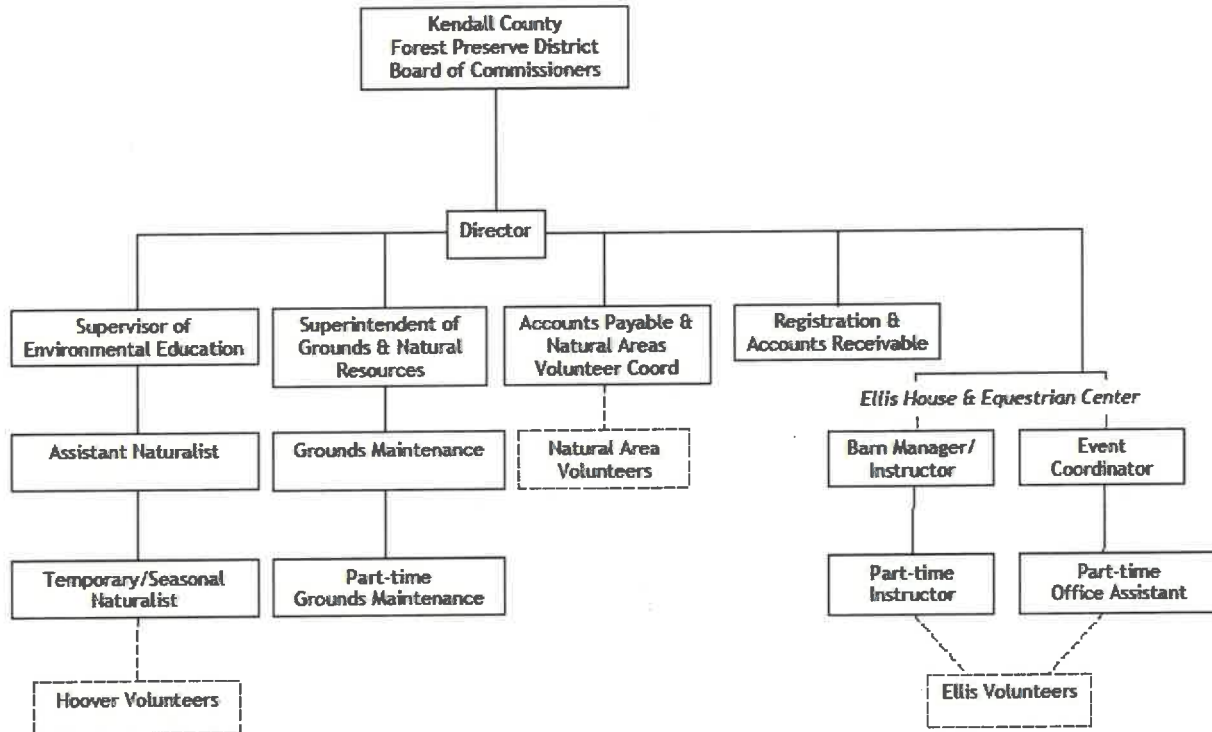
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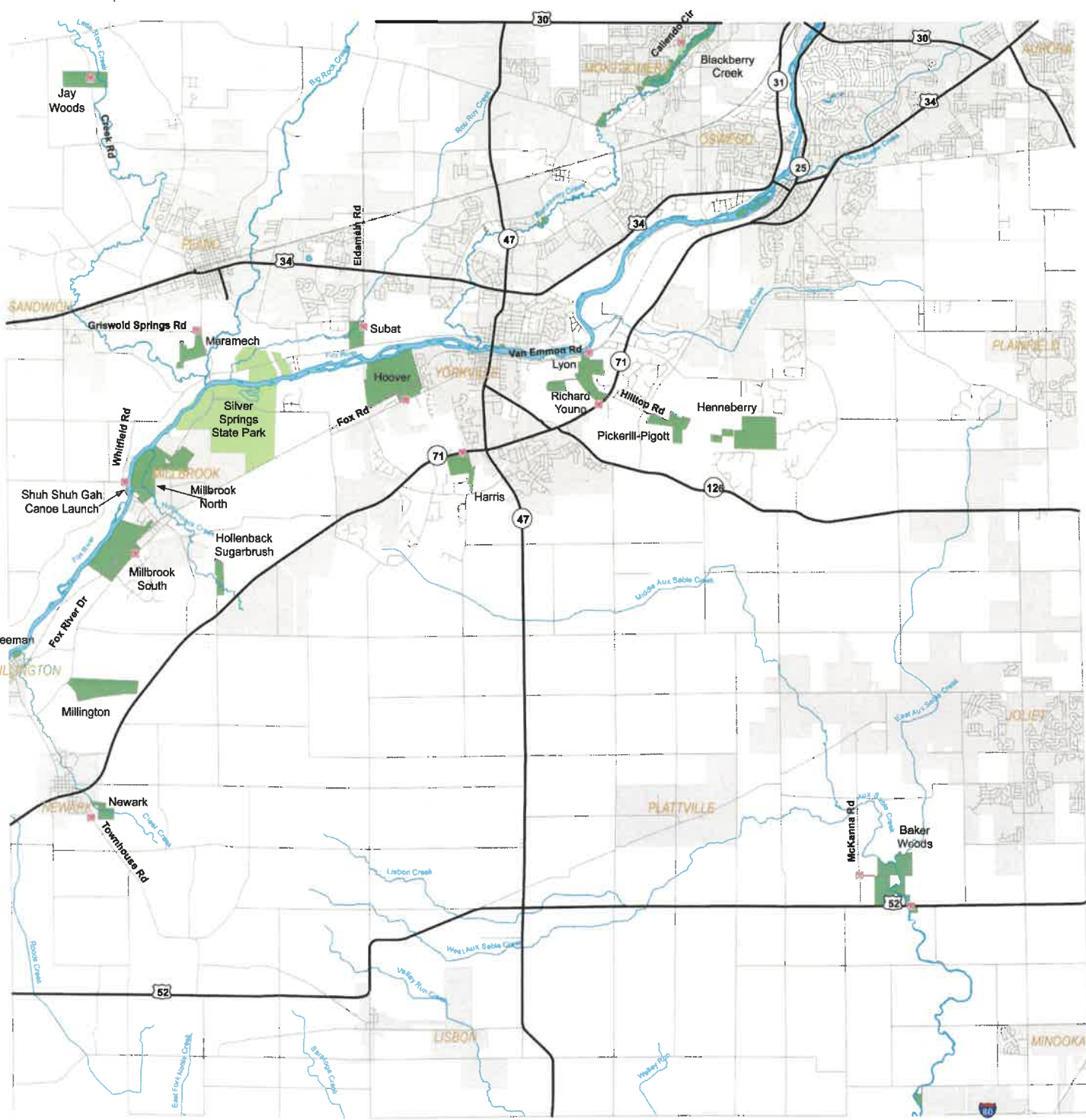
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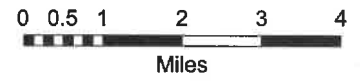
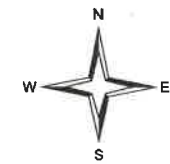




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FOX	KENDALL	NA-AU-SAY
RIK GROVE	LISBON	SEWARD



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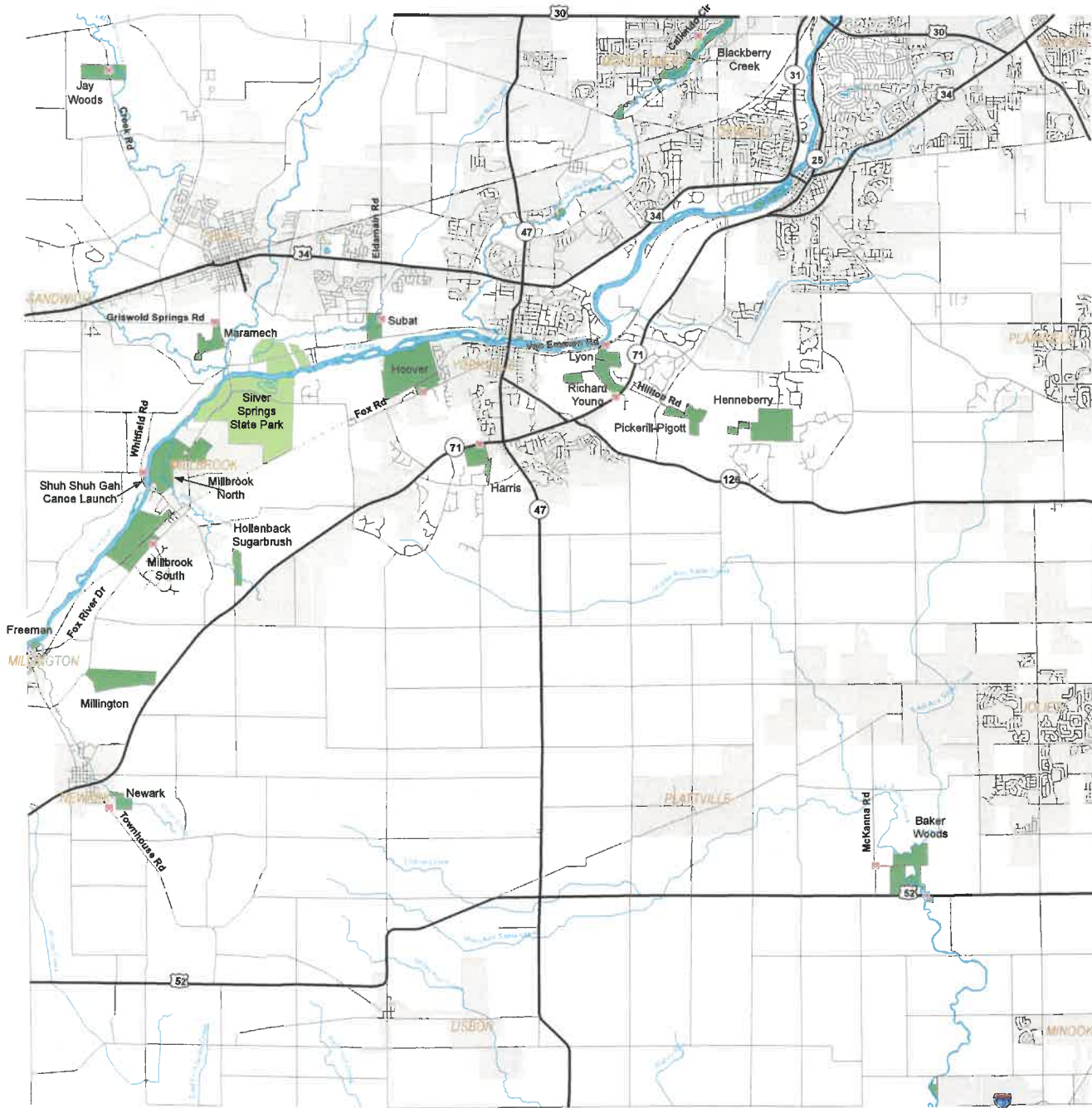
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FOX	KENDALL	NA-AUSA-Y
80 GROVE	LIBBON	NEWARD



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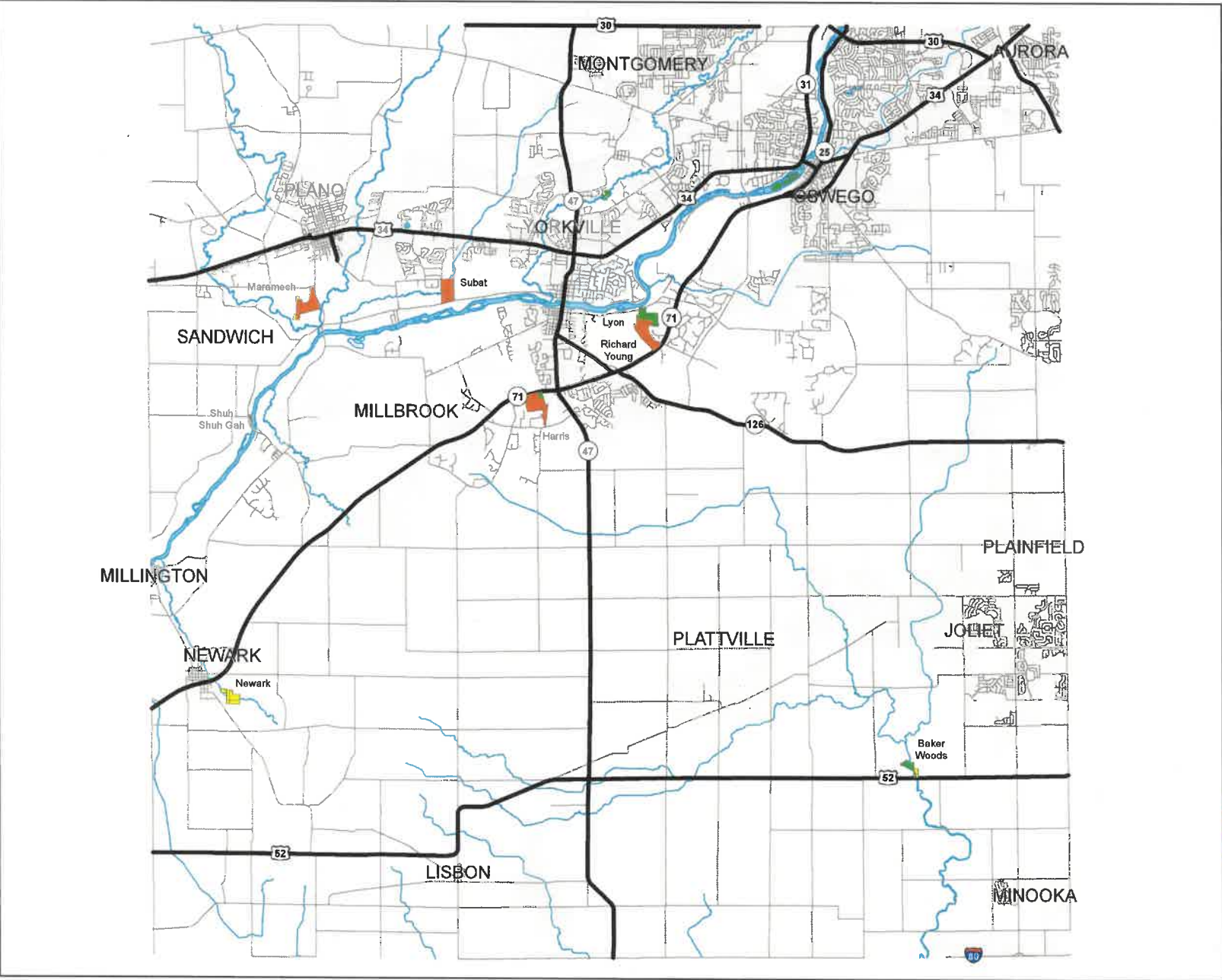
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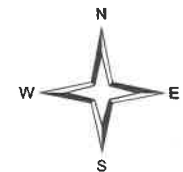


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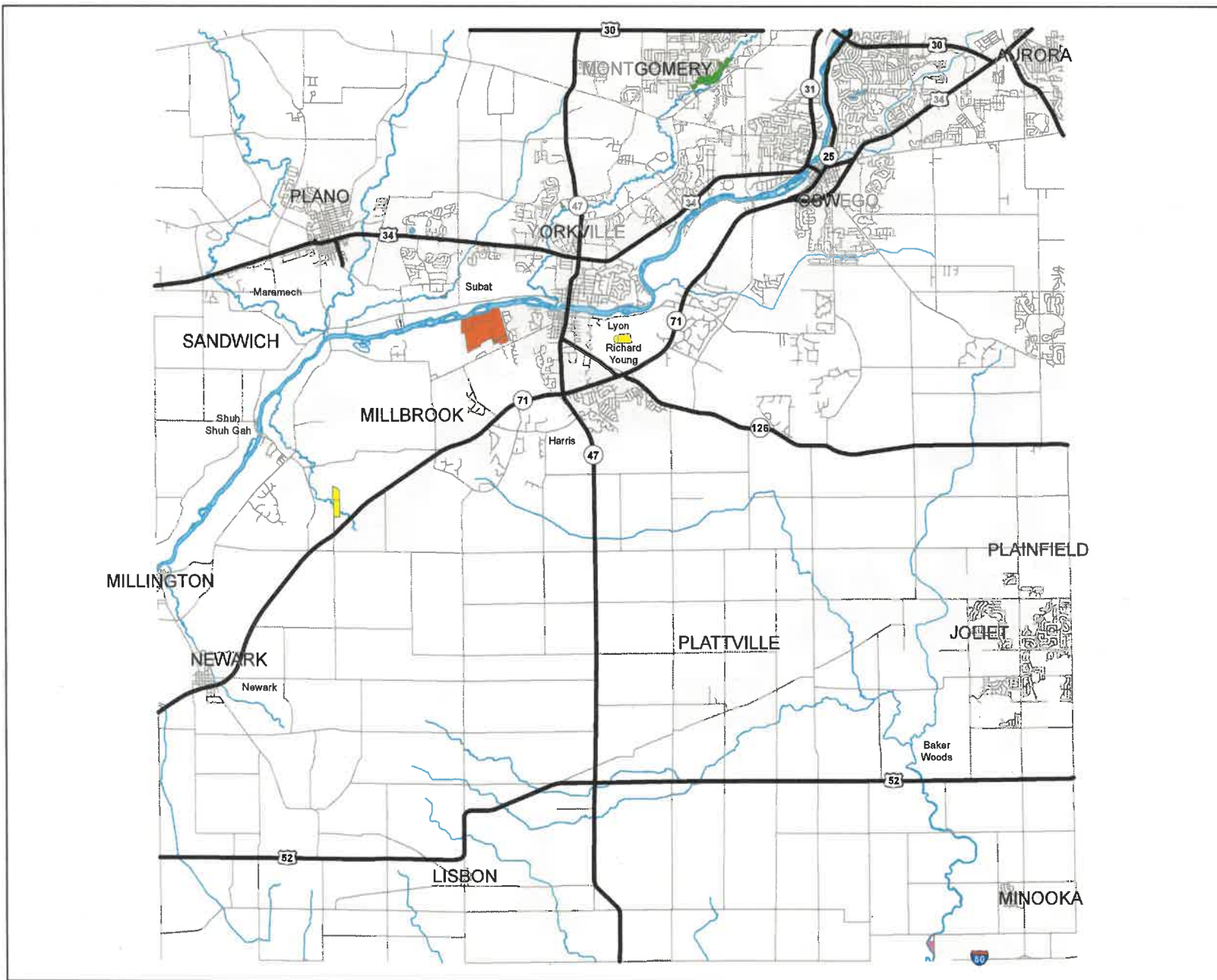
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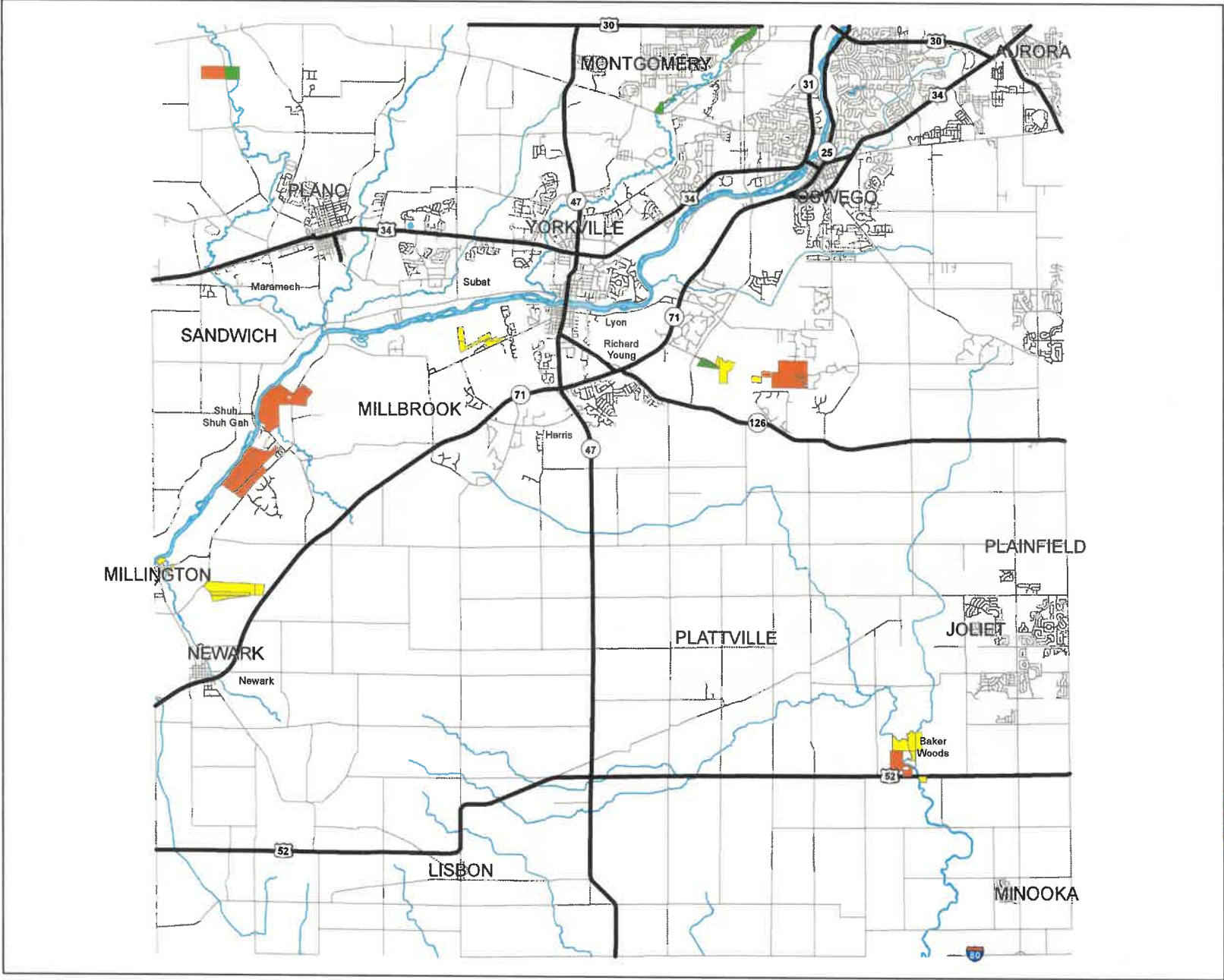
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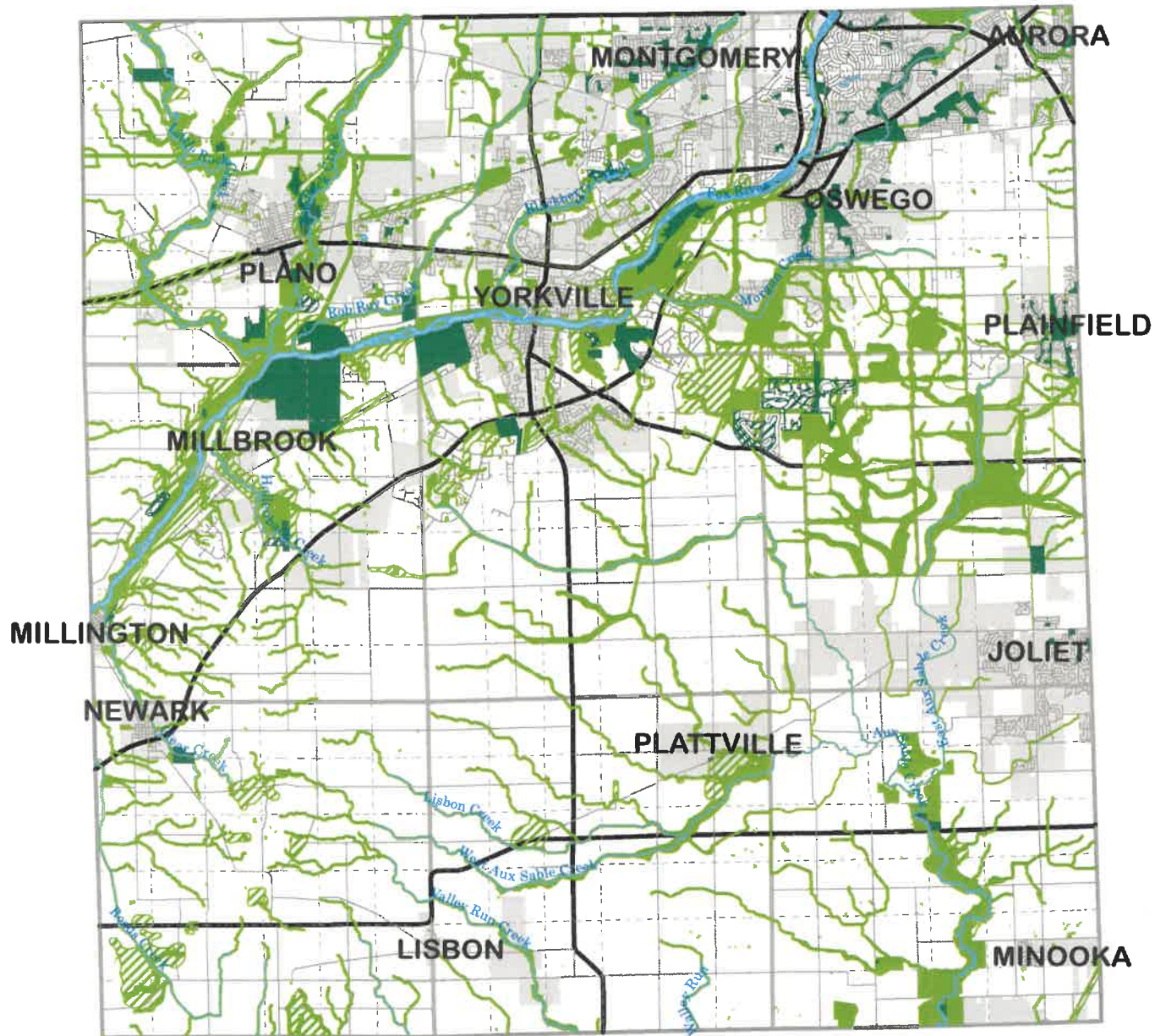


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