



# 2024 Year in Review

Friends of the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County



# From Our Board

Dear friends,

Forest preserves provide clean air and water and protect biodiversity. Forest preserves provide public access to nature, programs, and recreational amenities. Forest preserves are the common ground beneath our feet — spaces for gathering, celebrating, and connecting. Forest preserves provide and improve awe-inspiring natural areas that thrive when we are good stewards, together. The Forest Preserve District of DuPage County manages nearly 27,000 acres, maintains 175 miles of trails, and operates education centers that enrich the lives of people of all ages and abilities.

In 2024, we bid farewell to longtime board members Diane Addante, Brian Battle, and Penny Chanez. We thank them for their service to our mission.

Gifts at every level make a difference and help to continue a proud tradition of conservation through strong public-and-private partnerships. We thank you for your love of the DuPage forest preserves. Your generosity allows the Friends of the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County to make wise decisions, guided by the greatest needs for the Forest Preserve District, every year.

Thank you for being a friend!

Sincerely,

Friends of the Forest Preserve District  
of DuPage County

## Forest Preserve District of DuPage County's Vision

To be a nationally recognized conservation agency that envisions a community in which all citizens share a connection with nature and an appreciation for cultural history

## Our Mission

To advance the vision of the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County through philanthropic endeavors

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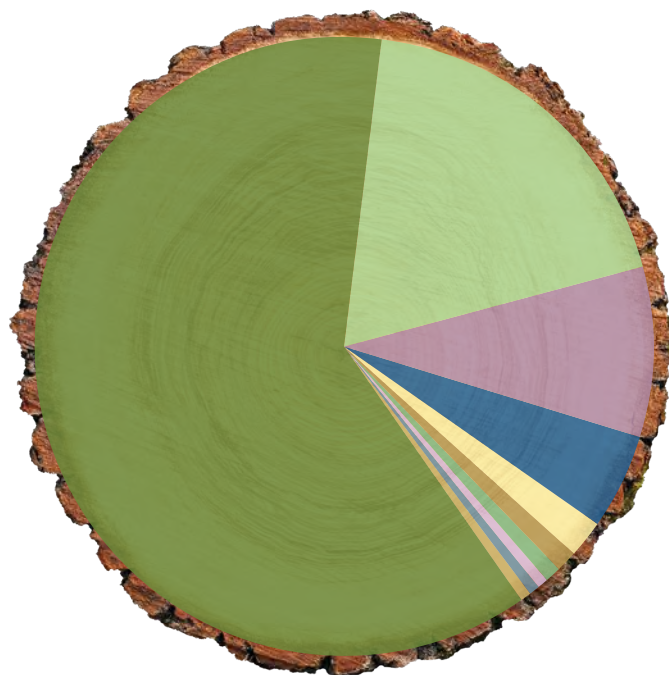
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## Where Your Gifts Made a Difference

The Friends of the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County 501(c)(3) helps the community support the Forest Preserve District's mission. Nearly 1,000 individuals, corporations, civic groups, and foundations made gifts to the Friends of the Forest Preserve District to support the master plan, native wildlife rehabilitation, habitat restoration, and more.



- DuPage Wildlife Conservation Center Master Plan **62%**
- Wildlife Rehabilitation **19%**
- Habitat Restoration **9%**
- Mayslake Peabody Estate Master Plan **5%**
- Recreational Amenities & Improvements **2%**
- Educational Programs **1%**
- Danada Equestrian Center **1%**
- Blanding's Turtle Head-Start Program **<1%**
- Fullersburg Woods Nature Education Center **<1%**
- Kline Creek Farm **<1%**

## DuPage County Voters Say "Yes"

In November, DuPage County voters supported the Forest Preserve District's referendum, which demonstrated the community's commitment to its mission and vision. The Friends is grateful to voters for your willingness to approve additional resources through the tax levy. We remain committed to engaging the community in philanthropy for your DuPage forest preserves.



# 2024 Financials

## Statement of Activities

### Revenues

|                       |           |
|-----------------------|-----------|
| Contributions         | \$395,301 |
| Grants                | 58,753    |
| Donations             | 2,117     |
| Special Events Income | 40,821    |
| Investments           | 51,060    |
| Miscellaneous         | 267       |

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|                     |                  |
|---------------------|------------------|
| <b>Total Income</b> | <b>\$548,319</b> |
|---------------------|------------------|

### Expenses

|                                                      |           |
|------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Forest Preserve District Program and Project Support | \$750,155 |
| Other Grants                                         | 62,000    |
| Event Supplies                                       | 19,043    |
| All Other Expenses                                   | 29,935    |

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|-----------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Total Expenses</b> | <b>\$ 861,133</b> |
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## Financial Position Summary (as of Dec. 31, 2024)

### Assets

#### Current Assets

|                      |           |
|----------------------|-----------|
| Cash and Investments | \$888,615 |
|----------------------|-----------|

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### Liabilities

|                  |       |
|------------------|-------|
| Accounts Payable | 2,949 |
|------------------|-------|

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### Net Assets

|                            |         |
|----------------------------|---------|
| With Donor Restrictions    | 366,976 |
| Without Donor Restrictions | 518,690 |

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|-------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Total Net Assets</b> | <b>\$885,666</b> |
|-------------------------|------------------|

# In Support of the Forest Preserve District's Mission

## Wildlife Rehabilitation & Species Recovery

The Friends of the Forest Preserve District partnered with the Forest Preserve District to complete the DuPage Wildlife Conservation Center Master Plan Phase II Improvements, a transformational investment for wildlife rehabilitation and visitor engagement. Your generosity helped bring this visionary project to life, and we eagerly anticipate the opening of the new visitor center.

In addition to project funding for the wildlife center, the Friends provided support for wildlife care, including the Blanding's turtle species-recovery program. This program is part of a regional network of agencies and organizations who work to boost populations of the state-endangered species in the wild. We celebrate everyone who contributed for native wildlife.

## Habitat Restoration

Continuous management efforts are required to protect local biodiversity and sustain high-quality natural areas in the forest preserves. Strategies for restoration include the selective removal of invasive plants, collection and distribution of native seeds, and use of prescribed fire. Thanks to fundraising efforts and a matching grant, the Friends helped to fund habitat management in an important woodland at Churchill Woods Forest Preserve in Glen Ellyn. Contracted work helped to complement the volunteer stewardship efforts in the woodland.



# In Support of the Forest Preserve District's Mission

## Recreational Amenities & Preserve Improvements

The Friends of the Forest Preserve District offered the opportunity to dedicate new or existing benches in the forest preserves. Donations for such preserve improvements help to fulfill some of the Forest Preserve District's master plan initiatives, provide accessibility along the trails, and a way to memorialize or pay tribute to a loved one, friend, or special companion.



## Education Centers & Programs

Donations for the education centers helped to provide resources not only to engage the public but also maintain natural and cultural resources for current and future generations. Your donations represent a deep love for the educational programs these centers provide to DuPage residents.



# Community Partners

## With Thanks to Our Community Partners

We build relationships with corporations, foundations, and civic groups to help support DuPage forest preserves and nature-based opportunities year-round. All contributions benefit the Forest Preserve District's mission, master plan and initiatives, and supplement tax revenue for the benefit of your community.

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# Thank You for Being Our Friend

The following donors and community partners committed through Friends of the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County or Forest Preserve District. To discover more about the Friends of the Forest Preserve District, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to providing ways to help care for DuPage forest preserves, visit [dupageforest.org/friends](http://dupageforest.org/friends).

## **\$1 Million+**

Estate of Charles Johnson

## **\$25,000 – \$99,999**

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## In Memory

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**All My Dogs Who Loved  
the Parks**  
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**Ann & Albin Palider**  
Carl Lidd

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Andrew Lee

**Brett Sydor and His Love  
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Birds of Prey**  
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Lagoon**  
Gerald J. Tavolino

**George Peavey**  
Julie Liesse & B.J. Ryan

**Indy, the Grand Dog**  
Dan Glavin  
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Ann Laboe  
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**Kathleen Sove**  
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Guy Matthew

**Moe Girkins**  
Kevin Condon

**Nicholas Gross**  
Shannon Johnson

**Red**  
Beatrice Medina

**Robert Olsen**  
Paul Spinelli

**Shadow, Junior, Spike,  
Raven, and Jeter**  
Melody Barszcz

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Borek**  
Christine Borek

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Laura Schuldt  
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Nancy Fields and Family  
Nick Gudde  
Richard Martin  
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# Special Events, Programs, & More

Nature enthusiasts joined the "Friends Forest Tours," a monthly hike led by Mike Dyer, chair of the Friends of the Forest Preserve District. This year, hikers toured Danada, Cricket Creek, Fullersburg Woods, Greene Valley, Mallard Lake, McDowell Grove, Meacham Grove, Oldfield Oaks, Pratt's Wayne Woods, St. James Farm, and West Branch forest preserves. Folks also celebrated the winter equinox during a sunset hike at Meacham Grove Forest Preserve in Downers Grove.



Bird lovers united for "An Avian Affair" in February, which featured Joe Suchecki, board secretary of the Friends and volunteer steward with the Forest Preserve District, and Denis Kania, also a volunteer. The two birding experts shared stories and photographs of birds from their travels across the Americas and information about how to love birds in our own backyards.



Donors and volunteers joined a special program in March about the return of the periodical cicada with Carl Strang, volunteer steward and former employee with the Forest Preserve District.

Chicago and forest preserve history buffs enjoyed "An Evening with Geoffrey Baer" in April at the Mayslake Peabody Estate in Oak Brook. Baer captivated guests with his signature storytelling, which focused on forest preservation in the Chicago region.



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Early shoppers joined the Friends at the Native Plant Presale in May at the Mayslake Peabody Estate in Oak Brook. The ever-popular event provides an exclusive shopping opportunity, featuring high-quality native plants to local gardeners, civic groups, churches, and corporations in DuPage County and beyond.

Community partners joined "Nature After Hours" in June to enjoy the outdoors and network at Herrick Lake Forest Preserve in Wheaton.

Spectators joined the Friends and race sponsors to cheer on rubber ducks at the annual Duck Race in September at St. James Farm Forest Preserve in Warrenville.

Over 200 guests joined A Night for Nature in September to raise funds to support wildlife and wild areas. Nature supporters enjoyed live music, wagon rides, and an auction while celebrating kinship and the nature they love in DuPage County.

The Friends of the Forest Preserve hosted its annual board meeting and donor reception in November at The Greenway Table & Tap at The Preserve at Oak Meadows in Addison. The Friends thanked departing board members Dianne Addante, Brian Battle, and Penny Chanez for their volunteer service and celebrated the generosity that makes a difference for the forest preserves.

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