

# Be Our Community Partner

## Nurture NATURE

Help connect people – and your employees – to nature.

The Forest Preserve District of DuPage County stewards 60 forest preserves and 26,000 acres containing prairies, woodlands, and wetlands. It also manages 175 miles of trails, 30 lakes, seven centers, and countless wild species. Nearly 5.5 million visitors enjoy the preserves each year.

The Friends of the Forest Preserve District invites contributions to help restore habitat, protect native plants and animals, and enhance the many ways visitors experience the forest preserves.

Our partners are interested in meaningful employee engagement, great exposure for their businesses, and purposeful ways to give back to their community. Partnerships contribute to making the forest preserves healthy, safe, and sustainable places for exercise, play, and relaxation. Your generosity helps our county to be a special place to live, work, and visit.

## Corporate VOLUNTEER DAYS

Gather your corporate group for a day of service at a DuPage forest preserve. Two- or three-hour opportunities include activities like removing nonnative plants, collecting seed, or picking up litter.

## Our Audience, YOUR BRAND

Many of the people who visit the forest preserves rely on the Forest Preserve District's and Friends' website, publications, and social media to plan their outdoor adventures. Become our community partner and gain exposure in our print publication, online, and at some of our special events or programs.

We offer an attractive package of marketing and benefits, from exclusive nature-based activities to recognition.

Thank you for considering a partnership with us.

## Partnership RECOGNITION

- Listed in the Friend's annual report
- Listed in the *Conservationist* quarterly publication
- Name announced or featured at sponsored event
- Recognition on Friends' web page
- Thanked in Friends' marketing for special events
- Opportunity to provide in-kind item for an auction, raffle prize, or swag bag
- Tickets to A Night for Nature special event (\$125 per ticket value)
  - \$2,500+ · six tickets
  - \$5,000+ · eight tickets
  - \$10,000+ · 10 tickets
  - \$25,000+ · 10 tickets
- Invitation to a special Friends' program or behind-the-scenes tour (\$5,000+ partnership)
- Forest preserve volunteer opportunity for your group, including a check presentation with photo (\$10,000+ partnership)
- Customized recognition opportunity in accordance with Forest Preserve District's and Friends' recognition policies (\$25,000+ partnership)

Medium	Potential Exposure
<i>Conservationist</i>	4,500 households and 1,700 digital recipients quarterly
Steward e-newsletter	5,700 recipients monthly
Friends' web page	5,000 views annually
Friends' Facebook page	1,600 followers
Friends' LinkedIn page	725 followers
Friends' Instagram page	Over 595 followers



## Sponsor an EVENT or PROGRAM

### Native Plant Presale \$500 Sponsorship

May 14 • 4 -7 p.m.

### Native Plant Sale

May 15 • 10 a.m. -7 p.m.

May 16 • 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

DuPage County Fairgrounds • Wheaton

Hundreds of native plant enthusiasts shop a three-day event for grasses, wildflowers, and shrubs adapted to DuPage soils and weather. Marketing begins in March, and presale ticket sales open in April.

### Duck Race \$500 Sponsorship

Aug. 1 • 9:45 - 10:30 a.m.

Fullersburg Woods • Oak Brook

Watch 500 rubber ducks race along the newly restored Salt Creek at Fullersburg Woods Forest Preserve. Marketing begins in March, and duck sales open in May.

### A Night for Nature \$1,000+ Sponsorship\*

Sept. 17 • 5 - 8:30 p.m.

St. James Farm • Warrenville

Celebrate the wildlife and wild areas of our forest preserves. This signature event, complete with music, drinks and hors d'oeuvres, attracts over 200 nature enthusiasts. Make an in-kind donation to include a gift certificate, service, or merchandise. Marketing begins in June, and ticket sales open in July.

### Annual Donor Reception

#### \$500 Sponsorship

Nov. 17 • 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

The Preserve at Oak Meadows • Addison

Gather with the Friends board of directors and fellow nature fans to hear about how generosity makes a difference for the forest preserves. Marketing begins in September. Complimentary registration.

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- Listed in the *Conservationist*
- Name announced or featured at sponsored event
- Opportunity to provide in-kind item for an auction, raffle prize, or swag bag
- Opportunity to share a sample or coupon with event guests (\$1,000+ sponsorship\*)
- Complimentary admission to your sponsored event (\$1,000+ sponsorship\*)

Net proceeds from events and programs support habitat restoration and native wildlife in DuPage forest preserves.

## About the FRIENDS

The Friends of the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County 501(c)(3) advances the vision of the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County through philanthropic endeavors.

The Friends of the Forest Preserve District has served as the charitable partner of the Forest Preserve District since 2010 and is eligible to receive tax-deductible donations. EIN 45-2343580.

## Contact and Follow US

If you are interested in partnering with the Friends of the Forest Preserve District, contact Partnership & Philanthropy at 630-871-6400 or [fundraising@dupageforest.org](mailto:fundraising@dupageforest.org).

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