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Public Comment Period Responses

The Draft Herrick Lake Forest Preserve 2025 Master Plan document was made available for a public comment period, running from January 14th to February 13th. The plan received 48 total responses through the District's website. A full report of responses is shown on the following pages, as well as information about how the comment period was advertised to the public. Below is a high-level breakdown of the overall responses to the questions asked of respondents.

Overall responses were supportive of the plan and the focus areas and amenities shown. The District will continue to reference these comments when determining projects to fund, and take them into consideration during implementation of the plan.

What do you love about the plan?

Response	#
Restoration	12
Seating/ Rest areas/ Nodes on trail	11
Water Quality	10
General appreciation of planning	10
Bathrooms	9
Trail Improvements	5
Paved/ Accessible Trail	4
Nature Play Space	4
Boat launch/ rental improvements	3
Fishing Improvements	2
Maintenance	1
Signage	1
Programming space	1

What do you want to see more of in the plan?

Response	#
Signage/ Wayfinding	4
Focus on wildlife/ nature	4
Trails/ connections	4
Benches/ seating	3
Keep limestone trails	3
Nothing- good as-is	3
Keep trail adjacent to lake	3
Play spaces	3
Restoration work	2
Education	2
Information on costs/ public impact	2
Restoration Info	1
Events	1
Water quality improvements	1
Programming spaces	1
Off-leash dog area	1
Buffer plantings	1
Trees/ plantings	1
Rentable group cabin	1
Mountain bike tracks	1
Bring your own canoe/ kayak	1

What do you want to see less of in the plan?

See Less of:	#
Nothing- good as-is	10
Limestone to asphalt trail conversion	5
Parking lot size increase	4
Signage	4
Trail removals- Bluebird trail	3
Fishing piers/ infrastructure	3
Move trail away from lake	3
Trail renovations	3
Tree removals	2
Traffic signals	2
Trail nodes	1
Spending money	1
Educational opportunities	1
Playground	1

Public Comment Signage Map



To increase awareness of the public comment period for the Herrick Lake Preserve Master Plan, District staff placed signage directing public to the Draft Master Plan and comment page on the District’s website. The map above shows sign locations placed in the preserve, and a large banner hung at the preserve entrance from Butterfield Road. Photos of the signage can be seen on the following page.

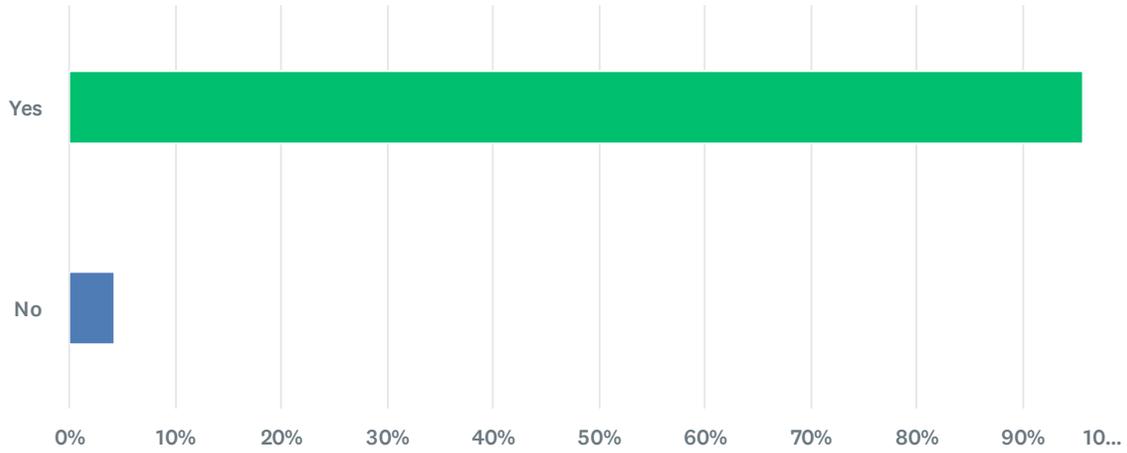
In addition to standalone signage, flyers were placed in VI signs at Herrick Lake, Blackwell, Warrenville Grove, and St. James Farm Forest Preserves.

Public Comment Signage



Q1 Do you live in DuPage County?

Answered: 47 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
● Yes	95.74%	45
● No	4.26%	2
Total		47

Q2 What do you love about the plan?

Answered: 43 Skipped: 4

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Rest areas with shade on trails. Trailside vegetation removal over the last years have made the trails uncomfortable in the summer.	2/13/2026 4:28 PM
2	Restoration and preservation goals. The current restoration plan is looking FANTASTIC! That's what it's all about! Accessible paths, added seating areas are great- although seating areas could also be large chunks of limestone to make a more natural look.	2/13/2026 1:21 PM
3	Fishing piers and increased ADA access including the paved trail! Bathroom improvements are welcome!	2/13/2026 10:21 AM
4	Focus on maintaining fabulous trail network & natural areas	2/13/2026 8:17 AM
5	You stated on page 68 that: "(The last dredging was in 2004-2005, and; before that, 1982. A report on the process and results from 2004 is in the appendix.). There was NO report. Please post that.	2/12/2026 11:37 AM
6	Asphalt trails for easier accessibility, more benches, flush toilets and signage	2/12/2026 12:27 AM
7	Restoring trails	2/11/2026 5:09 PM
8	This is a huge, extensive, beautifully designed plan. But as a citizen, it's very hard to navigate and quickly grasp what is being proposed. All the objectives and goals sound already baked? The executive summary has a list of major recommendations, which all look great. I can't disagree with any of them. I love the idea of more signage and restored path directly on the lake - though keep it limestone so that it's safe for walking without too many bikers?	2/11/2026 4:27 PM
9	emphasis on enhanced preservation of the lake	2/10/2026 6:37 PM
10	I think adding more benches is great. I also like the emphasis on restoration.	2/9/2026 10:01 AM
11	More Trails	2/9/2026 7:15 AM
12	I like the care the county is taking to restore the wetlands. I also love the diligence shown in the creation of the plan. Good use of our taxes.	2/9/2026 7:03 AM
13	Improvements to water quality and how much it seems well thought out.	2/8/2026 2:22 PM
14	New flush restroom on west side	2/8/2026 1:01 PM
15	Improvement of the wetlands	2/6/2026 8:20 PM
16	Cleaning of the lake!	2/6/2026 8:31 AM
17	Very thorough review of the history, topology, and current environmental features of the preserve. The proposed shaded rest areas on the trails are great. Focus on dredging and cleaning up the main lake area would be great. It has not been fun to kayak in the lake for years. Bike rentals would be a great addition.	2/6/2026 8:15 AM
18	Things I'm most excited to see in the next 5 years (phase 1): - Nature play scape at south shelter! - Flush restrooms at west lot, with potable water! - Enhanced programming space at west lot, with potential indoor/outdoor gathering space!	2/5/2026 3:46 PM
19	Switch from gravel to asphalt for the lake loop trail. Add restroom at west parking lot. Add more seating areas on trails.	2/5/2026 3:11 PM
20	Meh	2/5/2026 12:05 PM
21	I love the accessibility improvements -expanded paved trails. The proposed trail nodes, esp ones that would be shaded, would be a huge benefit. I also LOVE the trail extension down the west side toward Warrenville Rd. This makes it safer for bikers or walkers to connect to other trails nearby. The flush bathrooms will be great on the west side. Moving the "thru" trail	2/5/2026 11:20 AM

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directing users away from the South shelter will make that area much nicer for folks using the shelter.

22	I'm excited about all of the improvements, but I love that there will be a nature play space by the south shelter. My kids and I go there at least twice a week for several hours when the weather is nice, and they would love a space to climb, swing, and play in. Mud kitchens are always a hit with all 3 kids (8,6,1).	2/5/2026 11:06 AM
23	I don't know. It was way too long and was written with an eye toward politicians and staff, not for the public.	2/5/2026 9:18 AM
24	Excellent vision overall - Improving the quality of the lake and its shoreline and continuing the restoration/maintenance efforts of the natural areas	2/5/2026 8:53 AM
25	That it's taking place.	2/5/2026 8:46 AM
26	I like the emphasis at looking at what people like and trying to meet their desires. I like the idea of the "Nodes" and figuring out the type of boats.	2/4/2026 10:08 PM
27	Improvements to trails and infrastructure for simplification and easier access. Adding flush toilets at the west parking lot. The restoration of the natural areas has been very good to see. Dredging the lake seems necessary.	2/2/2026 6:11 PM
28	A lot of thought went into the plan.	1/30/2026 7:22 PM
29	Improving water & habitat quality, maintaining restored native areas to a high level, kayak launch, fishing piers, bike repair stations, trail nodes	1/30/2026 3:33 PM
30	I love the focus on preservation. I also really like the idea of the "nodes" to provide spots to stop, admire the scenery, and rest. I'm older now with a bad knee and can't go as far as I used to, but having a few spots to rest would let me enjoy more of the trails.	1/30/2026 1:10 PM
31	Flush restrooms on west side	1/29/2026 8:16 PM
32	Flush restrooms on west side	1/29/2026 7:26 PM
33	Water improvements	1/29/2026 12:19 PM
34	Just about everything.	1/28/2026 10:03 AM
35	My husband and I were married at Herrick Lake in 2001, so this is a special place for us. Improving the lake's water quality to eliminate dangerous algae blooms is crucial, as is mitigating the runoff from surrounding properties. I also like making boat rentals easier and more affordable.	1/28/2026 9:09 AM
36	The majority of the plan is wonderful with exception of traffic light at Herrick road and Huskie highway. I am a resident in the townhouse Herrick Woods and do not want a stop light at this intersection	1/28/2026 7:49 AM
37	integrating the trail system into St. James southern section, enhancing the visitor experience around the lake, while keeping the existing trails as is with minimal changes. how about a full service bathroom at the intersection of Green Herron trail & Herrick Lake Regional trail?	1/27/2026 7:41 PM
38	Glad you're master planning. The product looks great.	1/27/2026 6:26 PM
39	Nature playplace	1/27/2026 2:55 AM
40	The comprehensive nature of the analysis and the thoroughness of the research.	1/26/2026 5:30 PM
41	Cleaning up the lake, additional seating, nature play area for kids	1/25/2026 12:09 PM
42	Restoration of natural areas. Focus on hiking and enjoyment of nature with a HIGH PRIORITY on actually putting the flora and fauna first, as is your stated mandate on the very first page.	1/23/2026 7:48 PM
43	Protecting wildlife	1/22/2026 7:55 PM

Q3 What do you want to see more of in the plan?

Answered: 43 Skipped: 4

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Wish there were/had been more info on the Prairie/Savanna restoration - how were remediated areas chosen? how do you see these areas evolving over the next 5/15/50 years? Can info signs do this topic justice? Looking forward to future connection between Herrick Lake and to-be-developed trails in south part of St James Farm.	2/13/2026 4:28 PM
2	More turf turned into prairie. I'd like to see encouragement of passive recreation. There are already plenty of active recreation options at Herrick and also other preserves in the area. Keep Herrick peaceful!	2/13/2026 1:21 PM
3	More trailside benches OR perhaps for a maintenance free option- large rocks for us old folks to sit on and take a rest.	2/13/2026 10:21 AM
4	Focus on wayfinding improvements	2/13/2026 8:17 AM
5	From your November 2021 community survey; 73% said they visited trails to experience nature. To the average visitor I believe that would mean to see birds (including geese), deer, muskrats, squirrels, cottontails, amphibians, shorebirds (herons, egrets), turtles, etc. all within a healthy ecosystem, uncluttered with harmful debris. No body wants to see a dead bird hanging from a tree, entangled by fishing line, or a turtle's mouth impaled by a fishing hook, or a goose or heron with their legs entangled in fishing line, or a dog just walking the path and getting a fish hook embedded in his paw. That's not nature, because that is NOT natural...that is caused by careless humans. These things happen at the FPDDC. You not only allow these things to happen, you encourage people to fish, but do very little or nothing to mitigate or prevent these atrocities from happening. ___ You stated: Improved access for fishing and boating was also important. To who? Exactly what percentage of community input stated they wanted (more) fishing piers installed? ___ These preserves and lakes are your responsibilities. The FPDDC is neglectful and derelict in keeping them safe for wildlife, humans and their pets. To spend more dollars in building a pier or any other structure to cater to people that fish is irresponsible and misguided. Why not spend that money responsibly by hiring someone to clean-up after the slobs that fish and leave all their trash around? I'm sure visitors would enjoy a cleaner, safer experience while visiting Herrick Lake.	2/12/2026 11:37 AM
6	More maps around the trails	2/12/2026 12:27 AM
7	Natural preserves	2/11/2026 5:09 PM
8	Clarity, to the point "what changed when/how" for the average user. Love that there's more signage. One nuance: the Bluebird trail is coded blue on current maps while the Green Heron trail is... orange?	2/11/2026 4:27 PM
9	not sure; it feels very comprehensive already	2/10/2026 6:37 PM
10	I think using the benches at the "nodes" should include education about controlled burns and restoration efforts. So many people did not understand why the district removed the invasive vegetation and what the goal was.	2/9/2026 10:01 AM
11	Interconnection of trails and possibly some tunnels/bridges to avoid waiting at busy intersections	2/9/2026 7:15 AM
12	I'm looking forward to St. James Farm being more connected to Herrick.	2/9/2026 7:03 AM
13	Natural restoration	2/8/2026 2:22 PM
14	1) Keep limestone trails. Limestone trails are better for the joints of walkers and runners & drain better. Asphalt trails also get black ice. 2) Keep trail on north end of lake near the shore edge. One of the cool things about having the trail right next to the lake is the ability for walkers to see the critters in the lake.	2/8/2026 1:01 PM
15	Plans are great as is.	2/6/2026 8:20 PM

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16	See above. Food trucks associated with specific events might be good.	2/6/2026 8:15 AM
17	playspaces for kids,	2/5/2026 3:46 PM
18	More seating areas on trails in addition to the landscaped areas with walls. Just benches would be fine. It doesn't have to be fancy.	2/5/2026 3:11 PM
19	The lake aeration is attracting geese which excrete all day (and night) long, degrading the water quality.	2/5/2026 12:05 PM
20	I agree with most of the ideas put forth in the plan.	2/5/2026 11:20 AM
21	We use most of the amenities there, but I am particularly excited about options for children. The playspace, extra programming, accessible amenities. I'm also looking forward long term to an indoor/shelter space for my kids to take advantage of through their outdoor groups (Wildly Rooted homeschool, scouts, etc). It helps us get outside more if there's even a small warm up shelter on inclement days. Seager park has bathrooms with a heated foyer that is very nice to use for nursing an infant or warm up toddler hands while big kids play outside. I'd love to see a small foyer incorporated in the new bathrooms at Herrick, for uses like that - not a hang out space but just somewhere to get out of the elements for a few minutes.	2/5/2026 11:06 AM
22	A summary in very simple form where the rubber hits the road...what the public will see and be able to experience once the plan is implemented, and how much of our taxpayer money you plan on spending. Also, an off-leash dog area would be great.	2/5/2026 9:18 AM
23	Educational items regarding history, flora and fauna	2/5/2026 8:53 AM
24	I didn't see any comments about insect life, preservation, or surveys other than generically included in "wildlife". I do insect photography, and Herrick lake is my favorite go-to place. There's so much variety and I always find something fun and new, especially in the planted areas around the west parking lot off of Herrick road. I hope to see insects included in the educational signage.	2/5/2026 8:46 AM
25	An Evergreen Border around the preserve. The preserve to be maintained for the pleasure and recreation of the public. The deforestation/"restoration" missed the mark in going with Oak/savannah landscape throughout. What this misses is the needs of the public. 73% want to experience nature, 66% say they want wooded/shaded. I want to go to the preserve to "get away from it all." So do most visitors. Cutting down all the trees now means you see and hear cars much more throughout the preserve. You see more buildings/houses. You also see more people/bikes on parallel paths - last weekend I saw people I would never have seen before. The solution is simple. Plant evergreens around the outer edge of the forest preserve - let them keep out the noise and outer world. Then inside the preserve, find the paths where there are parallel paths and plant something in between other than slow growing oaks. Perhaps allow these few spots at least to grow "wild" or put in a wall of evergreens. It might not win any "purist" habitat awards, but it sure would make it more enjoyable to visit. Shade on the Paths. The other thing missing from not having trees is the shade. The preserve seems busier in the summer than winter. The shade on the path was nice when walking and bike riding. But last summer, it was unbearable to be in the sun that much on the trails. So I was limited pretty much to early mornings and fall/spring. I think there should be more shade trees next to the paths so when exercising, it doesn't become unbearable. By the way, the above comments apply to all the forest preserves now. If you have any where you haven't deforested them, I suggest at least keeping the outer trees where they are and some trees by the paths for shade.	2/4/2026 10:08 PM
26	Trees, picnic tables, benches, shade trees, groomed walking snow trails	2/3/2026 6:54 PM
27	Trail link(s) to the south section of St James Farm and the potential trails there. This would make the trail system within St James and Herrick more easily accessible overall to Warrenton residents south of Galusha Rd and perhaps from other sections of Warrenton.	2/2/2026 6:11 PM
28	Details on nature play space- what will be there, water features for kids? Climbing structures? Just an open plot of dirt?	1/30/2026 7:22 PM
29	Better signage for trail etiquette (especially for cross country skiing)	1/30/2026 3:33 PM
30	I've been worried about the potential impact of future development -- such as new housing going up, or the data center proposal. Is there anything we can or should do to help ameliorate impact from those sorts of projects in the future?	1/30/2026 1:10 PM

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31	1)Limestone trails instead of asphalt because they are better for runners & walkers. Asphalt gets black ice and limestone trails drain. 2) Keep trail close to shore line especially on north side of lake. It's nice to be able to walk along the edge of the lake and see the water creatures.	1/29/2026 8:16 PM
32	1) Keep limestone trails. They are better for walkers and runners. 2) Keep trail on north side of lake near shoreline. One of the nice things about the lake is being able to walk close to the shoreline!	1/29/2026 7:26 PM
33	Trail management	1/29/2026 12:19 PM
34	I love the idea of a rentable cabin for groups—very much needed in our area. While the old cabin is somewhat historical, I don't think it makes sense to throw money at trying to preserve and upgrade it. Start fresh with a new, safe, functional cabin that's easy to maintain. If there's an outcry to leave the old cabin alone, build a new cabin in a better location.	1/28/2026 9:09 AM
35	Can the Scout Cabin be affordably moved and reassembled at the Blackwell Youth Campground, allowing a new, fully functional facility built at Herrick? In addition, the legacy and history of the cabin can be kept and used at Blackwell by youth groups year round. The north side of the Blackwell campground seems like a decent location for the cabin.	1/27/2026 7:41 PM
36	I live by Herrick Rd and would like to see improved access from Husky Hwy. We may never get a traffic light there. So please consider creating a better trail access from the west other than the service drive. Thanks	1/27/2026 6:26 PM
37	I'd love to see some single track Mountain Bike trails be incorporated into the DCFP. There is a very active MTB community and CAMBR is an amazing trail building organization with amazing volunteers doing great things responsibly in Cook and other surrounding communities.	1/27/2026 5:20 PM
38	The trail that ends at the lake overlook area on the west side of the lake should be extended along the shoreline up to the NW corner, reducing traffic on the main trail. More seating areas should be added around the lake, so that people can rest and enjoy the preserve.	1/27/2026 5:04 PM
39	Shaded Play structures	1/27/2026 2:55 AM
40	There were no \$\$ impact features included in the plan. Priorities are good but need to be balanced against what is realistically obtainable. Projections of use and/or impact to existing/proposed facilities in the future would help validate the historical input from past studies. Covid and other lifestyle changes since then may have changed user priorities. There was little mention of the influence in the past or future from the golf course to the east of Herrick Lake. Their future plans may be impactful.	1/26/2026 5:30 PM
41	Additional focus on wildlife preservation, a clean lake and ease to rent equipment.	1/25/2026 12:09 PM
42	Focus on the high percentage activities. Anything under 25% "interest" should not be a priority and I would argue is a waste of money. I also would like to see the option for the public to bring their own canoe or kayak instead of having to rent one.	1/23/2026 7:48 PM
43	Protecting wildlife. Signage about fishing litter.	1/22/2026 7:55 PM

Q4 What would you like to see less of in the plan?

Answered: 36 Skipped: 11

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Please do not remove the Bluebird Trail as proposed on page 60! I don't want to have to walk along the back yards of the new houses to the east.	2/13/2026 4:28 PM
2	Yes Herrick gets crowded, but I do not believe that answer is to increase the lot size! That will make Herrick even more crowded and crazy. That is not a good idea.	2/13/2026 1:21 PM
3	Larger lot is not needed- Herrick is already overcrowded on the weekends and a larger lot does not make this better. Additionally, trailside "hangout" areas will turn into nothing but mischief locations and places for people to drop trash. Herrick does not need to become busier.	2/13/2026 10:21 AM
4	Removal of trails that create loops for biking, such as Bluebird trail	2/13/2026 8:17 AM
5	1). No installation of new fishing piers. It detracts from the natural beauty of the lake. They are a man-made eyesore and attract the type of human that is disrespectful of nature by leaving their garbage behind: hooks, line, lead sinkers, cigarette butts, bait containers, bottles, cans, food wrappers, etc. ____ 2). Changing lake trail from limestone to asphalt is NOT a good idea: Asphalt is a dark, petroleum-based material that absorbs a high percentage of solar radiation, often reaching surface temperatures 40–60°F hotter than the surrounding air. Because of its dark color and low thermal conductivity, it absorbs heat rapidly and stores it for long periods. Limestone: A natural stone with high reflectivity (high albedo) due to its light color (whites, beiges, pale greys), which reflects sunlight rather than absorbing it. Limestone offers remarkable cooling properties that transform your outdoor space into a comfortable space even during the hottest summer days. Key Takeaway: If heat retention is a concern (e.g., for patios, walking paths), limestone is much better at staying cool, while asphalt is ideal if you need a surface that absorbs heat to melt snow, though it will remain hot long after sunset.	2/12/2026 11:37 AM
6	Do not move trails from close to the lake, that is what is so appealing about this forest preserve, to be able to walk near the water! As for your survey, walking rated way higher than fishing or boating	2/12/2026 12:27 AM
7	Deforestation. So many trees have been removed, it's not the same now. Ive see lots of displaced animals throughout this process and it's taken away the same feel. This has been so sad to watch.	2/11/2026 5:09 PM
8	I cannot see any elements de-emphasized	2/10/2026 6:37 PM
9	I saw one note about possibly removing the Bluebird trail. When I do Trail Watch for the district, a great walk is from the west parking lot to the Green Heron Trail and then circling around the Bluebird Trail and County Trail to head back to the parking lot. Otherwise, one would have to double back. I love the different views from that loop.	2/9/2026 10:01 AM
10	Less signage and man made structures that break up the natural landscape. Also, we were very upset by the cutting down of so many trees, some areas now have no shade. It seemed like many of the trees were not just weeds. I don't see new trees being planted either to reforest the area.	2/9/2026 7:15 AM
11	Nothing I can think of. Thank you for the terrific plans and for the opportunity to share with you. That's how government should work.	2/9/2026 7:03 AM
12	Nothing	2/8/2026 2:22 PM
13	1) Less asphalt trails for reason listed above. 2) Keep signage to a minimum 3) Less planting along north and sides of lake. One of the cool things about having the trail right next to the lake is the ability for walkers to see the critters in the lake. Also, Plantings can block the view of the lake. One of the coolest things about Herrick Lake is seeing it from the north side. Trees and bushes will take away from that. 4) No need to remove the asphalt trail on the south side. It's great the way it is now!	2/8/2026 1:01 PM

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14	Plans are great as is.	2/6/2026 8:20 PM
15	I would like to see the plan keep ALL crushed limestone paths	2/6/2026 8:31 AM
16	I think the cost of the cabin restoration is not worthwhile relative to everything else.	2/5/2026 3:11 PM
17	It is ok	2/5/2026 12:05 PM
18	A sheltered space for programs and youth camping would be great. I am leery of opening overnight rentals to groups who are not a 501(c)(3) organization. Having a requirement to be a chartered organization in order to camp overnight minimizes liability for the preserve.	2/5/2026 11:20 AM
19	I didn't see anything offensive in the plan. :)	2/5/2026 11:06 AM
20	Less spending.	2/5/2026 9:18 AM
21	Nothing	2/5/2026 8:46 AM
22	Until the other items are completed, I would be hesitant to go into more "educational" opportunities. It sounds good, but doing too many things at one time can detract from doing the other things well. Cross country skiing sounds like a good idea, but isn't. Not enough snow generally and would be difficult to maintain. Plus, if you want to do that, you can do it right next door at Arrowhead.	2/4/2026 10:08 PM
23	Nothing, good detail on planning on everything else.	1/30/2026 7:22 PM
24	nothing, I appreciate how thorough it was	1/30/2026 1:10 PM
25	1) Less asphalt trails 2) Less trees between trail & lake especially on the north side of the lake so visitors can still see the beautiful expanse of the lake. 3) Please don't overdo signage. The informational sign right now on the south side of the lake is dorky. 4) Is kayak launch for personal kayaks? I thought that was contraindicated due to invasive species 5) Perfectly happy with the location of the south trail around the lake! I see no need to move it.	1/29/2026 8:16 PM
26	1) Keep signage to a minimum. 2) Kayak launch? I thought personal kayaking was a no go on Herrick Lake due to the potential for invasive species.	1/29/2026 7:26 PM
27	I do not want to see a traffic signal light at the corner of Hubble and Herrick Rd.	1/28/2026 10:03 AM
28	While I like the idea of promoting "nature play," that should not entail a playground of any kind, even a "nature themed" one. This is a forest preserve not a park. The focus always should be nature itself not an "amenity." Kids have plenty of playgrounds—Herrick Lake should remain a natural area to explore. Adding a playground would be a distraction. Love the idea of better water access.	1/28/2026 9:09 AM
29	No traffic light at Herrick Road and Huskie highway.	1/28/2026 7:49 AM
30	nothing at this time	1/27/2026 7:41 PM
31	Do not agree with converting the limestone trail to asphalt, if I wanted to walk on a street I'd walk in my neighborhood. Also, not in agreement with eliminating the trail section SE of the South Shelter, it eliminates a long stretch of lake-front path. Adding a kayak launch so far away from the parking lot makes little sense, it should be placed closer to the parking lot.	1/27/2026 5:04 PM
32	Parking	1/27/2026 2:55 AM
33	Pavement.	1/26/2026 5:30 PM
34	Expanding those massive parking lots, people can use the south lot as that's always nearly empty and right around the corner!	1/25/2026 12:09 PM
35	All the focus on fishing. Herrick (and really all of your preserves that allow fishing) has a major problem with garbage/debris and discarded fishing line, hooks and other fishing gear around the shorelines and in the trees. IF you are going to actually encourage more of this (instead of banning it as I believe you should do) you need to budget for staff to do detailed daily inspections and cleanup along with policing the people there and all the garbage and debris that they leave. It is disgusting and makes me not want to go there. I've also, many times, observed the general public cleaning all of this up, and the amount they gather is astounding. From what I understand these are not district volunteers but just public that cares (which in this case the district does not seem to). Discarded fishing line and hooks are also very detrimental and harmful to wildlife which is a direct contradiction to the opening paragraph	1/23/2026 7:48 PM

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which states your goal is to preserve and protect fauna and flora for the enjoyment of the public.

36	Anything that deals with fishing	1/22/2026 7:55 PM
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Q1 Name

Answered: 362 Skipped: 15

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Bob Van Valzah	5/14/2025 8:06 AM
2	Elizabeth	5/12/2025 11:25 AM
3	GEORGE SCHMIDT	5/11/2025 10:12 AM
4	robert pacenti	5/10/2025 10:37 AM
5	Brigitte Sinnick	5/10/2025 8:25 AM
6	Chris George	5/9/2025 7:24 PM
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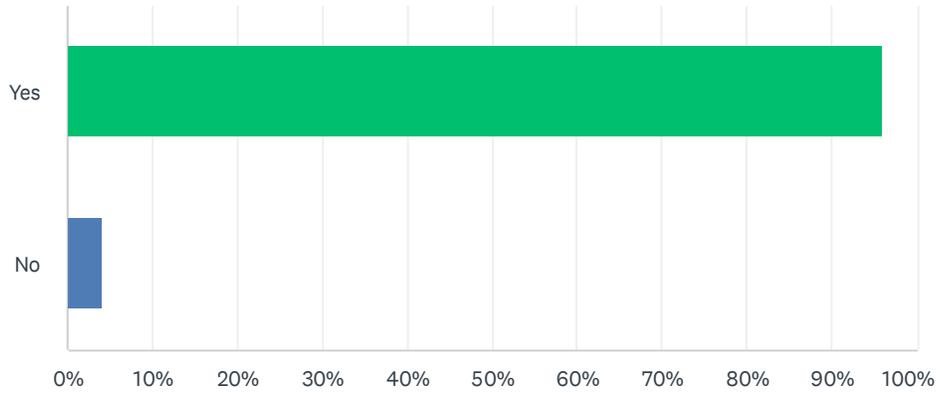
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Q3 Do you live in DuPage County?

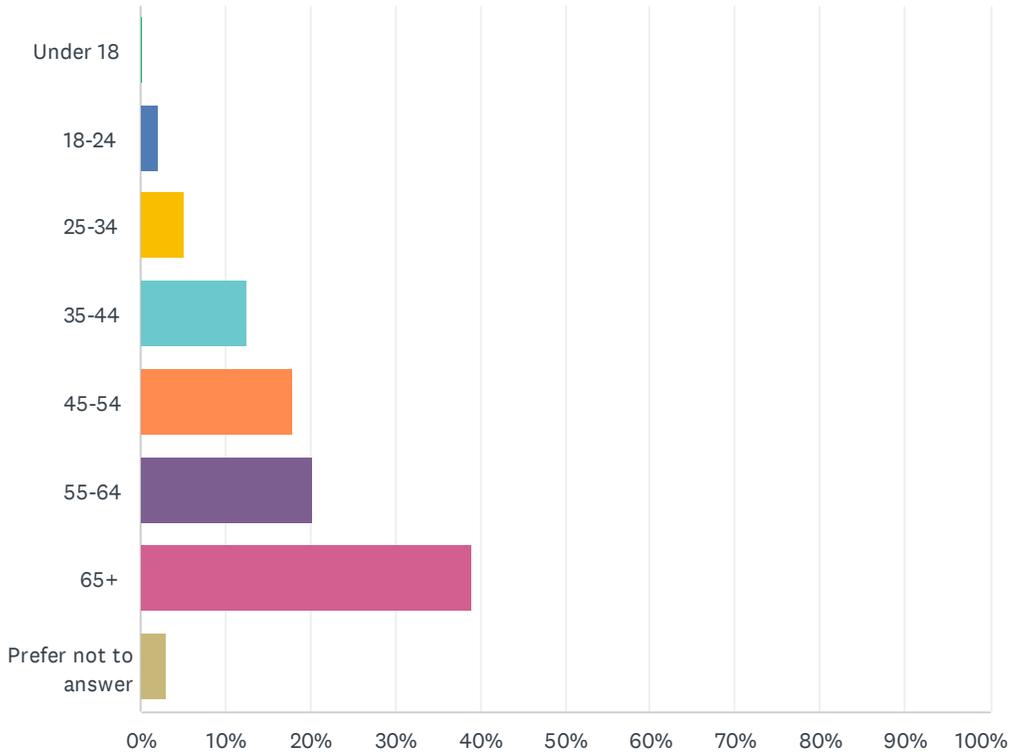
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
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No	4.00%	15
TOTAL		375

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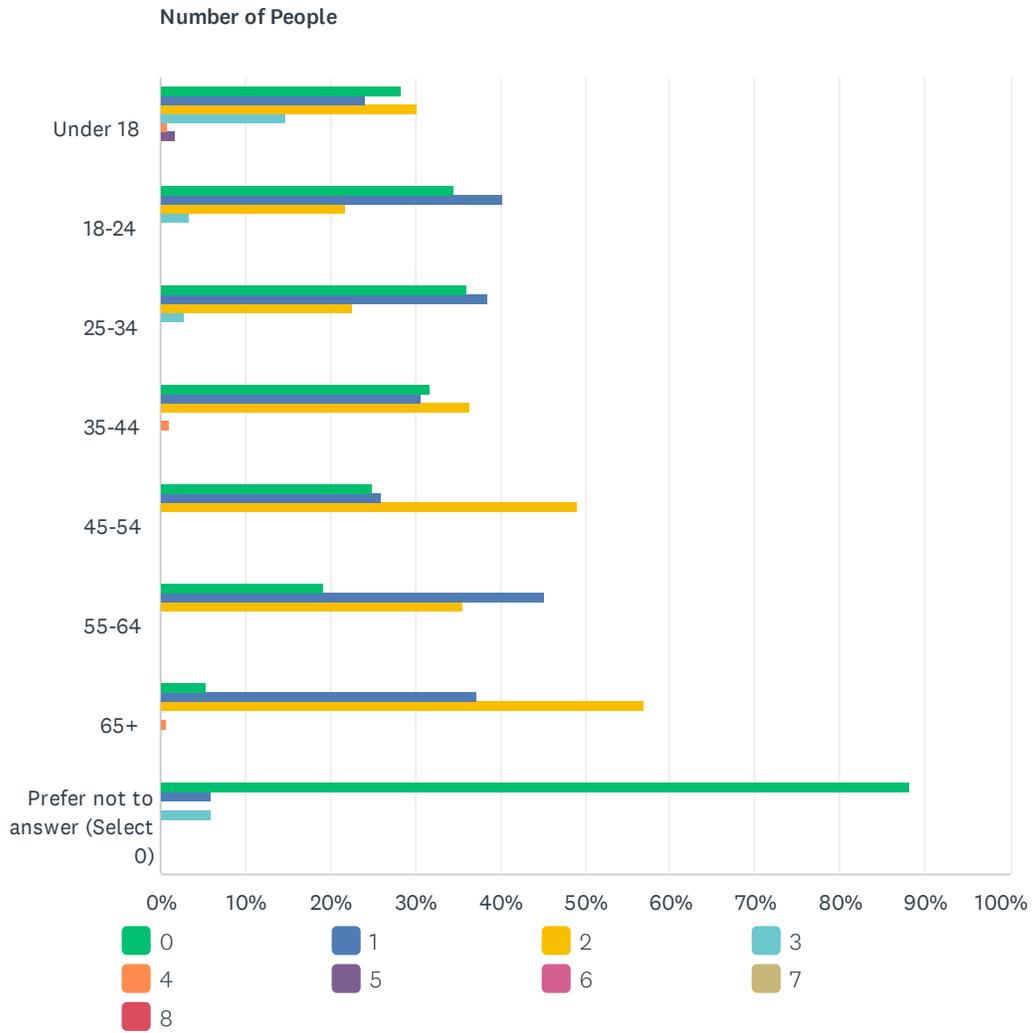
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Under 18	0.27% 1
18-24	2.13% 8
25-34	5.07% 19
35-44	12.53% 47
45-54	17.87% 67
55-64	20.27% 76
65+	38.93% 146
Prefer not to answer	2.93% 11
TOTAL	375

Q5 Please specify the number of people, including yourself, in your household for each of the following age groups.

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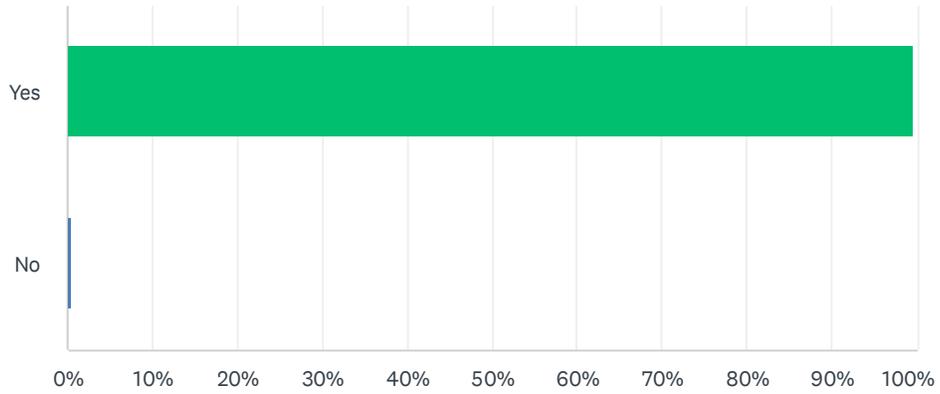


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Number of People										
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	TOTAL
Under 18	28.45% 33	24.14% 28	30.17% 35	14.66% 17	0.86% 1	1.72% 2	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	116
18-24	34.48% 30	40.23% 35	21.84% 19	3.45% 3	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	87
25-34	36.00% 27	38.67% 29	22.67% 17	2.67% 2	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	75
35-44	31.82% 28	30.68% 27	36.36% 32	0.00% 0	1.14% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	88
45-54	25.00% 26	25.96% 27	49.04% 51	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	104
55-64	19.13% 22	45.22% 52	35.65% 41	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	115
65+	5.23% 9	37.21% 64	56.98% 98	0.00% 0	0.58% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	172
Prefer not to answer (Select 0)	88.24% 15	5.88% 1	0.00% 0	5.88% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	17

Q6 Have you ever been to Herrick Lake?

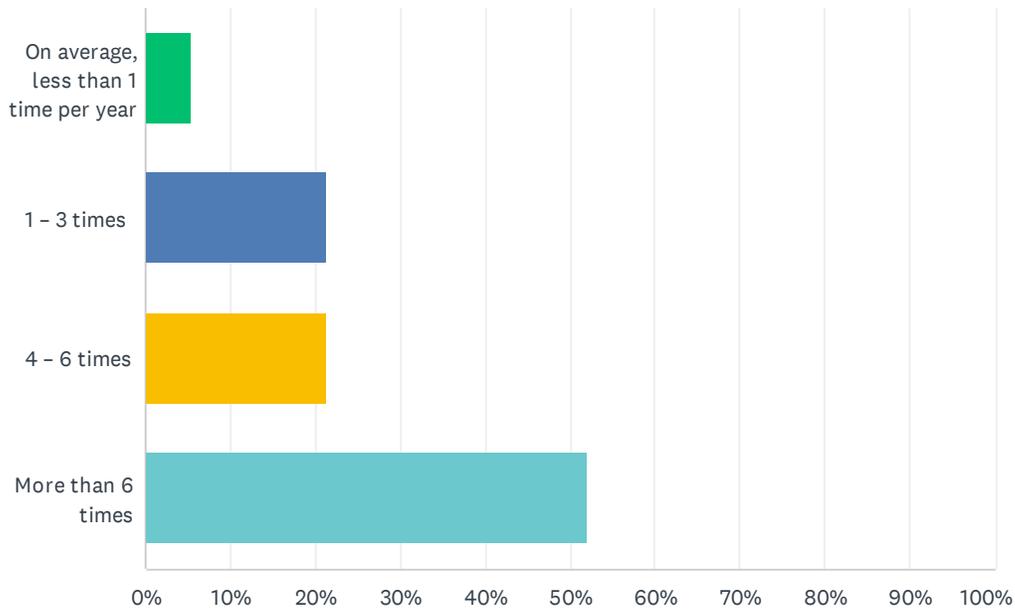
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	99.47%	375
No	0.53%	2
TOTAL		377

Q7 How many times do you visit Herrick Lake each year?

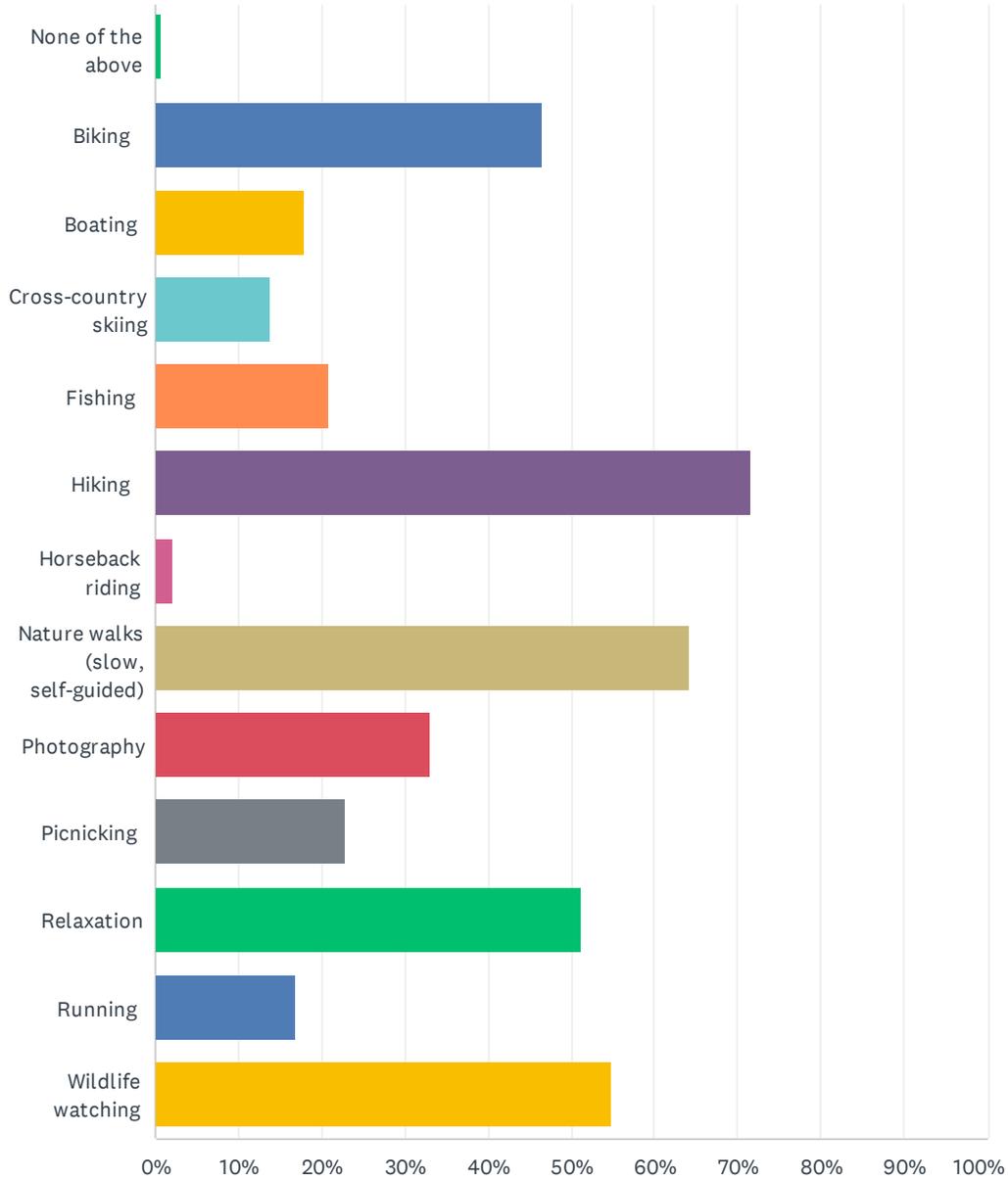
Answered: 376 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
On average, less than 1 time per year	5.32%	20
1 - 3 times	21.28%	80
4 - 6 times	21.28%	80
More than 6 times	52.13%	196
TOTAL		376

Q8 What outdoor recreation, leisure, and nature activities do you participate in at Herrick Lake? (Select all that apply.)

Answered: 373 Skipped: 4



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the above	0.54%	2
Biking	46.38%	173
Boating	17.96%	67
Cross-country skiing	13.94%	52
Fishing	20.91%	78
Hiking	71.58%	267
Horseback riding	2.14%	8
Nature walks (slow, self-guided)	64.08%	239
Photography	32.98%	123
Picnicking	22.79%	85
Relaxation	51.21%	191
Running	16.89%	63
Wildlife watching	54.69%	204
Total Respondents: 373		

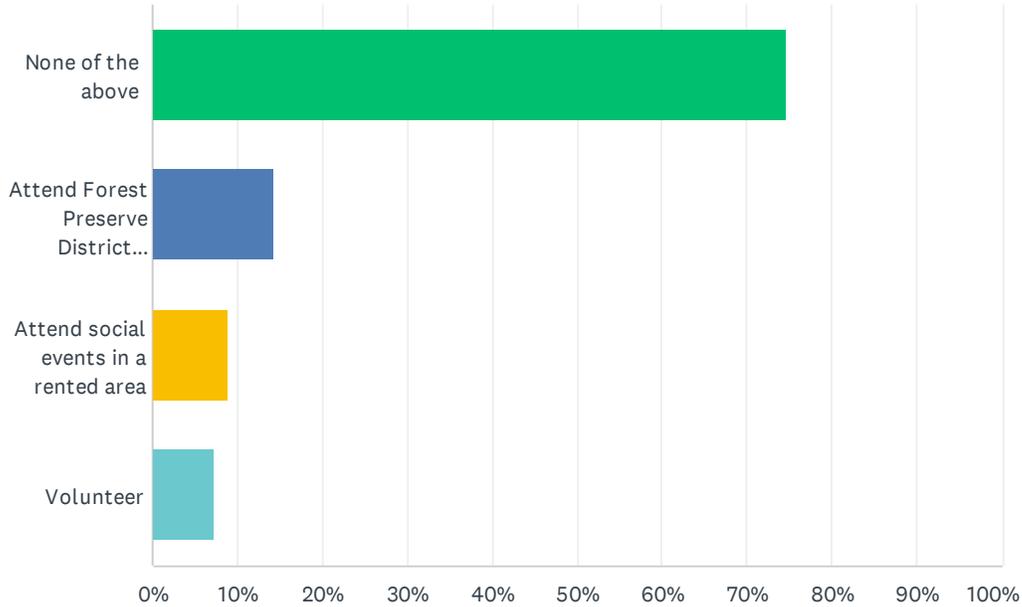
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Commuting	5/9/2025 7:00 AM
2	Group picnics	5/6/2025 9:24 AM
3	Dog Walking	5/5/2025 2:51 PM
4	Dog walking	5/5/2025 6:35 AM
5	Dog walking	5/5/2025 1:53 AM
6	Walking	5/3/2025 7:04 AM
7	Bible Study	5/2/2025 6:22 PM
8	Dog walking	4/30/2025 5:09 PM
9	Daily walks	4/30/2025 11:55 AM
10	with my friend yee walking trails	4/28/2025 5:58 PM
11	Being in Nature! We have C-C skied, boating and biking too	4/25/2025 1:51 PM
12	Specifically, birding.	4/25/2025 12:11 AM
13	Daily walks	4/24/2025 3:38 PM
14	Exercise walks	4/22/2025 1:55 PM
15	Walking my dog	4/20/2025 8:54 PM
16	Botanizing	4/18/2025 11:31 AM
17	Walk our dogs	4/18/2025 10:57 AM
18	Birding	4/15/2025 2:57 PM
19	Birding	4/14/2025 6:03 PM
20	Dog walking	4/12/2025 6:07 PM

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21	Trail Watch and Litter Pick up	4/12/2025 4:29 PM
22	Bird watching	4/11/2025 9:56 AM
23	Bring back boat rental w trolling motor!	4/11/2025 4:38 AM
24	We homeschool and have outdoor meetups with other elementary kids several times per month. We love it and it's such a huge asset to my kids' education!	4/10/2025 10:51 PM
25	Walking At good speed for exercise	4/10/2025 10:49 PM
26	Meeting with friends.	4/10/2025 4:30 PM
27	geocaching	4/9/2025 12:35 PM
28	I am a 10 year Trail Watch volunteer	4/4/2025 1:57 PM
29	bird and butterfly watching	4/4/2025 7:44 AM
30	Walking my dog	4/3/2025 8:40 PM
31	I host walks here every day.	4/3/2025 5:24 PM
32	Birding	4/3/2025 4:40 PM
33	PICKING UP TRASH LEFT BY FISHING PEOPLE	4/3/2025 4:39 PM
34	Dog Walking	4/3/2025 3:14 PM
35	I host walks here every day.	4/3/2025 2:06 PM
36	Walking with my two dogs	4/3/2025 1:26 PM
37	Thank you for grooming XC trails when possible.	4/3/2025 9:39 AM
38	We relied on the Herrick trails heavily when I ran cross country and track at Wheaton Warrenville South	4/2/2025 9:00 AM
39	Birding	4/1/2025 3:47 PM

Q9 What programs and events do you participate in at Herrick Lake? (Select all that apply.)

Answered: 348 Skipped: 29



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the above	74.71%	260
Attend Forest Preserve District programs and events	14.37%	50
Attend social events in a rented area	8.91%	31
Volunteer	7.18%	25
Total Respondents: 348		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	We aren't really aware that any of the above opportunities existed	5/5/2025 2:51 PM
2	Running, Kayak rental	5/3/2025 8:35 AM
3	bike and hike on my own	4/30/2025 8:25 AM
4	At one time scouting and staying at the cabin. It was good.	4/25/2025 1:51 PM
5	We need more social events in the suburbs.	4/23/2025 1:15 PM
6	Have participated in volunteer cleanups in the past; Herrick is my area for the DuPage Spring Bird Count	4/20/2025 12:48 PM
7	Scout programming	4/18/2025 10:21 AM
8	Was not aware thst programs occurred there	4/14/2025 9:42 AM
9	Outdoor learning with other homeschoolers. We've had fires, fishing, gone boating, hiked, played in the woods around the teepees, and many other adventures.	4/10/2025 10:51 PM

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10	Self care	4/10/2025 3:14 PM
11	On my own or birding with friends	4/8/2025 11:32 AM
12	Occasional Hikes	4/7/2025 3:27 PM
13	I walk at Herrick every day weather permitting	4/4/2025 11:12 AM
14	Have rented a canoe or kayak there	4/3/2025 9:05 PM
15	I host walks here every day.	4/3/2025 5:24 PM
16	Cops and Bobbers	4/3/2025 2:47 PM
17	I host walks here every day.	4/3/2025 2:06 PM

Q10 What do you like most about Herrick Lake, and why?

Answered: 327 Skipped: 50

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Beautiful fall colors	5/14/2025 8:06 AM
2	Restrooms and water fountains	5/11/2025 10:12 AM
3	Beautiful lake	5/10/2025 8:25 AM
4	The trails, because they are long and beautiful	5/9/2025 7:24 PM
5	Trails and connections to other preserves	5/9/2025 12:03 PM
6	My favorite part is the beautiful trail system. My kids and I regularly use the trails while biking with our kids in tow, and it's always a peaceful and scenic ride. We especially enjoy spotting wildlife along the way, bird watching and catching glimpses of animals in their natural habitat has become a highlight of our visits. The trails offer a perfect mix of nature, adventure, and family time. Oh! And my kids always look forward to the well pumps.	5/9/2025 7:00 AM
7	The Lake and its sunset	5/8/2025 4:40 PM
8	It is beautiful and clean and easy to navigate.	5/8/2025 3:36 PM
9	Easy to walk trails. Abundance of birds	5/8/2025 11:48 AM
10	All the greenery, most of it recently destroyed by you.	5/6/2025 8:19 PM
11	Great trails	5/6/2025 1:56 PM
12	Atmosphere. Length of walk around the lake. the old shelter. boat rentals	5/6/2025 9:24 AM
13	Love walking around the lake. Nice distance. Always see something pretty or interesting.	5/6/2025 8:04 AM
14	The hiking trails because it is healthy to be immersed in a natural setting.	5/5/2025 8:10 PM
15	The size and scale of the trails, connectivity to Danada and the trail that goes to St. James Farm as well as northbount bike/running trail by Wheaton Warrenville South	5/5/2025 2:51 PM
16	The natural setting as it changes through the seasons.	5/5/2025 1:24 PM
17	Trails	5/5/2025 9:08 AM
18	Set away from "civilization" , length of trails	5/5/2025 6:35 AM
19	Natural beauty.	5/5/2025 1:53 AM
20	lovely lake and long hiking trails with a variety of habitats	5/4/2025 9:18 PM
21	It's charm and beauty	5/4/2025 9:12 PM
22	Variety of outdoor spaces, things to do all within walk distance from my house	5/4/2025 8:39 PM
23	Extensive bike/hiking paths, connections to other communities, open spaces.	5/4/2025 9:20 AM
24	Nice paths, large loop walking trails, wildlife	5/4/2025 8:06 AM
25	Nice access by bike and fun addition to trails available, the more you can reach by other than car easily the better	5/4/2025 12:35 AM
26	The lake is beautiful and the facilities surrounding it are attractive and convenient. We've grilled out there before and enjoyed that very much. It's adventurous to get away from it all on the hiking trails and connect with nature in that way too. Once someone pointed out a salamander to me, and I've seen other wildlife as well, so it's a privilege to go there.	5/3/2025 5:43 PM
27	The forest preserve is well maintained.	5/3/2025 5:41 PM

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28	Walking around the lake. Walking further south in the long paths.	5/3/2025 11:32 AM
29	The trails through the untouched Forrest and around the lake. It allows for some quiet and relaxation inmost the suburbs	5/3/2025 9:34 AM
30	Connects with St. James and Danada.	5/3/2025 8:35 AM
31	Forest feel with the lake, calm & peaceful	5/3/2025 7:04 AM
32	open spaces, crushed limestone trails, woods, water	5/3/2025 6:44 AM
33	What I don't like is the recent Devastation of all the natural areas. I'm sure there must be a reason for it and perhaps I need to check out the forest preserve website for an explanation. But why on Earth were all the natural habitats removed?? The land has been absolutely scalped.. It's now just bare land with nowhere for the Wildlife to hide. Where are the deer? Where are the foxes? Where are the returning migrating birds going to go?	5/3/2025 12:20 AM
34	The beauty of the woods	5/2/2025 9:01 PM
35	Using trails for exercise	5/2/2025 4:04 PM
36	It's a great place to experience nature. So much of the property is away from busy streets so it's peaceful. The trails are great and, most importantly, it's a key in connecting with Danada, the Prairie Path and so many other trails!!!	5/2/2025 2:53 PM
37	beautiful walk , quiet and relaxing	5/2/2025 7:54 AM
38	It's a wonderful area that's improved greatly with the restoration work. It's also close to home and the quickest way to bike going north.	5/1/2025 9:36 PM
39	I enjoy the trails and the lake.	5/1/2025 7:10 PM
40	It's a wonderful area that's improved greatly with the restoration work. It's also close to home and the quickest way to bike going north.	5/1/2025 1:52 PM
41	I appreciate Herrick's serenity and expansiveness. I am in Herrick at least five times a week, sometimes multiple times a day, and I am deeply appreciative of the opportunity to commune with nature in it. I would hate to see it get altered to add more human activities to it- it is such a great place because it feels like you've stepped into another world or a land before time.	5/1/2025 9:23 AM
42	It's a wonderful area that's improved greatly with the restoration work. It's also close to home and the quickest way to bike going north.	4/30/2025 8:22 PM
43	The south entrance on Warrenville Road is one mile from our house. We like to bike or walk there.	4/30/2025 8:09 PM
44	Plenty of parking	4/30/2025 5:09 PM
45	It's beautiful. There are lots of trees, there is dirt and grass paths. a pretty lake but i feel like it would be cool to explore making a brook from the lakes around the park	4/30/2025 12:55 PM
46	It's naturalness	4/30/2025 11:55 AM
47	I like both the trails and the non-trail open spaces to explore.	4/30/2025 11:26 AM
48	beautiful in the mornings. Fog coming off the lake is so cool and usually see some wildlife	4/30/2025 8:25 AM
49	The lake and also the fire pits and the area for the kids to play with the sticks and logs and build teepees.	4/29/2025 9:49 PM
50	Proximity to my house, birding since it has many different ecosystems	4/29/2025 4:10 PM
51	Size, trails, link in Danada, Herrick, St James Blackwell aras, ongoing improvements to return it to a more natural state	4/29/2025 3:38 PM
52	Trails through forest & around water, any season	4/29/2025 3:21 PM
53	easy to access, close to home, lots of natural outdoor beauty, opportunities to see animals in their natural habitat, and best of all it offers me a safe and well-maintained route to ride my bike and travel between Naperville / Warrenville / Wheaton	4/29/2025 11:49 AM
54	It was a beautiful and cool place to do daily walks, especially in the hot days of summer. This	4/29/2025 9:18 AM

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was a place I attended day camp as a child, brought scouts here to clean up litter and enjoy the beauty of a Forest and lake, and in my later years looked so forward to weekly walks in peaceful, beautiful surroundings of my forest. It was my place I would sit in shade to study college books, or read a paper. I am NOT happy with the reckless clearing, burning you have done. Now just aggravation to even go there.

55	the walking trail	4/28/2025 5:58 PM
56	It's clean, beautiful, and peaceful	4/28/2025 4:01 PM
57	I love the hiking trails and that is where I spend the most time. I love that the forests and lands are well-managed and that invasive species are removed.	4/28/2025 1:00 PM
58	Like the trail variety and connection to other trails	4/28/2025 10:53 AM
59	Love the diversity of the ecosystem, the paths and the lake.	4/28/2025 10:41 AM
60	It is where I run every morning and the area is so diverse, I am able to run through wetland, prairie, and forest. There is	4/28/2025 8:23 AM
61	Water and forested trails that connect to other Forest preserves	4/28/2025 6:02 AM
62	The trails are great for biking. The restrooms near the boat rental are handy, too. (It's a 12.5 mile ride for me to Herrick, so having a spot to get water, etc, is great.)	4/27/2025 11:25 AM
63	centrally located, lots of parking	4/27/2025 9:05 AM
64	Path. Views. Wildlife.	4/26/2025 11:29 AM
65	Path. Views. Wildlife.	4/26/2025 9:21 AM
66	The physical beauty , the trails which are perfect for walking, dog walking and horseback riding	4/25/2025 9:27 PM
67	I love riding horses on the Herrick Lake paths, and on the deer paths. I enjoy seeing the deer, coyotes, birds (especially egrets/herons), and other wildlife. I ride there a few days every week, since the trails have re-opened. I love the picnic areas near the lake and spend time there with family. I'm looking forward to trying out the boat rentals this summer.	4/25/2025 9:01 PM
68	Great trails with many different options for routes that connect to other trails.	4/25/2025 7:23 PM
69	It is great to hike around the lake for a short discussion or stretch of the leg with someone. Plus the long hikes to Danada and back. A place for youngsters to fish and boat.	4/25/2025 1:51 PM
70	Once you get away from the crowded lake area, it's pretty peaceful on the trails in the woods and around the marsh.	4/25/2025 12:11 AM
71	I like it because it's so natural!	4/24/2025 3:38 PM
72	Walking the trails through the natural areas.	4/24/2025 3:33 PM
73	Went there as a kid, my kid learned to ride his bike there with his grandpa. I fished there with my grandpa and dad.	4/24/2025 12:27 PM
74	It's proximity to my home is important to me	4/24/2025 12:06 PM
75	Size and amount of trails - there are enough trails to feel like every corner of the preserve is accessible but allows for larger swaths of natural land that shouldn't have frequent human traffic.	4/24/2025 7:04 AM
76	Walking Trails.for the many options	4/23/2025 9:47 PM
77	It is a peaceful place to walk.	4/23/2025 8:52 PM
78	It is a place where one can walk and take in nature.	4/23/2025 9:01 AM
79	We loved the geological history of the lake, the beautiful natural setting and the historic shelter at the south end of the lake itself - all these features make it an interesting and beautiful place to spend time.	4/23/2025 7:07 AM
80	Safe, clean and beautiful	4/22/2025 1:58 PM
81	Trees, lake, being in a green space, good walking trails	4/22/2025 1:55 PM

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82	Diverse landscape, wildlife, the parking lot is super & easy to get in/out of & I love the turnaround for the horse trailers	4/22/2025 12:19 PM
83	The long walks	4/22/2025 11:00 AM
84	It's quiet, and many areas are left natural. We like to take long walks and have picnics.	4/22/2025 10:55 AM
85	I live about 3 miles from Herrick Lake and work less than a mile from Herrick Lake (I actually look out my building's window at Herrick Lake - across Warrenville Rd), so I like the quick accessibility. Additionally, I like the walking paths and shelters, which I have used in the past.	4/22/2025 10:15 AM
86	Location	4/21/2025 11:48 PM
87	Biking trails	4/21/2025 3:06 PM
88	size - woods and water	4/21/2025 12:57 PM
89	Getting out of an urban setting and really feeling like you are surrounded by natures trees and wildlife	4/21/2025 12:43 PM
90	Hiking/biking the paths through different types of landscape	4/21/2025 10:12 AM
91	Wild life, variety of trails, ease of parking along Herrick Rd.	4/21/2025 8:28 AM
92	Walking the paths with our dog. The beauty of the trees and the lake, the shade and the sun.	4/21/2025 7:37 AM
93	The well maintained trails	4/21/2025 7:13 AM
94	The Marsh and Lakes, which attracted all kinds of Wildlife	4/20/2025 9:35 PM
95	It's so beautiful. The water is amazing as a focal point but I love that I can make different size trail loops when walking my dog. When I want a quick walk, I can go around the lake. If I want a longer walk, I meander through the other connecting trails.	4/20/2025 8:54 PM
96	Quiet, even though the brush etc is invasive I like the feeling it gives/gave that you were almost alone. To seeing a lot of people and certainly not seeing the other pathways. Was just there Friday and they have bulldozed everything. Gone is the feeling I described above. Now I feel like I'm at the preserve on 75 and book. A prairie with some trees.	4/20/2025 1:12 PM
97	It's very diverse - lots of different habitats. The layout (connecting circles) makes it easy to get around.	4/20/2025 12:48 PM
98	Nature, trails, seeing the ice fishing, cross country skiing	4/20/2025 10:11 AM
99	I enjoyed fishing there	4/20/2025 8:40 AM
100	Well maintained trails	4/19/2025 9:09 PM
101	Long paths	4/19/2025 5:50 PM
102	It is nature!	4/19/2025 11:30 AM
103	It's quiet and clean. The bathrooms are also very clean.	4/19/2025 9:07 AM
104	A clean, quiet, lake that is close to home.	4/18/2025 5:44 PM
105	Trails	4/18/2025 4:21 PM
106	Fishing and extensive trails in one location.	4/18/2025 4:19 PM
107	Trails but not the lake path as it is too crowded	4/18/2025 1:16 PM
108	access to trails: Herrick Lake is a good rest stop along the trail system, in the area and along the other adjacent preserves and Prairie Path Trail	4/18/2025 12:56 PM
109	It's close to me; it's beautiful (or was before the trees were removed), good trails, I feel safe, it has a lovely lake, a mix of environments	4/18/2025 12:31 PM
110	Nice area. Busy on weekends but ok	4/18/2025 12:05 PM
111	Biking	4/18/2025 11:42 AM
112	The trails are a wonderful place to walk, run and bike. I love to spend time with friends and family on the trails. I love that when you are on the trails, you almost don't realize you are in q	4/18/2025 11:40 AM

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suburban area. It is truly beautiful and a wonderful representation of the best of the Midwest aka prairie land.

113	It is a natural glacial lake. I like the informative signs about this at the lake. I appreciate all the ecological restoration being done there.	4/18/2025 11:31 AM
114	Beautiful nature pads that don't cross over roads.	4/18/2025 10:57 AM
115	Expansive trails, the lake, and activities at and around the lake.	4/18/2025 10:57 AM
116	Bike riding on the paths with wildlife around every corner. Fishing with my family is also enjoyable.	4/18/2025 10:50 AM
117	close to home, not that crowded, and really nice views	4/18/2025 10:27 AM
118	Lake and trails for walking and birding	4/18/2025 10:22 AM
119	Walks around the lake, fishing opportunities	4/18/2025 10:21 AM
120	Nature	4/18/2025 10:19 AM
121	The varied scenery. It's nature's eye candy!	4/18/2025 10:10 AM
122	Great trails for hiking. Lovely views of nature.	4/18/2025 10:08 AM
123	I like that it is beautiful, easy to walk through.	4/18/2025 9:58 AM
124	Long trails	4/18/2025 9:07 AM
125	The variety of ecosystems because I can enjoy so many different types of plants and animals, and the lake in one visit	4/18/2025 8:09 AM
126	I like the solitude on my long walks/jogs and enjoy seeing the forest change through the seasons (although it looks a little barren right now).	4/17/2025 9:29 PM
127	I love to take walks in the quiet setting and look for wildlife. I used to love the trees, but there aren't many left. I see less wildlife than in previous years.	4/17/2025 2:41 PM
128	It feels tucked away. The forest area (but now there are less trees :-)	4/17/2025 10:36 AM
129	The preserve area is huge, it feels like you can really be immersed in nature. Paths are well maintained and the lake is beautiful. Great shelter areas and tables. It feels like a real gem for the community.	4/17/2025 8:51 AM
130	It's clean, has shaded areas for coverage on hot days. The path length in which you can bike or walk and the ability to start in different areas for a shorter or long walk. The prairie, pines and tree mixtures make it peaceful and with lakes to boat on	4/17/2025 6:54 AM
131	Beautiful lake and surrounding area with good habitat for wildlife.	4/16/2025 8:39 PM
132	I like the large Oaks in the southern area of the preserve and finding deer through the forest	4/16/2025 2:35 PM
133	Scenic trails, wildlife, and shaded fishing areas.	4/15/2025 5:25 PM
134	I enjoyed the kayaking	4/15/2025 5:12 PM
135	The trail around the lake with plenty of places to sit and enjoy nature. It's also quiet and you can think.	4/15/2025 2:57 PM
136	The beauty of a spring fed lake	4/15/2025 12:24 PM
137	Great trails, beautiful scenery. I also like that I can refill my water bottle(s) and use the restroom if I'm on a long run or bike ride.	4/15/2025 12:03 PM
138	Connection to nature	4/15/2025 11:23 AM
139	Used to like the trees and seclusion. Now it is too open and seems small. Can see cars on the roads and it is not quiet and peaceful.	4/15/2025 10:43 AM
140	I used to like the feeling of being in the wild & isolated from civilization for most of my biking on its snowman-with-a-jug-handle shape. But somehow those ugly Pulte homes got put up, blighting the view for a good chunk of the route	4/15/2025 7:58 AM

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141	When I am on the trails I am away from all buildings and traffic.	4/14/2025 7:33 PM
142	Variety of habitats	4/14/2025 6:03 PM
143	Its beauty and that it connects to Danada Farms through trails for some nice biking.	4/14/2025 1:31 PM
144	Location, close to home. Not overly crowded, but could use more handicapped parking	4/14/2025 9:42 AM
145	The Lake, forested trails.	4/14/2025 9:36 AM
146	I love that it is a beautiful nook with unique ecosystems in our community.	4/14/2025 9:18 AM
147	The trails and mix of terrain. Like going from the forest to a bright sunny spot.	4/14/2025 6:35 AM
148	I like to walk around the lake, watch the birds, relax	4/13/2025 8:46 PM
149	We like the trails and the water. I often see a variety of birds because of the different environments at the forest preserve	4/13/2025 7:37 PM
150	It is a large preserve with varied topography and plant life. There are lots of different bird species there since there is open water, marshy areas , woods and open areas.	4/13/2025 4:47 PM
151	Connects to Danada and St James. Great remote areas and a large coywolf in the southwest corner area.	4/13/2025 3:41 PM
152	How it is being restored, change of nature in trails	4/13/2025 2:56 PM
153	It is a beautiful peaceful and natural place to visit. The trails are awesome. I have gone there at least twice a week, every week for the last 30 years.	4/13/2025 2:41 PM
154	Well maintained and not too crowded. Shoreline allows for fish and pathways are wide for hiking.	4/13/2025 10:22 AM
155	The colors of the prairie in the Fall	4/13/2025 10:19 AM
156	I like that it is very family friendly with many picnic tables and benches. I also like that you can rent canoes and other boats to have fun in that way.	4/13/2025 8:41 AM
157	It's small size.	4/13/2025 8:17 AM
158	The hiking trails and lake. I hike there most weeks and truly enjoy seeing the changing of the seasons.	4/13/2025 7:56 AM
159	Bass Fishing, because there are some big bass in the lake.	4/12/2025 9:14 PM
160	Varied lengths of loop paths that are all interesting.	4/12/2025 7:32 PM
161	Beautiful lake and walking	4/12/2025 6:07 PM
162	The path	4/12/2025 5:41 PM
163	It is 5 minutes from my home, so it is just as easy to run or walk or ski there as it is to walk around my neighborhood. Plus, until recently, it was just a serene peaceful escape from suburbia. When I got further back into it, I felt like I was out in the middle of nowhere by myself, out in my own woods. I also appreciate that it is well maintained and kept clean.	4/12/2025 5:10 PM
164	Nature - peace, hearing/seeing birds, wildflowers	4/12/2025 4:34 PM
165	I like the many miles of trails because I like to hike. I like that the trails are groomed for cross country skiing in the winter.	4/12/2025 4:29 PM
166	more trail mileage	4/12/2025 2:24 PM
167	Beautiful natural setting	4/12/2025 11:31 AM
168	It is a beautiful local natural area that brings life to our town, in so many ways. My favorite thing about Herrick is the section of gravel trail that loops around multiple gigantic old oaks, just southeast of the lake. Such a precious piece of nature.	4/12/2025 9:39 AM
169	Convenient access from Butterfield Road and Herrick Roads. Trails are clean, not overly crowded.	4/12/2025 8:26 AM
170	It is well maintained, the scenery is stunning and the facilities are great.	4/11/2025 9:31 PM

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171	LARGE NATURAL AREA WITH CONNECTING TRAILS	4/11/2025 4:49 PM
172	Serene environment	4/11/2025 4:33 PM
173	beauty; variety of habitat	4/11/2025 2:07 PM
174	Wild spaces away from the trails include a variety of ecosystems, including grassland, hardwood forest, and marsh.	4/11/2025 1:03 PM
175	The variety of environments, including first, prairie, lake and ponds	4/11/2025 12:51 PM
176	It is a beautiful place and the only reason why I moved to DuPage. I love the outdoors and DuPage has plenty to offer. Herrick Lake is just one of those amazing places.	4/11/2025 12:51 PM
177	Open trails, lots of walkable areas , good amount of parking	4/11/2025 12:36 PM
178	A part of the broader hiking trail system. Very scenic lake. Very nice shelter. I am also a scout leader and the combination of hiking and fishing lends itself well to offer youth an outstanding eclerience.	4/11/2025 10:04 AM
179	The lake and secluded paths toward the open prairie	4/11/2025 9:56 AM
180	It's very large with long trails	4/11/2025 9:55 AM
181	The Preserve has a great trail system.	4/11/2025 9:18 AM
182	Nature, undisturbed land. There aren't a lot of properties like Herrick Lake left to enjoy.	4/11/2025 9:06 AM
183	Trails, the lake, the animals	4/11/2025 8:44 AM
184	Nature and a pleasant atmosphere. Good paths for walking	4/11/2025 8:38 AM
185	The paths for walking and the ability to enjoy nature. Very happy with the restoration that is going on. I have used Herrick Lake for over 40 years as a place to enjoy nature	4/11/2025 8:35 AM
186	Variety of trails	4/11/2025 8:13 AM
187	Lake and trails	4/11/2025 7:21 AM
188	Well maintained long & wide trails, good signage, opportunists to meet other people who enjoy nature, wildlife.	4/11/2025 7:00 AM
189	The tree filled trails and sprawling savannas. The large size. The ability to cycle from Herrick Lake Road to Leask Rd (with connection to Danada) sans automobiles.	4/11/2025 6:18 AM
190	Nature and calmness in a metropolitan area.	4/11/2025 5:49 AM
191	It's Near by and could spend an afternoon on the lake	4/11/2025 4:38 AM
192	I love that it's close to home but feels big and far away from the city. I like that it's natural but there are still lots of amenities and things to see and do. We've mainly spent time around the lake - fishing and boating, or at the south shelter area, but also enjoy walking the path around the lake and have enjoyed a few fires. We've also spent time in the woods around the teepees on the small footpaths.	4/10/2025 10:51 PM
193	Miles of trails away from traffic or crowds of people. Beautiful nature and wildlife. Close by!!	4/10/2025 10:49 PM
194	It offers very long hikes to Denada.	4/10/2025 9:09 PM
195	It is a beautiful natural spot. It gives us a place to exercise and commune wit nature.	4/10/2025 9:08 PM
196	The path	4/10/2025 9:01 PM
197	The beauty of the lake and the surrounding trails get me out to enjoy nature.	4/10/2025 8:51 PM
198	The accessibility of the trails for so many sports, walking, biking, horses, and more.	4/10/2025 8:32 PM
199	I love the combination of lake, paths, and shelters. It's peaceful in the midst of chaos.	4/10/2025 7:30 PM
200	Nice trail system. Restoration projects.	4/10/2025 6:41 PM
201	Beauty of a well-maintained lake and surroundings, easy access, marked trails, safe environment.	4/10/2025 4:30 PM

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202	The shaded paths through the woods	4/10/2025 3:43 PM
203	Easily accessible from many directions, by foot or bicycle	4/10/2025 3:14 PM
204	Nice trails	4/10/2025 12:55 PM
205	Convenient, multipurpose. Wildlife, fishing, people especially kids fish and enjoying nature	4/9/2025 4:05 PM
206	Great walking, enjoying the lake and wildlife, fishing and nature.	4/9/2025 3:49 PM
207	The incredibly large and old legacy oaks are a highlight of this preserve. Birdwatching in the south areas where it's quieter where many BCN birds of concern nest. The trails are very accessible.	4/9/2025 12:35 PM
208	Ice fishing. But that was taken away when aerators installed.	4/8/2025 2:05 PM
209	I like that it's an accessible walk and that you can rent boats there. There is plenty of parking and there are pavilions	4/8/2025 1:21 PM
210	Love the long trails and various habitats	4/8/2025 11:32 AM
211	Volunteering with the Kayaking. Hiking the trails (different habitats)	4/7/2025 3:27 PM
212	Path system, lake - variety and serenity	4/7/2025 12:32 PM
213	Natural beauty	4/7/2025 12:23 PM
214	It has a good trail system with decent bathroom amenities. It is extremely well maintained and is beautiful to look at. (except for the algae in the water at times)	4/7/2025 9:14 AM
215	Not too busy usually	4/6/2025 10:04 PM
216	Quiet, beauty, passing occasional other hikers, bikers. Comradery w strangers. Changing seasons. Watching water.	4/6/2025 7:11 PM
217	Close by. Nice walk around the lake and other trails	4/6/2025 3:48 PM
218	It's a place to hike with my dog!	4/6/2025 11:39 AM
219	Location	4/5/2025 8:42 PM
220	Location	4/5/2025 5:49 PM
221	Proximity to home. Extensive bike/hike trails with connections to other preserves.	4/5/2025 3:40 PM
222	It is close to my home and well taken care of.	4/5/2025 12:05 PM
223	Nice lake and trail. Close by	4/5/2025 11:31 AM
224	Well maintained walking path that is disability accessible, quality preserve/restoration with native trees, shrubs, and flowers. Lake is pretty.	4/5/2025 10:28 AM
225	Diverse ecosystems. Close proximity to other natural areas and trails.	4/5/2025 9:37 AM
226	Proximity Part of path shaded	4/5/2025 4:37 AM
227	I like the birds. We mostly walk there and go birdwatching (or bird-listening, using the Merlin app) and enjoy the views of the lake and the woods.	4/4/2025 9:20 PM
228	The approx 1 mile long trail around the lake	4/4/2025 9:07 PM
229	It's beautiful and very peaceful	4/4/2025 8:33 PM
230	The trails are a good length and I like that they have a gravel surface.	4/4/2025 3:36 PM
231	The lake and kayaking	4/4/2025 2:40 PM
232	It offers both long and shorter trail options covering forest, lake, marsh and fields. Great place to walk all 4 seasons.	4/4/2025 1:57 PM
233	I like the loop because it's a no brainer for my walks with the dog. I also like that it loops around the lake. It's beautiful.	4/4/2025 12:23 PM
234	My disabled husband can fish from shore. It is the only outdoor recreation that he (a former	4/4/2025 11:51 AM

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backpacker, hiker, biker and camper) can still enjoy.

235	Peaceful and quiet. Great place to sit and enjoy nature.	4/4/2025 11:50 AM
236	It's naturalness	4/4/2025 11:12 AM
237	Bird watching. It's always fun to see what migrating birds we might see that are there.	4/4/2025 10:45 AM
238	Bird watching. It's always fun to see what migrating birds we might see that are there.	4/4/2025 10:44 AM
239	Proximity to home and trails	4/4/2025 10:35 AM
240	Spring Peepers, Crappie in SW part of lake	4/4/2025 10:30 AM
241	I love the long trails that have shade and sun, and the proximity to the lake.	4/4/2025 9:27 AM
242	The lake, it's one of the only natural lakes in the county.	4/4/2025 9:27 AM
243	Outdoor beauty and natural peace.	4/4/2025 8:41 AM
244	It has, or used to have, the finest forest with shady trails in the system.	4/4/2025 8:38 AM
245	Scenery and foliage	4/4/2025 8:33 AM
246	Flora and fauna u	4/4/2025 8:16 AM
247	The ability to observe waterfowl, shorebirds, eagles, ducks, on the smaller lake, and the diving gulls and terns on the bigger lake. I like the smaller lake as it is less traveled and visited upon	4/4/2025 8:16 AM
248	Shady trails and the lake	4/4/2025 8:13 AM
249	Convenient to home. Large area with diverse wildlife habitats. Trails connect to other preserves.	4/4/2025 8:12 AM
250	It is easy to get to, is large, and there is usually a spot to fish.	4/4/2025 7:55 AM
251	Fishing, bike riding, Needs more tables for picnics	4/4/2025 7:53 AM
252	It's very close to our house . It's convenient for our outdoor gatherings. We like to watch the eagles . We like to walk the paths .we like to cross country ski	4/4/2025 7:51 AM
253	I enjoy the trails alongside the lake.	4/4/2025 7:44 AM
254	When the vending machine and bathrooms are open very early for use by runners.	4/3/2025 11:03 PM
255	The relaxed more natural atmosphere - its not totally bulldozed and chop cut to the ground yet like most of the other forest preserves. I understand the "invasive" issue - but the clearcut mentality is visually and mentally disturbing- can't you selectively cut more intelligently - not mow and chain saw everything down like I see happening at other preserves?	4/3/2025 10:50 PM
256	Trails	4/3/2025 10:18 PM
257	The trails that connect through adjacent preserves so I can take a longer bike ride and I like to look at the lake	4/3/2025 10:18 PM
258	Relatively easy walk around the lake with lots to look at.	4/3/2025 10:15 PM
259	I like the variety of trails, that water activities are an option, and that the trails connect to other forest preserves to make for longer bike rides	4/3/2025 10:07 PM
260	Walking paths through woods and prairies, serene lake	4/3/2025 9:31 PM
261	The trails are lovely, and the woods fill of maples turns a glorious yellow in the autumn. I like the fact that the trails connect to regional trails although I rarely bicycle at present.	4/3/2025 9:05 PM
262	Length and amount of trails- you can do something new every time!	4/3/2025 8:48 PM
263	I have been running at Herrick Lake for more than 10 years. I love the trees. I love the look of a forest, the trees. The shade they give on a hot summer day. The peacefulness I feel.	4/3/2025 8:40 PM
264	It's close and it's beautiful. It's a nice place to spend time.	4/3/2025 8:13 PM
265	The Variety of trails/landscapes	4/3/2025 7:51 PM

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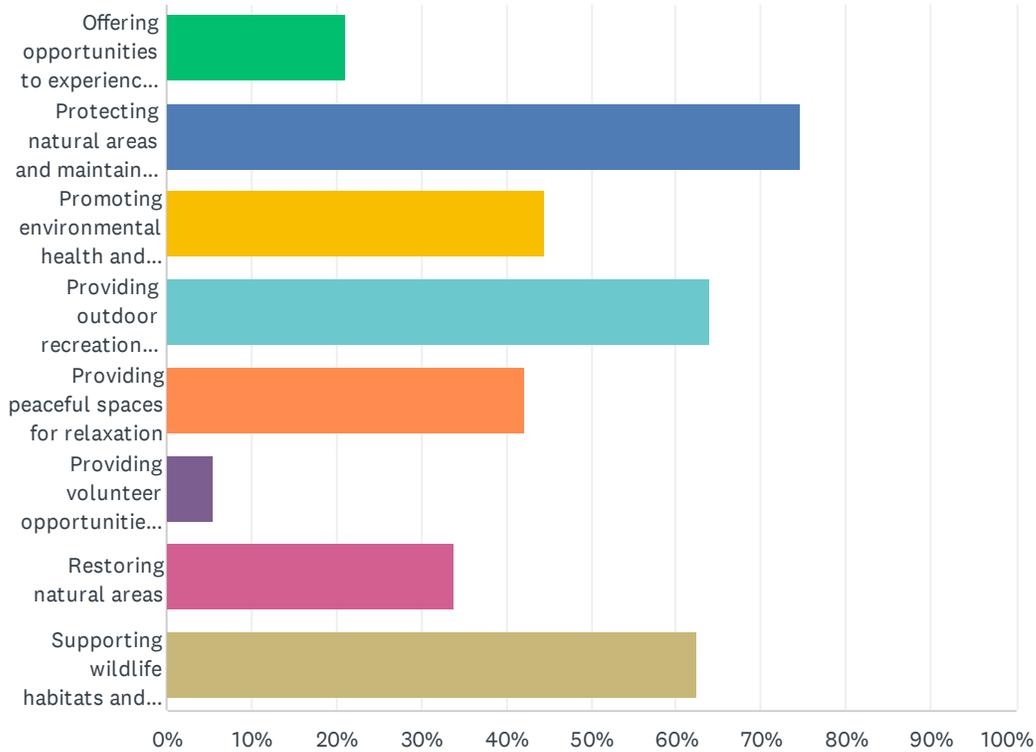
266	The trails - there are points at which you cannot see human-built structures, and the mix of forest and prairie, plus the lake.	4/3/2025 7:48 PM
267	Good size, flora and fauna	4/3/2025 7:12 PM
268	We love the long trails between Herrick Lake and Danada and the trails around the lake. We especially love the types of trees and plants and also the birds and other wildlife.	4/3/2025 7:03 PM
269	It's close to home, wooded and there are extensive trails. Parking is convenient too	4/3/2025 6:34 PM
270	Accessible and lots of trees for shade	4/3/2025 6:32 PM
271	It's pretty, well kept an easy place to walk and to walk my dog.	4/3/2025 6:31 PM
272	Easy parking and walking close to home	4/3/2025 5:52 PM
273	Good trails for a ride and access to longer rides. Fond memories of our son is scouts staying at the cabin.	4/3/2025 5:45 PM
274	The beautiful trees, paths, lake and serenity.	4/3/2025 5:41 PM
275	trails lake viewing	4/3/2025 5:27 PM
276	The beauty, the lake, the woods, etc. walking, relaxing	4/3/2025 5:24 PM
277	Nearby location	4/3/2025 5:21 PM
278	Walking paths and available parking.	4/3/2025 5:18 PM
279	I like it being a calm place to go and be in nature and seeing birds and plants	4/3/2025 4:50 PM
280	It's a beautiful place to take a long walk in nature or cross-country ski in winter	4/3/2025 4:49 PM
281	close to home and i can bring my dog	4/3/2025 4:48 PM
282	The lake is beautiful, but I really like the long trails where you can get away from the crowds. I prefer coming in winter when it is not crowded.	4/3/2025 4:41 PM
283	Scenic open space	4/3/2025 4:40 PM
284	The woods.	4/3/2025 4:29 PM
285	long trails	4/3/2025 4:27 PM
286	Allows kayak access	4/3/2025 4:26 PM
287	Open space close to my house	4/3/2025 4:20 PM
288	Trails b/c I use them to train for running events	4/3/2025 4:02 PM
289	Close to home and a great circle path. Lots of wildlife.	4/3/2025 3:53 PM
290	The natural beauty of the lake and trees	4/3/2025 3:41 PM
291	Good size, flora and fauna	4/3/2025 3:24 PM
292	The beauty and easy access to trails.	4/3/2025 3:24 PM
293	The trails are kept in such great order - no issues for those with mobility challenges. Also love the lake and walking around it due to wildlife in the area.	4/3/2025 3:19 PM
294	My husband and I especially appreciate the comfortable, pretty trails and the decent restrooms.	4/3/2025 3:18 PM
295	I like hiking in various area and Herrick Lake is very nice. I would however, like to see a porta potty along the way and not just the one at the entrance.	4/3/2025 3:18 PM
296	Fishing opportunities....various species to catch.	4/3/2025 3:14 PM
297	The "trails". Love the paths.	4/3/2025 3:13 PM
298	Multiple activities, large trail that connects to many access points, the lake, picnic tables, lots of parking	4/3/2025 3:09 PM
299	I enjoy walking the path around the lake. Typically it's rather serene and it rejuvenates me.	4/3/2025 3:06 PM

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300	Hy husband and I had our first date there, and he proposed to me as well. I love that there's a trail that goes around the lake, but also many more that branch off for some great bike riding!	4/3/2025 2:59 PM
301	At Herrick we can enjoy water, woods, and prairie! We often bring grandkids and all of us enjoy a good long walk around the lake, then head off to walk the prairie trails. Always looking for birds and wildlife as well.	4/3/2025 2:51 PM
302	The walk around the lake...the peace and safety of being in Herrick Lake.	4/3/2025 2:47 PM
303	The trails are great!	4/3/2025 2:36 PM
304	Quiet water	4/3/2025 2:35 PM
305	The lake - love to look at water and there is shade	4/3/2025 2:25 PM
306	Fishing and canoeing	4/3/2025 2:21 PM
307	Quiet. Unpaved. Uncrowded	4/3/2025 2:13 PM
308	The different eco systems that are present along the path provide a lot of interest throughout different seasons. The loop is the perfect distance for walking my dog.	4/3/2025 2:08 PM
309	The beauty, the lake, the woods, etc. walking, relaxing	4/3/2025 2:06 PM
310	Trails and scenery	4/3/2025 1:57 PM
311	Its offers a nice amount of visual wildlife viewing, and the lake is a nice peaceful part of it all.	4/3/2025 1:52 PM
312	Links including trails to other areas. Trails.	4/3/2025 1:48 PM
313	Good combination of different ecosystems so you can see a lot of different wildlife in one trip. Generally, not too busy and people are spread out enough to enjoy the peace without being too close to someone.	4/3/2025 1:43 PM
314	Memories of cross country skiing as a kid. The lake is small enough for a quick walk around.	4/3/2025 1:39 PM
315	Its pretty, easy parking, lots of different trails to walk, never too crowded	4/3/2025 1:36 PM
316	It's a beautiful place to take a long walk in nature or cross-country ski in winter	4/3/2025 1:34 PM
317	Paths for cycling	4/3/2025 1:34 PM
318	Quiet... Beautiful... Scenic/Nature abounds!	4/3/2025 1:31 PM
319	The natural beauty, wildflowers, forests and grasslands; the trail system and how it links up with both Danada, as well as St. James Farm, bathrooms, benches and garbage cans.	4/3/2025 1:26 PM
320	I use the bike/hike path off of Butterfield Road to access Herrick Lake. I like how peaceful it is and that I feel safe while biking there.	4/3/2025 1:14 PM
321	The trails	4/3/2025 1:13 PM
322	The lake and the hiking trails that are well maintained.	4/3/2025 11:58 AM
323	Accessibility, availability of longer trails for walking/connection to regional trails for commuting by bike.	4/3/2025 9:39 AM
324	Beautiful scenery, wealth of trails, easily accommodates friend/family gatherings.	4/2/2025 9:00 AM
325	How well kept the trails are. The amount of wildlife.	4/1/2025 5:15 PM
326	It can be great for birding due its varied habitats- open water, swamp, forest, bushy, open plains, etc.	4/1/2025 3:47 PM
327	It's beautiful, WIDE, winding trails. Promoted easy sharing of trails by multiple types of users without interfering with each other.	3/28/2025 9:54 PM

Q11 Which of the following key aspects of Herrick Lake are most important to you? (Please select up to 3.)

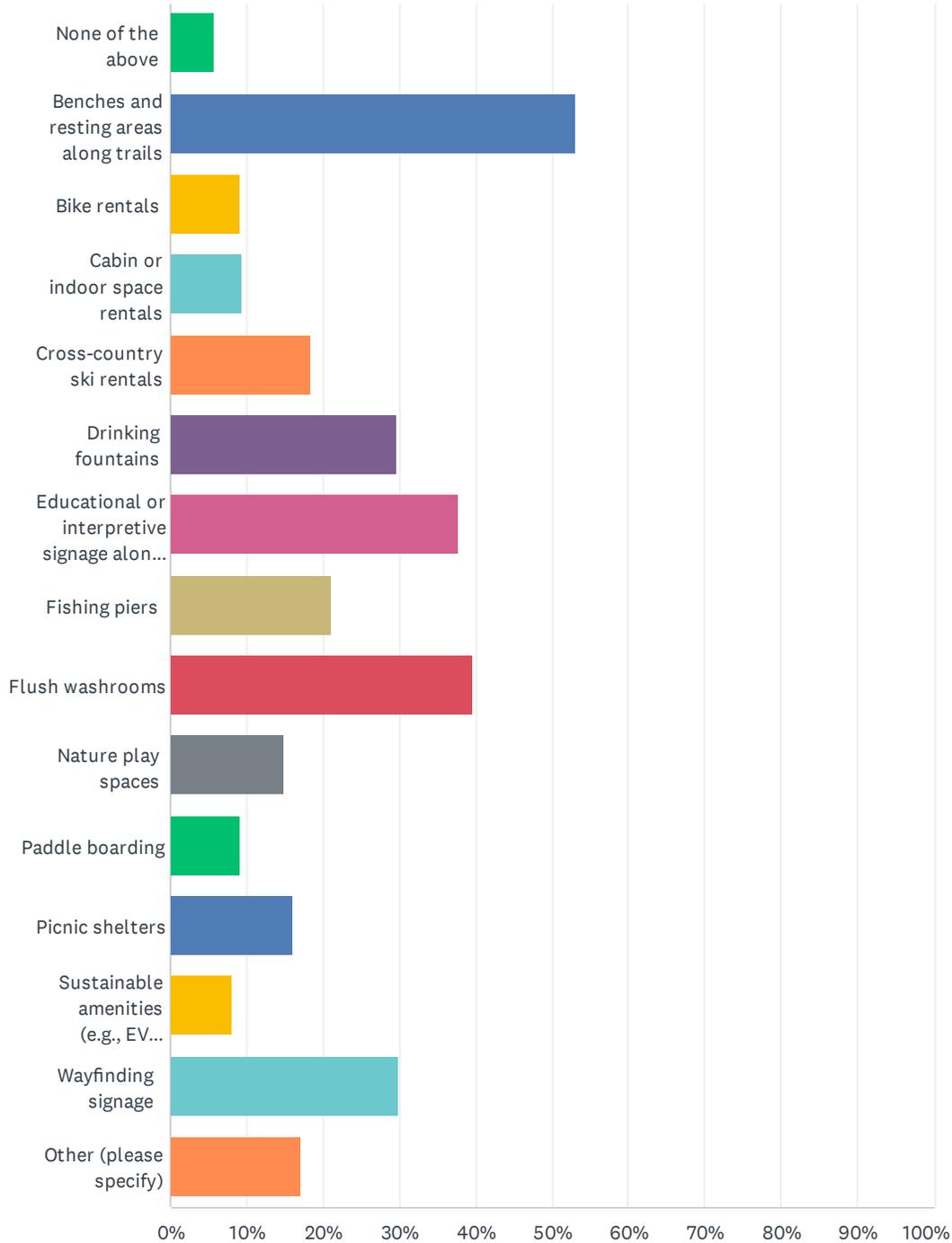
Answered: 374 Skipped: 3



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Offering opportunities to experience and learn about nature	21.12%	79
Protecting natural areas and maintaining scenic views	74.60%	279
Promoting environmental health and sustainability (e.g., clean air, water, native plants)	44.65%	167
Providing outdoor recreation (e.g., trails, picnic areas)	63.90%	239
Providing peaceful spaces for relaxation	42.25%	158
Providing volunteer opportunities for stewardship and conservation	5.61%	21
Restoring natural areas	33.96%	127
Supporting wildlife habitats and biodiversity	62.57%	234
Total Respondents: 374		

Q12 Which, recreational activities, amenities, and infrastructure improvements, if any, would you like to see at Herrick Lake to improve visitor experiences? (Select all that apply.)

Answered: 369 Skipped: 8



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the above	5.69%	21
Benches and resting areas along trails	53.12%	196
Bike rentals	9.21%	34
Cabin or indoor space rentals	9.49%	35
Cross-country ski rentals	18.43%	68
Drinking fountains	29.54%	109
Educational or interpretive signage along trails	37.67%	139
Fishing piers	21.14%	78
Flush washrooms	39.57%	146
Nature play spaces	14.91%	55
Paddle boarding	9.21%	34
Picnic shelters	15.99%	59
Sustainable amenities (e.g., EV charging stations)	8.13%	30
Wayfinding signage	29.81%	110
Other (please specify)	17.07%	63
Total Respondents: 369		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Bike repair area, if there isn't one already.	5/9/2025 7:00 AM
2	Existing infrastructure is great.	5/4/2025 9:20 AM
3	Sheltered blinds for nature viewing!	5/4/2025 12:35 AM
4	Please don't clutter it up by adding any more human stuff. Why isn't nature enough, and why can't you focus on that? It seems that DuPage FP has lost sight of their real purpose, which is not to entertain us humans. I wish you'd look at Lake County to see how it should be done. Sorry to sound harsh, but there's a lot at stake here.	5/3/2025 5:43 PM
5	Signs instructing proper trail etiquette, for bike and ski	5/2/2025 4:04 PM
6	improve trails, connect ones side of park to the other. provide parking on waarenville rd side	5/2/2025 7:54 AM
7	I want part of it to be a secluded forest. That can be peaceful, full of life and educational too.	4/30/2025 12:55 PM
8	A couple more Natural looking but Heavy duty recycle/garbage cans around paths. Maybe 2 signs "Leave only footprints, dispose your garbage and pet waste"	4/29/2025 9:18 AM
9	Additional places to get on/off of the horse either logs, large rocks, or benches along the trails.	4/25/2025 9:01 PM
10	Hmmm. There are picnic shelters. Can we bring our own kayak or canoe??	4/25/2025 1:51 PM
11	Drinking fountains or a spigot (fill up buckets for horses)	4/22/2025 12:19 PM
12	Short technical mountain course similar to Bentonville, AR.	4/21/2025 3:06 PM
13	tent camping sites and cabins	4/21/2025 12:57 PM
14	A few garbage cans (not sure if this is a wildlife issue), More mileage markers/cardinal directions	4/20/2025 8:54 PM

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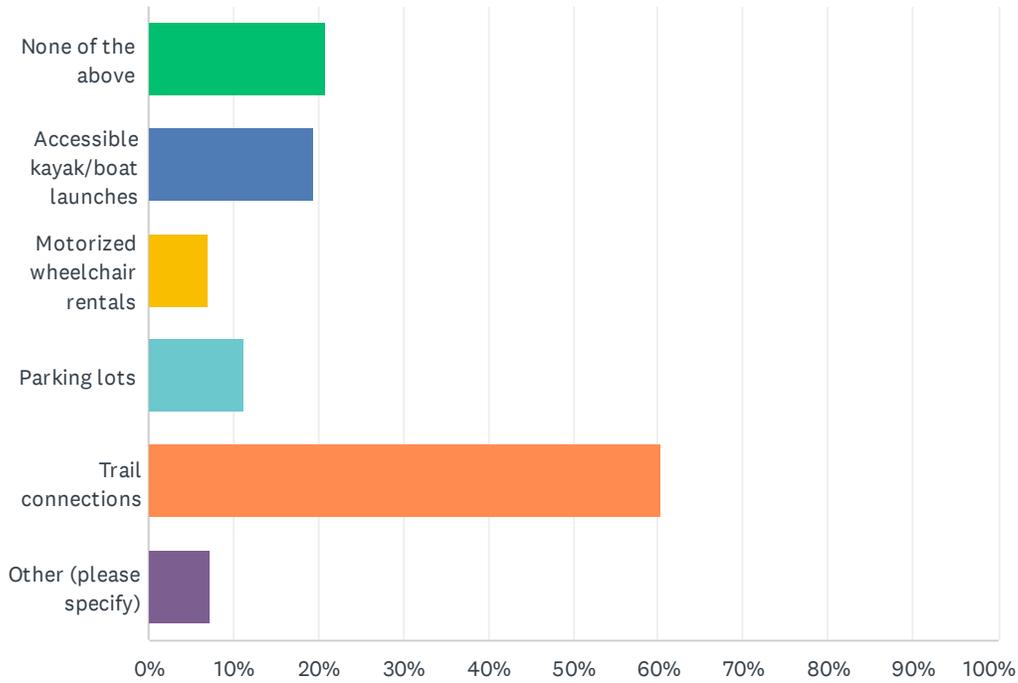
15	Is the lake clean enough for paddle boarding?	4/20/2025 1:12 PM
16	Not necessarily more flush washrooms, but outhouses further from the parking lot (maybe near Washington Rd. and Warrenville Rd.) would be nice.	4/20/2025 12:48 PM
17	More picnic tables.	4/18/2025 4:19 PM
18	More parking at other trail areas	4/18/2025 10:22 AM
19	As an avid disc golfer. I would to see an 18 hole disc golf course added to the park to bring in more younger people to the area and a first to Wheaton. A mountain bike pump track would be a great addition as well	4/15/2025 5:12 PM
20	at least one more outdoor toilet area	4/15/2025 10:43 AM
21	It's great as is. Please don't build more structures	4/15/2025 7:58 AM
22	More handicapped parking	4/14/2025 9:42 AM
23	Native plants.	4/14/2025 6:35 AM
24	Allow private kayaks	4/13/2025 10:22 AM
25	Bathrooms	4/13/2025 8:17 AM
26	Trash cans along the trails	4/12/2025 9:43 PM
27	Being able to bring your own watercraft. Like a fishing kayak. I understand you guys offer boat rentals, but the prices are too high and I prefer to use my own boat.	4/12/2025 9:14 PM
28	Please list milage between trail intersections rather than for entire trail in all preserves. Sometimes I need to cut hikes short for medical issues and some of your maps it's hard to tell which would be shorter.	4/12/2025 4:34 PM
29	More waste receptacles on trails	4/12/2025 4:29 PM
30	mountainbike trails (singletrack)	4/12/2025 2:24 PM
31	primitive trails (such as the former horse trails) through the backcountry of the preserve	4/11/2025 1:03 PM
32	Off trail dirt paths for hiking, trailrunning, and mountain biking	4/11/2025 8:13 AM
33	Boat rentals with trolling motors	4/11/2025 4:38 AM
34	Lots more mature trees	4/10/2025 9:09 PM
35	Existing picnic shelters, which are charming.	4/10/2025 7:30 PM
36	A camping experience for families.	4/10/2025 4:30 PM
37	Paddling kayaks	4/6/2025 11:39 AM
38	Kayak rentals weekdays during the summer	4/5/2025 3:40 PM
39	Washroom or outhouse located near far south side (ie. near Washington Street entrance).	4/4/2025 1:57 PM
40	Swimming beach	4/4/2025 12:23 PM
41	Fishing access for limited mobility anglers	4/4/2025 11:51 AM
42	I like how it is right now. I do not want to see Herrick become over developed. The great thing about Herrick is it's naturalness. I don't want to see more benches dedicated to someone who died. Let's not turn it into a cemetary. If someone wants to remember a loved one, plant a native tree in their memory. Also if you are tearing down the outhouses, then you need to put new ones up flush or non flush.	4/4/2025 11:12 AM
43	Swimming	4/4/2025 8:33 AM
44	Creating mudflats to attract more shoreline birds if ecologically sustainable.	4/4/2025 8:16 AM
45	maintaining scenic views should be in a line by itself, not lumped in with "nature areas" in section 11	4/3/2025 10:50 PM
46	Paths that aren't so messy for days after rain or snow.	4/3/2025 10:15 PM

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47	Keep it simple	4/3/2025 9:40 PM
48	Drinking fountains with water bottle and dog bowl refill stations	4/3/2025 9:05 PM
49	bike maintenance stations (racks, pumps etc), paved bike paths	4/3/2025 8:48 PM
50	Need indoor space for overnights for larger groups.	4/3/2025 7:51 PM
51	use of private kayaks or canoes	4/3/2025 5:27 PM
52	Separate paths for hikers	4/3/2025 4:40 PM
53	CLEAN UP LAKESHORES OR BAN FISHING	4/3/2025 4:39 PM
54	Snowshoe rentals	4/3/2025 3:41 PM
55	It doesn't even need to be a flush washroom, even a porta potty would be nice.	4/3/2025 3:18 PM
56	Segway rentals	4/3/2025 3:14 PM
57	Increase water quality to swim	4/3/2025 3:13 PM
58	Accessible path and boat ramp for kayaks and paddleboard	4/3/2025 2:35 PM
59	Pickleball	4/3/2025 2:08 PM
60	An overlook or two for wildlife viewing.	4/3/2025 1:43 PM
61	Love the solar-powered, heated washrooms at Hidden Lake FP; do the same at Herricks.	4/3/2025 1:26 PM
62	Don't bother renting skis - we can get them at Arrowhead easily - would duplicate a rarely used service.	4/3/2025 9:39 AM
63	Signage, with clearer distances.	3/28/2025 9:54 PM

Q13 Which access improvements, if any, would be most beneficial? (Select all that apply.)

Answered: 330 Skipped: 47



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
None of the above	20.91% 69
Accessible kayak/boat launches	19.39% 64
Motorized wheelchair rentals	6.97% 23
Parking lots	11.21% 37
Trail connections	60.30% 199
Other (please specify)	7.27% 24
Total Respondents: 330	

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Trail benches good for seniors who walk but need rest places	5/6/2025 9:24 AM
2	It seems to be pretty good right now, although we're not familiar with the accessible kayak/boat launches	5/5/2025 2:51 PM
3	allow private kayaks in lake	4/29/2025 4:10 PM
4	More benches along the trails!	4/25/2025 12:11 AM
5	If you are going to tear down the latrines near the south parking lot, please put in flush toilets.	4/24/2025 3:38 PM
6	Lighting of trails and public spaces at night and clearing some trees if it would reduce crime	4/21/2025 12:57 PM

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	against female joggers	
7	Above	4/18/2025 1:16 PM
8	Trees	4/17/2025 2:41 PM
9	Safe space for bike while using restroom	4/15/2025 7:58 AM
10	Being able to use my own boat	4/12/2025 9:14 PM
11	the further I can go on a bike without being on roads is a plus	4/11/2025 2:07 PM
12	Flush washrooms	4/11/2025 9:55 AM
13	I'm not sure	4/10/2025 10:51 PM
14	I don't need these things so can't comment on their value	4/10/2025 12:55 PM
15	Accessible fishing spots	4/4/2025 11:51 AM
16	flat surfaces for wheelchairs	4/4/2025 11:50 AM
17	Let's keep it as natural as it is. Leave the boat launches to Blackwell!	4/4/2025 11:12 AM
18	Swim beach	4/4/2025 8:33 AM
19	please limit no boating on the smaller lake to promote wildlife	4/4/2025 8:16 AM
20	Paved path around lake	4/3/2025 10:15 PM
21	paved trails for cycling	4/3/2025 8:48 PM
22	More lake aeration to improve water quality.	4/3/2025 7:51 PM
23	Hiking only trails	4/3/2025 4:40 PM
24	Cleared pathway/ preferred drop in spot	4/3/2025 2:35 PM

Q14 Recognizing that the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County has limited resources, what improvements should be the top priority at Herrick Lake over the next five years?

Answered: 281 Skipped: 96

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Maintain the restrooms.	5/11/2025 10:12 AM
2	make the fishing better	5/10/2025 10:37 AM
3	Conservation and expanding upon activities to enjoy the space at the same time	5/9/2025 7:24 PM
4	Non-motorized watercraft & health of the lake	5/9/2025 12:03 PM
5	I like all the options that you are considering. For me and my family personally would enjoy a natural play space in the next five years.	5/9/2025 7:00 AM
6	maintain pathways and natural feeling	5/8/2025 11:48 AM
7	Stop cutting down all the undergrowth, including small saplings just getting started.	5/6/2025 8:19 PM
8	Habitat restoration, land acquisition, wildlife biodiversity	5/6/2025 6:10 PM
9	trail benches	5/6/2025 9:24 AM
10	I don't think the area around the lake can handle more activity/people. There's already plenty of activity opportunities there.	5/6/2025 8:04 AM
11	Supporting wildlife habitats and biodiversity.	5/5/2025 8:10 PM
12	You guys are doing a great job as is. The forest preserve is very well kept and the clearing in the last few years to maintain native species seems to be going well. To some extent this is a solution in search of a problem.	5/5/2025 2:51 PM
13	Replanting all the cut areas.	5/5/2025 1:24 PM
14	Trail maintenance and conservation	5/5/2025 9:08 AM
15	biodiversity preservation	5/4/2025 9:18 PM
16	Ev chargers, flush washrooms	5/4/2025 8:39 PM
17	Maintain existing infrastructure. Limit additional infrastructure to preserve natural space.	5/4/2025 9:20 AM
18	Restoring native species	5/4/2025 8:06 AM
19	Organizing multiple small volunteers events to help maintain and plant or clean.	5/4/2025 12:35 AM
20	Maintain bike trails	5/3/2025 7:21 PM
21	Stay true to your name, which is Forest Preserve District. Don't waste money on engineered or fabricated junk that anyone in Chicagoland can get anywhere else. Don't waste our taxpayer dollars (we don't live in DuPage County, but we do own property there, and we use the FP all the time, so we're fully invested in it) on stuff. Keep nature in the forefront, don't treat it like a source of entertainment for us. That's not why people spend time in it.	5/3/2025 5:43 PM
22	trail connections	5/3/2025 5:41 PM
23	Maintaining trails and supporting native species and habitats.	5/3/2025 9:35 AM
24	The path on the north side of St. James along Shaffner/Mack Rd should be continued along Mack Rd. through Blackwell all the way to Rt. 59. This would then properly connect all 4 preserves.	5/3/2025 8:35 AM
25	Like is as it is	5/3/2025 7:04 AM

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26	maintain the trails	5/3/2025 6:44 AM
27	Trail connections and washrooms	5/2/2025 9:01 PM
28	Maintaining Green Space. This is NOT the place to add more manmade structures.	5/2/2025 6:22 PM
29	Trails are already in good shape. Just need to continue to maintain them.	5/2/2025 2:53 PM
30	keep it simple. Trails, connectivity, parking on warrenville rd.	5/2/2025 7:54 AM
31	more native trees, plants to attract birds	5/1/2025 7:10 PM
32	Maintaining Herrick's integrity as a nature preserve first and foremost- not a play place for people. I would be interested in learning more about whether there are beavers (I believe there are lodges?) in Herrick Marsh and I would be interested in doing anything possible to support them if they are indeed in the marsh. I understand them to really be a keystone species and think this is the first time I have seen them in the Lisle/Naperville area, so I would be interested in seeing them stewarded- and believe it should be a priority for water and wildlife management given their benefits to both.	5/1/2025 9:23 AM
33	The park suits our needs.	4/30/2025 8:09 PM
34	Install a new boardwalk near the south shelter. Stock quality fish. Reintroduce ice fishing.	4/30/2025 5:09 PM
35	Keeping it beautiful, protected and safe, growing and protecting native species. Update Staff Facilities and use renewable energy to power the updated facilities. Make it as carbon neutral as possible. Improve accessibility for less abled individuals near the lake and main parking lot.	4/30/2025 12:55 PM
36	1)Re-plant redbuds that were cut down just south of the south parking lot. 2) Re-build split rail fences along west bridge area 3) Add a few more picnic tables on northeast side of lake. 4) If you tear down the south latrines, put in new ones or flush toilets	4/30/2025 11:55 AM
37	Long-term sustainability of plants and wildlife	4/30/2025 11:26 AM
38	taking care of the lake so it'll be there for generations to come	4/30/2025 8:25 AM
39	Covered picnic shelter for a larger group accommodation. A fishing pier would be great	4/29/2025 9:49 PM
40	Supporting wildlife habitat and biodiversity. Keeping natural spaces wide open.	4/29/2025 7:11 PM
41	Preserve natural areas, improve ecosystems	4/29/2025 4:10 PM
42	I'm ok with what you've prioritized.	4/29/2025 3:38 PM
43	Trail signage	4/29/2025 3:21 PM
44	More picnic shelters and other space rentals (e.g. cabin, rec room, small kitchen, or otherwise) - I would love to consider hosting events at the Forest Preserve if I knew I could reserve a space to do so.	4/29/2025 11:49 AM
45	Let the rest of the canopy of the forest grow. Keep up with pathways for bikes and walking. Put bluebells back where they were burned by pathway going south in the forest. Please remove the now dead and burnt trees laying around.. it really is a "gut punch" to see the clear cutting and dead black trees.. sad.	4/29/2025 9:18 AM
46	trails and visiting center	4/28/2025 5:58 PM
47	Benches along trails, picnic shelters, paddle boating, nature education	4/28/2025 4:01 PM
48	Maintaining the existing infrastructure, trail system and drainage. Perform standard maintenance and repair and replace items (boats, fences, sheds) as needed.	4/28/2025 1:00 PM
49	We love the trail connections at Herrick Lake and the variety of trails but wish there was another restroom stop between Herrick and Danada somewhere.	4/28/2025 10:53 AM
50	Providing more rest/picnic areas and flush bathrooms.	4/28/2025 10:41 AM
51	I think top priority for me would be making sure it stays an ecologically diverse area that is home to tons of species. I think the main task in the near future should be bettering the natural ecosystems.	4/28/2025 8:23 AM
52	I like the idea of offering bike and/or ski rentals	4/28/2025 6:02 AM

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53	Install a safer pedestrian crossing at Washington and Warrenville Rd intersection. It's dangerous when exiting park going south at that intersection. Need a "Pedestrian Only" period with all road traffic on Red when a pedestrian pushes the button.	4/27/2025 11:25 AM
54	maintain picnic area, some benches for hikers	4/27/2025 9:05 AM
55	Trail improvements	4/26/2025 11:29 AM
56	Trail improvements	4/26/2025 9:21 AM
57	Maintain the trails. Keep working on increasing the bio-diversity.	4/25/2025 9:01 PM
58	Benches, signs reminding bikers to slow down	4/25/2025 7:23 PM
59	Natural habitat maintenance, improvement.	4/25/2025 12:11 AM
60	Re-plant the redbud trees you cut down south of the south parking lot. Redbud trees are native to Illinois and the state tree. I am greatly saddened that they were cut down in the course of the 'restoration' project!	4/24/2025 3:38 PM
61	Growing at pace with the community needs and increased awareness of native species and natural habitat conservation awareness.	4/24/2025 3:33 PM
62	Natural habitat restoration and accessibility for those with mobility issues	4/24/2025 7:04 AM
63	??	4/23/2025 8:52 PM
64	maintenance	4/23/2025 9:01 AM
65	Maintaining the trails	4/23/2025 7:43 AM
66	Maintaining the natural habitat (I know you are doing this by removing invasive species - thank you!) and preserving the historic shelter.	4/23/2025 7:07 AM
67	Better programs for young people to connect with nature and learn how to conserve it	4/22/2025 1:58 PM
68	Signage, trail connections	4/22/2025 1:55 PM
69	maintaining quality of trails; promoting biodiversity & habitat restoration	4/22/2025 12:19 PM
70	Supporting wildlife habitats and biodiversity	4/22/2025 11:00 AM
71	Benches and resting areas along the trails	4/22/2025 10:15 AM
72	More biking single track. Chicago area mountain bikers (CAMBr) is a good resource.	4/21/2025 3:06 PM
73	Make it easier to "see" from the road what's there and for there to be no place to "hide" to reduce criminal activities. Make it family friendly like Whalon Lake. Currently looks overgrown, unkempt and not monitored	4/21/2025 12:57 PM
74	Building a berm and planting trees along the property line adjacent to the old Lucent property. East horizon is now scarred by a new neighborhood of very tall and large houses	4/21/2025 12:43 PM
75	The water quality of the lake needs to be improved. The water is so dirty	4/21/2025 10:16 AM
76	Wildlife Maintenance and Creating more natural barriers between the preserve property and the building developments.	4/21/2025 10:12 AM
77	Safety elements, washrooms, signage	4/21/2025 8:28 AM
78	Planting of wild flowers and new trees to grow. Would like to see planted flowers grow every year in several places along the path..	4/21/2025 7:37 AM
79	Clearing out the weed/junk trees etc. great job thus far- not sure if it is complete. Connecting trails. Planting trees to block the unfortunate housing development	4/21/2025 7:13 AM
80	Benches along the Trails	4/20/2025 9:35 PM
81	Maintaining trails and keeping wildlife and plant life healthy	4/20/2025 8:54 PM
82	Educational signage - for example, explaining what is done with the big marsh along the Green Heron trail - I think water levels are managed there.	4/20/2025 12:48 PM

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83	Educational opportunities and sustaining nature	4/20/2025 10:11 AM
84	draw the lake down and clear some of the under water debris and the mapping the bottom contour	4/20/2025 8:40 AM
85	Install more benches along existing paths and a restroom at halfway point.	4/19/2025 9:09 PM
86	Herrick Lake should not be over-developed. The current level of shelter areas, canoe rentals, trails, etc... is great and allows for recreational use.	4/19/2025 5:50 PM
87	Not allow ebikes / motorized vehicles on the trails.	4/19/2025 11:30 AM
88	EV chargers would be nice.	4/19/2025 9:07 AM
89	Moderate fish stocking	4/18/2025 5:44 PM
90	Additional picnic tables and fishing access.	4/18/2025 4:19 PM
91	Paddle board with rentals. There is no place in Dupage county to paddle board, very unfortunate.	4/18/2025 4:14 PM
92	Nature play space and preserving natural growth, nurturing the fishing	4/18/2025 4:09 PM
93	Improving trails for multiple users.also electric bike s go too fast and are a safety hazard	4/18/2025 1:16 PM
94	drinking water/bathroom	4/18/2025 12:56 PM
95	Plant trees to block the new townhouse development on Naper Blvd. Plant trees to fill in all the newly bare spots on the trail.	4/18/2025 12:31 PM
96	Add grass multiuse trails (horse paths)	4/18/2025 11:42 AM
97	Maintain what you have! Herrick Lake and surrounding trails are amazing!	4/18/2025 11:40 AM
98	Continue ecological restoration, especially improving water quality in Herrick Lake.	4/18/2025 11:31 AM
99	Preserve natural areas to promote safety for birds and animals... Also avoid nearby building growth, including houses.	4/18/2025 10:57 AM
100	Trail connections and "rest stops" - meaning benches. And continue restoration. It's looking great! My family walks the trails 2x/week most weeks. I love that the area is not too congested or too loud (so please please please don't set up play areas or large covered picnic areas). It is a respite for people who love nature and don't want to disturb the habitat.	4/18/2025 10:57 AM
101	Paddle board with rentals. There is no place in Dupage county to paddle board, very unfortunate.	4/18/2025 10:50 AM
102	Clean lakes, forestry services, stocking ponds for fishing	4/18/2025 10:50 AM
103	trail improvement	4/18/2025 10:27 AM
104	Additional Parking lot	4/18/2025 10:22 AM
105	Habitat restoration	4/18/2025 10:21 AM
106	Oak Savanna restoration	4/18/2025 10:19 AM
107	Habitat restoration.	4/18/2025 10:10 AM
108	I think they have always done a great job and trust them to continue their good work.	4/18/2025 10:08 AM
109	I use Herrick lake for walking, so I would like the maintenance of the trails.	4/18/2025 9:58 AM
110	Continued habitat restoration and educational resources for people to follow the journey	4/18/2025 9:07 AM
111	Signage so that more people can learn about the variety of plants and animals and ecosystems, and their importance	4/18/2025 8:09 AM
112	New outhouses	4/17/2025 9:29 PM
113	You've ruined this beautiful space by cutting down most of the trees. I'll be dead before it grows back.	4/17/2025 2:41 PM
114	I really think Herrick Lake is well maintained and already has a lot to offer. While I think there's	4/17/2025 8:51 AM

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always room for improvements, I think maintaining the natural areas and promoting sustainability and biodiversity are the top priorities. I would never want to see rushed improvements that sacrifice nature/trees/habitat/natural balance just for the sake of adding bells and whistles.

115	Expand the trails to connect fully on the East side of the lake	4/17/2025 6:54 AM
116	Keep it natural, don't turn it into an amusement park with commercial amenities.	4/16/2025 8:39 PM
117	Removing buckthorn thickets in the southeast corner of the preserve as well as managing the Herrick lake fishery to support larger Northern Pike	4/16/2025 2:35 PM
118	An 18 hole disc golf course.	4/15/2025 5:12 PM
119	Supporting wildlife and preserving natural areas.	4/15/2025 2:57 PM
120	Improve the accessibility of the trail around the lake. The trail becomes difficult to walk on because of ice and flooding,	4/15/2025 12:24 PM
121	The new housing development at the south end is horrible and I hate having to look at it when I run through. It would be great if there could be trees or other foliage planted to block the view of the new development.	4/15/2025 12:03 PM
122	Fishing amenities	4/15/2025 11:23 AM
123	Planting trees and making it an actual Forest Preserve again	4/15/2025 10:43 AM
124	Adding berms and/or trees/shrubbery to conceal the ugly Pulte subdivision from the eyes of those inside the park	4/15/2025 7:58 AM
125	Paddle board rentals	4/14/2025 7:33 PM
126	Natural area restoration	4/14/2025 6:03 PM
127	As accessible as possible for all non-motorized vehicles. We want to see promotion of less vehicles and more alternative transportation - biking, hiking, etc.	4/14/2025 1:31 PM
128	Accessibility for those in wheelchairs and strollers.	4/14/2025 9:42 AM
129	Additional pond and lake trails around currently inaccessible water features. Planting of additional trees.	4/14/2025 9:36 AM
130	Fishing Piers	4/14/2025 9:18 AM
131	Native plants and prairie restoration.	4/14/2025 6:35 AM
132	Add benches and connect trails	4/13/2025 8:46 PM
133	The interpretive signs would be helpful. Maybe a place to observe wildlife, like at McKee Marsh or Lincoln Marsh.	4/13/2025 7:37 PM
134	Maintaining the land and promoting trails, wildlife habitats and native plants.	4/13/2025 4:47 PM
135	I kind of like it not crowded so probably not much I would prefer. I believe this is the most used force preserved in DuPage	4/13/2025 3:41 PM
136	Continue to restore biodiversity	4/13/2025 2:56 PM
137	Maintaining the same quality that we had. I noticed that there is now a noisy ice cream truck taking up 5 parking spaces. Please relocate that out of the natural environment. It is noisy and unnatural. Parking spaces should be only used by those who come to enjoy Herrick Lake. If we want ice cream, we know where to find some (stores, etc.). Also, during the summer, parking spaces are hard to come by.	4/13/2025 2:41 PM
138	Continuing conservation and kayak launch	4/13/2025 10:22 AM
139	Full restoration of the natural habitat	4/13/2025 10:19 AM
140	Picnic shelters and things that encourage more people to enjoy nature and the outdoors. More people will want to protect it if they feel like they like spending time there.	4/13/2025 8:41 AM
141	More trail connections.	4/13/2025 8:17 AM

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142	Connecting the trails or making trail loops. Current routes are not ideal for walking, especially with pets.	4/12/2025 9:43 PM
143	Being able to use your own watercraft's.	4/12/2025 9:14 PM
144	I really like Herrick the way it is, I don't think it needs anything. It's well maintained, it doesn't seem too busy or crowded but there are always people there too.	4/12/2025 7:32 PM
145	Trails and benches	4/12/2025 6:07 PM
146	Flush restrooms. Then indoor space for rent	4/12/2025 5:41 PM
147	The less of the above things, the better, to me. Flush toilets at the Herrick Rd. entrance would perhaps be nice, but not if it disrupts the area for a long time. I do usually use those nonflush restrooms - wish they weren't so cold in winter, and didn't have so many bugs in summer. But I know I can walk to the restrooms at the opposite side of the lake if it is really cold.	4/12/2025 5:10 PM
148	Interpretive signage, keep natural	4/12/2025 4:34 PM
149	Flush toilets and more waste receptacles on trails other than just around the lake.	4/12/2025 4:29 PM
150	Flush toilets	4/12/2025 11:31 AM
151	Continuing with the ecological restoration in additional sections of the preserve.	4/12/2025 9:39 AM
152	Maintaining clean picnic areas and trails, adding one bench on each of the outlying trails.	4/12/2025 8:26 AM
153	Making the grounds accessible and easy for all to enjoy.	4/11/2025 9:31 PM
154	keeping trails in good shape; keeping facilities clean	4/11/2025 2:07 PM
155	Add/connect primitive paths through some of the wilder sections of the preserve. Connect current Herrick access to W side of Winfield, for hiking and biking.	4/11/2025 1:03 PM
156	Maintaining and restoring the natural areas	4/11/2025 12:51 PM
157	Trail connection to other forest preserves	4/11/2025 12:51 PM
158	Sustaining as much of the nature as possible , trail maintenance.	4/11/2025 12:36 PM
159	Continued nature restoration efforts.	4/11/2025 10:04 AM
160	Maintaining the beauty which already exists.	4/11/2025 9:56 AM
161	Flush washrooms	4/11/2025 9:55 AM
162	Continuing to restore the habitat to make it inviting for native species.	4/11/2025 9:18 AM
163	Maintain as "natural" no motorized anything. Educational signs are good.	4/11/2025 9:06 AM
164	Honestly it is beautiful. Trail maintenance, forestry maintenance and maybe event areas	4/11/2025 8:44 AM
165	seating on trails; signage; flush washrooms	4/11/2025 8:35 AM
166	trail maintenance	4/11/2025 8:13 AM
167	Maintaining trails. Restoring natural areas	4/11/2025 7:00 AM
168	Continued support of wildlife habitats and restoration of natural areas.	4/11/2025 6:18 AM
169	Thriving nature area.	4/11/2025 5:49 AM
170	Boat rental w trolling motors	4/11/2025 4:38 AM
171	Bike rentals seem like a great idea..we've wanted to bike there but it's too much effort to load all the bikes in the car. I'd love to see a nature playspace too, even a simple one. Indoor space rental also would be nice.	4/10/2025 10:51 PM
172	Continue to maintain the quality of the trails	4/10/2025 10:49 PM
173	Plant more mature trees at Herrick Lake. Offer trail connections to other preserves for longer hikes, 10+ miles. I prefer natural surface trails not asphalt.	4/10/2025 9:09 PM
174	Benches and rest areas along trails.	4/10/2025 9:08 PM

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175	Flush restrooms. Then indoor space for renta	4/10/2025 9:01 PM
176	Maintain the natural spaces	4/10/2025 8:51 PM
177	I prefer most aspects be kept as is. Improvements should focus on reducing any use of toxics/ plastics/ chemicals and increasing focus on preservation of native plants/ insects / animals. Please focus on ecosystems rather than hardscape/ recreation.	4/10/2025 7:30 PM
178	More Trails.	4/10/2025 4:30 PM
179	Restoring natural areas and improving trail connections.	4/10/2025 3:43 PM
180	Maintaining current and acquiring more space. Add additional crisscrossing trails to better explore the entire area.	4/10/2025 3:14 PM
181	Berm or landscaping separating what now seems like a whole housing development within the preserve. It is very unsightly and detracts from serenity of the preserve	4/10/2025 12:55 PM
182	Emphasis on hiking opportunities	4/9/2025 4:05 PM
183	Fish stocking	4/9/2025 3:49 PM
184	The ecological value of this preserve far outweighs the recreational value of the preserve. Although Herrick Lake is a great special-use area and has fantastic amenities, such as great trails, kayaking and fishing support infrastructure, and shelters, keeping these amenities towards the north end of the preserve, around the lake, will allow the south end of the preserve to continue to develop into a restored oak savanna, prairie and wetland ecosystem.	4/9/2025 12:35 PM
185	Reconsider using the aerators such that the lake is not a magnet for geese in the winter. Goose poop is a big problem when the aerators are on.	4/8/2025 2:05 PM
186	Benches or playscape	4/8/2025 1:21 PM
187	Keep it as is, it's beautiful! Enough has been done (and spent) with the prior "master plan" that was posted 5 years ago	4/7/2025 8:22 PM
188	Restoration	4/7/2025 3:27 PM
189	Screening view of new homes. I know that trees have been planted. Prohibit encroachments and informal path connections to private property.	4/7/2025 12:32 PM
190	Flush washrooms	4/7/2025 12:23 PM
191	Herrick Lake is used for a variety of purposes. The focus should be on those amenities that are not in other areas, but still provide an important opportunity for the public. This would include the Cabin rental for scouts and the boat rental & concession area.	4/7/2025 9:14 AM
192	Benches along path or signage	4/6/2025 10:04 PM
193	Trying to keep the drinking fountains working.	4/6/2025 7:11 PM
194	Benches to provide places for seniors to walk who need to rest often. And pathways that are somewhat smooth so they don't stumble Might be also good for seniors with canes.	4/6/2025 3:48 PM
195	Maintenance of existing amenities	4/5/2025 3:40 PM
196	Boat launches, education programs, restrooms, stocking as needef	4/5/2025 11:31 AM
197	Continued restoration and removal of invasive dense brush, making it better for wildlife and giving visitors more interesting things to see like wildflowers.	4/5/2025 10:28 AM
198	Trail signage.	4/5/2025 9:37 AM
199	Nature preservation and accessible trails	4/5/2025 4:37 AM
200	Preserving habitat and ecosystems for native plants and animals, promoting education about wildlife and reducing noise and light pollution that can affect the habitat quality. Safe trails are important but disruption to native areas should be minimized wherever possible. We need wetlands and native species.	4/4/2025 9:20 PM
201	Flush toilets	4/4/2025 8:33 PM
202	I'd like a few more benches along the trails.	4/4/2025 3:36 PM

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203	I support the existing invasive tree/plant removal efforts currently underway.	4/4/2025 1:57 PM
204	Swimming beach!	4/4/2025 12:23 PM
205	Protecting natural areas and wildlife habitat	4/4/2025 11:51 AM
206	Picnic shelters would be nice.	4/4/2025 11:50 AM
207	Keep it natural!	4/4/2025 11:12 AM
208	prairie/natural area restoration, benches/resting areas, & cross country ski rental.	4/4/2025 10:45 AM
209	prairie/natural area restoration, benches/resting areas, & cross country ski rental.	4/4/2025 10:44 AM
210	Maintaining native plant and animal communities; accessibility improvements	4/4/2025 10:35 AM
211	Not developing land that is currently undeveloped	4/4/2025 10:30 AM
212	Trail preservation	4/4/2025 9:27 AM
213	It would be great to capitalize on the unique nature of the lake, and it's history to restore the lake to it's pre-colonization state, and provide a unique opportunity for visitors to witness such a thing.	4/4/2025 9:27 AM
214	Restoration of denuded meadows and forest.	4/4/2025 8:38 AM
215	Close golf courses to stop algae bloom	4/4/2025 8:33 AM
216	Nature restoration it takes the longest Then educational activities that build buy in and signage why it's important	4/4/2025 8:16 AM
217	restoring native plants and trees	4/4/2025 8:16 AM
218	Plant shade trees to replace what was cut down recently	4/4/2025 8:13 AM
219	better flush toilet facilities	4/4/2025 8:12 AM
220	Restoring natural areas and making sure there is a diverse population of fish and other wildlife	4/4/2025 7:55 AM
221	(1) more pavilion (covered) , ADA access boy scout project?	4/4/2025 7:53 AM
222	A flush toilet on west side by pavilion	4/4/2025 7:51 AM
223	Improved bathrooms.	4/3/2025 11:03 PM
224	none in particular, just less wanton destruction of the nature areas we are blessed with.	4/3/2025 10:50 PM
225	Restoring natural areas with native species	4/3/2025 10:18 PM
226	Trail maintenance and preservation of native plants and trees	4/3/2025 10:18 PM
227	Paved path around lake	4/3/2025 10:15 PM
228	Completing the habitat restoration started with the clear-cutting of non-native trees in the SW corner of the property and improving signage along the trails, including distances	4/3/2025 9:05 PM
229	habitat restoration & protection- the forest preserve district of DuPage county wouldn't exist without the forests :)	4/3/2025 8:48 PM
230	I thought that Herrick Lake F.P. was fine the way it was, before you cut down all of the trees and before those houses were built along side of it. I would like to have more trees so it actually looks like a forest preserve. And change the outhouse building to flush toilets.	4/3/2025 8:40 PM
231	maintain the wildlife and the trails.	4/3/2025 8:13 PM
232	Improved lake quality. Larger indoor overnight space for youth groups.	4/3/2025 7:51 PM
233	Continue the restoration process in both the woodlands and the prairie areas	4/3/2025 7:48 PM
234	Preservation	4/3/2025 7:12 PM
235	We prefer an emphasis in some areas of nature and quiet access to walking, hiking, bird watching, and beautiful trees.	4/3/2025 7:03 PM

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236	More family/community oriented, when we come it's for one thing instead making a day of it. DuPage needs more on this side of the county for families and camps.	4/3/2025 6:32 PM
237	Flush washrooms. We have an adult daughter with disabilities; flush washrooms would make it easier.	4/3/2025 6:31 PM
238	Maintain natural resources for relaxation. Add more benches on pathways to be more accessible for mobility challenged	4/3/2025 5:52 PM
239	Keeping the part clean and open,	4/3/2025 5:45 PM
240	Protecting the open land and keeping the water clean	4/3/2025 5:41 PM
241	allow private kayaks and canoes	4/3/2025 5:27 PM
242	A few more picnic tables and benches.	4/3/2025 5:24 PM
243	Preserving the Lake. Planting more wild flowers.	4/3/2025 5:18 PM
244	We should maintain what we have. It is great as it is	4/3/2025 4:50 PM
245	I'm open to whatever improvements the district has in mind, but my primary goal would be to maintain the beautiful trails we have.	4/3/2025 4:49 PM
246	benches and parking lots	4/3/2025 4:48 PM
247	To be honest, it is great like it is, so there is not a big need to do anything. Of the options above, I would put the fishing pier first.	4/3/2025 4:41 PM
248	Preserving it's natural environment	4/3/2025 4:40 PM
249	CLEAN UP LAKESHORES	4/3/2025 4:39 PM
250	Kayak launches and allowing properly cleaned personal watercraft, not just rentals.	4/3/2025 4:26 PM
251	Maintain the natural habitats	4/3/2025 4:20 PM
252	Tree planting along trails, preserving nature for animals	4/3/2025 4:02 PM
253	Fixing habitat	4/3/2025 3:53 PM
254	Preservation	4/3/2025 3:24 PM
255	Keep maintaining the trails; they really are amazing. Possibly extend hours for the refreshment stand.	4/3/2025 3:19 PM
256	We would love to see a parking lot at the south end of the preserve by the Washington St. stoplight. If it could have a restroom (no porta potty), that would be great.	4/3/2025 3:18 PM
257	Fishing piers	4/3/2025 3:14 PM
258	Increased water quality	4/3/2025 3:13 PM
259	A nature play area would be so wonderful. Bathrooms	4/3/2025 3:09 PM
260	Maintains the trails with older folks in mind	4/3/2025 3:06 PM
261	• More trail signage, update faded signs. • Another pier so kids can "get out in the middle" of the water • Please NO rentals of motorized ANYTHING!	4/3/2025 2:51 PM
262	Maintaining trails	4/3/2025 2:36 PM
263	Accessible kayak launch	4/3/2025 2:35 PM
264	Trail benches	4/3/2025 2:25 PM
265	Continue the restoration of removing invasive species and planting native species; protect the water quality of the lake	4/3/2025 2:09 PM
266	Continue the effort in clearing invasive plants and restoring ecosystems	4/3/2025 2:08 PM
267	A few more picnic tables and benches.	4/3/2025 2:06 PM
268	Educational signage is nice. More trash cans. Water pump station (i like them for my dog to	4/3/2025 1:52 PM

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	drink from).	
269	Continue the habitat improvement.	4/3/2025 1:48 PM
270	Preservation/restoration/conservation first, overlooks or birdhides would be cool and encourage people to sit and enjoy nature	4/3/2025 1:43 PM
271	places to rest besides broken picnic tables that people drag around	4/3/2025 1:39 PM
272	I'm open to whatever improvements the district has in mind, but my primary goal would be to maintain the beautiful trails we have.	4/3/2025 1:34 PM
273	Trails	4/3/2025 1:34 PM
274	Accessibility	4/3/2025 1:31 PM
275	Improving/supporting naturalized areas, wildlife protection, trail maintenance, trail safety	4/3/2025 1:26 PM
276	Maintaining the flora and keeping it clean and free of manmade pollution.	4/3/2025 1:14 PM
277	Make improvements that minimize long-term operating expenses and maintenance needs. Focus on nature and its protection.	4/3/2025 9:39 AM
278	Nature play spaces and clearly marked trail connections are first to my mind. The play spaces accommodate families of young kids / toddlers. We love meeting up with families there, for instance, but it can be hard for families of toddlers to linger for long. The clearly marked trails would be helpful because it can be easy to lose one's way through the system of trails.	4/2/2025 9:00 AM
279	Habitat maintenance while keeping trails well.	4/1/2025 5:15 PM
280	Natural habitat restoration.	4/1/2025 3:47 PM
281	Quicker drying of the crushed limestone on trails, especially in late winter/ early spring. I see how better drain pipes were installed, but the flat trails hold water and make for sloppy dog walking.	3/28/2025 9:54 PM

Q15 What would you like to see more of at Herrick Lake?

Answered: 231 Skipped: 146

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Water activities and picnic areas	5/9/2025 7:24 PM
2	Wayfinding at larger font so easier for cyclists to see	5/9/2025 12:03 PM
3	Maybe more educational signage, my family loves to read all the signs we come across.	5/9/2025 7:00 AM
4	Oak saplings, planted and watered.	5/6/2025 8:19 PM
5	Educational signage, natural wetland areas around the lake instead of mowed grass and rockwork	5/6/2025 6:10 PM
6	Signage	5/6/2025 1:56 PM
7	A few nature classes/walks might be good. Teaching people how to care for nature and why it's important.	5/6/2025 9:24 AM
8	Signage on trails showing the way and how much farther it is to a destination along the trail.	5/5/2025 8:10 PM
9	It is a nice experience now. No real changes called for.	5/5/2025 2:51 PM
10	interpretive signage	5/4/2025 9:18 PM
11	Improve trail connections with St James farm and areas to the West.	5/4/2025 9:20 AM
12	Improvement to bathroom facilities	5/4/2025 8:06 AM
13	Unsure	5/4/2025 12:35 AM
14	Nature	5/3/2025 7:21 PM
15	Nature preservation. That's it. Don't complicate this.	5/3/2025 5:43 PM
16	porta potties on the trail	5/3/2025 5:41 PM
17	Educational signage about native species.	5/3/2025 9:35 AM
18	Non-rental Kayak and paddleboard.	5/3/2025 8:35 AM
19	Rest spots	5/3/2025 7:04 AM
20	Connections to other trails	5/3/2025 6:44 AM
21	Trees, paths.	5/2/2025 6:22 PM
22	Trails	5/2/2025 4:04 PM
23	nothing	5/2/2025 2:53 PM
24	its perfect as is	5/2/2025 7:54 AM
25	A parking area and access point along Warrenville road.	5/1/2025 9:36 PM
26	a lot of trees were cut down and I miss them- really not much as shade and fall foliage.	5/1/2025 7:10 PM
27	A parking area and access point along Warrenville road.	5/1/2025 1:52 PM
28	Signage as to some of the species that inhabit it	5/1/2025 9:23 AM
29	A parking area and access point along Warrenville road.	4/30/2025 8:22 PM
30	Trail and access around the smaller west side of Herrick. Also more access to the nice flagstones; some parts overgrown with bushes and tree limbs.	4/30/2025 5:09 PM
31	Volunteer recruitment and internship opportunities	4/30/2025 12:55 PM

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32	Keep it natural!	4/30/2025 11:55 AM
33	A natural play area, such as the one at Lincoln Marsh, would be wonderful	4/30/2025 11:26 AM
34	flush toilets and bike racks near those and wayfinding signs if you're adding new trails	4/30/2025 8:25 AM
35	Nothing, I think the park is wonderful.	4/29/2025 9:49 PM
36	ranger led bird walks	4/29/2025 4:10 PM
37	Concessions?	4/29/2025 3:21 PM
38	See above	4/29/2025 9:18 AM
39	more trails and boats to ride n	4/28/2025 5:58 PM
40	Flushing restrooms and water fountains, new picnic tables, additional trash cans to keep the park clean	4/28/2025 4:01 PM
41	Adding single track, hiking-only trails that veer off the main trail would be a great, low-cost improvement.	4/28/2025 1:00 PM
42	A little more shade on the trails would be nice.	4/28/2025 10:53 AM
43	Trails.	4/28/2025 10:41 AM
44	I would love to see access to the lake more often, similarly to Blackwell it would be very cool to see kayak rentals on the lake to explore a different way.	4/28/2025 8:23 AM
45	Birds....	4/28/2025 6:02 AM
46	benches, fishing areas	4/27/2025 9:05 AM
47	Maybe fishing pier at north end of lake. Maybe.	4/26/2025 11:29 AM
48	Maybe fishing pier at north end of lake. Maybe.	4/26/2025 9:21 AM
49	More benches along the trails.	4/25/2025 9:01 PM
50	Maybe some opportunity for art installations like St. James did	4/25/2025 7:23 PM
51	Put that little boardwalk bridge back in.If it is not there now. Bird watching. Nature education. It is a good picnic spot, so open space for games.	4/25/2025 1:51 PM
52	Benches along the trail! Some of us don't get around as well as we once did, and long, benchless trails limit us to the mob scene around the lake.	4/25/2025 12:11 AM
53	Naturalness	4/24/2025 3:38 PM
54	Continued efforts tow.ducate the public on the habitat and conservation awareness. Making visitors to the parks feel like they can be a part of the preserves and parks and thar it's an asset that's handed down to future generations when managed well.	4/24/2025 3:33 PM
55	Animals!	4/24/2025 7:04 AM
56	Improve signage	4/23/2025 9:47 PM
57	More trees. I don't like that most of them have been cut down! A playground for small children would be nice.	4/23/2025 8:52 PM
58	Trails and benches along the trails.	4/23/2025 9:01 AM
59	Connecting trails and accessibilty for kayaks WITHOUT HAVING TO RENT THEM (I have my own)	4/23/2025 7:43 AM
60	Programs for kids	4/22/2025 1:58 PM
61	Like it as is.	4/22/2025 1:55 PM
62	Signage about the local fauna and habitat	4/22/2025 11:00 AM
63	See paddle boards, paddle boats, see canoes, fishing, see drones, see kites, see campfires and tents..naturalists leading walks...lots of activities and bridal showers in a rental of a building on site that's pretty with windows...	4/21/2025 12:57 PM

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64	More small groves of pine trees. Even if they may not be native they are beautiful and smell great and provide another color besides grey and brown during late fall, winter, and early spring.	4/21/2025 12:43 PM
65	See above	4/21/2025 10:12 AM
66	Rental spaces to move parties to dedicated picnic/event areas to preserve the peace of the preserves.	4/21/2025 8:28 AM
67	A few more garbage cans and small plastic bags scattered throughout the entire trail so that people will throw out their dog poo instead of leave it out.	4/21/2025 7:37 AM
68	A couple more piers	4/21/2025 7:13 AM
69	NATURE	4/20/2025 9:35 PM
70	A few more trash cans along the trails. People always leave dog poop in bags. I think the preserve does a good job of keeping it clean but it's still lame people leave it.	4/20/2025 8:54 PM
71	Protection and improvement of the habitats - maybe some wildflower planting or brush cleaning if necessary.	4/20/2025 12:48 PM
72	Accessible trails, nature center	4/20/2025 10:11 AM
73	Wildlife	4/19/2025 9:09 PM
74	Preserved natural space.	4/19/2025 5:50 PM
75	fish	4/18/2025 5:44 PM
76	As above, yoga classes outdoors, wellness events.	4/18/2025 4:14 PM
77	Nature plat	4/18/2025 4:09 PM
78	Wide. Narrow trail segments	4/18/2025 1:16 PM
79	clean water access	4/18/2025 12:56 PM
80	Trees.	4/18/2025 12:31 PM
81	Grass trails, singletrack mountain bike trails.	4/18/2025 11:42 AM
82	Would love to see trails connected to other trails. For example, connection to Morton Arboretum? Also is there a way to create a path along Butterfield for running and bike traffic (to connect to Leask trail head).	4/18/2025 11:40 AM
83	More connections to switch trails would be great. Right now there are several large loops to choose from (which works - but it would be nice to be able to jump between them)	4/18/2025 10:57 AM
84	As above, yoga classes outdoors, wellness events.	4/18/2025 10:50 AM
85	opportunities to use the water - kayak or paddleboats	4/18/2025 10:27 AM
86	Trees	4/18/2025 10:22 AM
87	Woodland trails for walkers only that break from the main trail.	4/18/2025 10:21 AM
88	Educational information on environmental sustainability and what people can do themselves and how to give feedback to government entities.	4/18/2025 10:19 AM
89	Interpretive signs, or flower/plant ID guides for people to check out. How about a binocular/book checkout to get people interacting w nature?	4/18/2025 10:10 AM
90	Perhaps more distance variety for walkers	4/18/2025 9:58 AM
91	Trees	4/17/2025 2:41 PM
92	Would absolutely love a camping area or cabin rentals!	4/17/2025 8:51 AM
93	Benches, trail connection for longer bike and walking	4/17/2025 6:54 AM
94	Restoration of natural habitat including prairie.	4/16/2025 8:39 PM
95	Northern Pike	4/16/2025 2:35 PM

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96	Na	4/15/2025 5:12 PM
97	Wildlife	4/15/2025 2:57 PM
98	Shaded benches	4/15/2025 12:24 PM
99	animal habitats more "forest" volunteer trash pickup along Herrick road	4/15/2025 11:23 AM
100	Non-gravel paths through some of the other areas of the preserve	4/15/2025 10:43 AM
101	More concealment of outside civilization at other spots along the Herrick Lake path.	4/15/2025 7:58 AM
102	Guided events	4/14/2025 7:33 PM
103	Understory shrubs and Forbes in the areas where trees have been removed	4/14/2025 6:03 PM
104	Bike rentals are a great idea.	4/14/2025 1:31 PM
105	More handicapped parking	4/14/2025 9:42 AM
106	Forrest's. Boating.	4/14/2025 9:36 AM
107	Educational events	4/14/2025 9:18 AM
108	Walkway through the wetland restored.	4/14/2025 6:35 AM
109	Conservation efforts	4/13/2025 8:46 PM
110	The idea of a cabin sounds neat as far as being able to rent a space for a gathering. I would also like some signs.	4/13/2025 7:37 PM
111	Perhaps some trash receptacles at trail junctures.	4/13/2025 4:47 PM
112	Wildlife	4/13/2025 3:41 PM
113	I love it as is. The natural beauty, the wildlife, the lake, the trails, and the location has become of my life. Please continue to maintain it as it has been.	4/13/2025 2:41 PM
114	Diversity. Encouraging people of all races to be out enjoying nature. There is a feeling among African Americans that they are not welcome in nature.	4/13/2025 8:41 AM
115	Events.	4/13/2025 8:17 AM
116	Trash cans	4/12/2025 9:43 PM
117	Being able to use your own watercraft's.... Please!	4/12/2025 9:14 PM
118	Benches on trails	4/12/2025 6:07 PM
119	Restore natural habitats	4/12/2025 5:41 PM
120	Trees, bushes, underbrush, shade!!! I am upset by recent changes, but I was also saddened when the ugly subdivision was built in the back a couple of years ago, and the tall green bushes were removed. Now all the houses loom over that back section. It used to be pretty when you came down the hill through the woods out into the prairie, but now - ugh. I wish some fast growing tall green hedges could be planted back there so it would look like prairie and woods again, and block that subdivision from view. It is just an eyesore.	4/12/2025 5:10 PM
121	Wildlife, wildflowers	4/12/2025 4:34 PM
122	Flush toilets and more waste receptacles on trails other than just around the lake.	4/12/2025 4:29 PM
123	Trail maintenance	4/12/2025 11:31 AM
124	More eco-friendly water activities, like pedal boats (no motor).	4/12/2025 9:39 AM
125	More park district personnel to offer scheduled interpretative information about the site and area	4/12/2025 8:26 AM
126	More benches for resting along the lake path. More options for picnics. . idea of having motorized scooters for rent is excellent.	4/11/2025 9:31 PM
127	Senior friendly perks such as benches and accessible piers	4/11/2025 4:33 PM

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128	Bird & animal identification - things you might see along the trails	4/11/2025 2:07 PM
129	Wildlife.	4/11/2025 1:03 PM
130	Cross country skiing	4/11/2025 12:51 PM
131	Upgraded bathroom facilities	4/11/2025 12:36 PM
132	Youth progrreams(both youth within and outside of youth groups).	4/11/2025 10:04 AM
133	More shelters with picnic tables along the trail. Now that you have removed so many trees we need some shaded rest areas	4/11/2025 9:55 AM
134	More transparency on the cutting down of trees and why.	4/11/2025 8:44 AM
135	interpretive signage;	4/11/2025 8:35 AM
136	wildlife and natural habitat restoration, prairie plants	4/11/2025 8:13 AM
137	Benches and pollinator native plants	4/11/2025 7:00 AM
138	Trails, but there are already many that are wonderful.	4/11/2025 6:18 AM
139	A few more benches.	4/11/2025 5:49 AM
140	Fish	4/11/2025 4:38 AM
141	An indoor space would be nice. We love being outdoors, but on days with fickle weather it helps to have a shelter for breaks if needed. Especially if it's an indoor space with lots of windows and books, and somewhere for kids to play. We love the library room at isle a la cache in winter, where you can sit and watch birds at a feeder right outside the window. A kids natural playspace would be great too. Maybe more kids events?	4/10/2025 10:51 PM
142	Trees since so many have been cut down	4/10/2025 10:49 PM
143	Mature trees for shade.	4/10/2025 9:09 PM
144	Rangers to assist hikers.	4/10/2025 9:08 PM
145	Restore natural habitats	4/10/2025 9:01 PM
146	Biodiversity and wildlife habitats, garbage cans	4/10/2025 8:51 PM
147	Native insects, birds, and other animals.	4/10/2025 7:30 PM
148	It is, in my opinion, perfect!	4/10/2025 4:30 PM
149	Return of habitats. I'm guessing there was a reason for all the deforestation that's recently happened in ALL of DuPage County Forest Preserve areas. But where did all the wildlife go? What is the plan for bringing it back?	4/10/2025 3:14 PM
150	Trees blocking view is houses	4/10/2025 12:55 PM
151	Fish	4/9/2025 4:05 PM
152	Nature walks	4/9/2025 3:49 PM
153	Restored natural areas. Keep up the great work NRM! In the unrestored area east of the CCC shelter, consider a native-shrubby understory to replace the non-native woody vegetation. I love the oak recovery initiative, however, the clean savanna understory is negatively impacting ground nesting woodland birds species.	4/9/2025 12:35 PM
154	Native plants	4/8/2025 1:21 PM
155	Better signage and maintenance of cross-country skiing separate from walking/running.	4/8/2025 11:32 AM
156	The flora and fauna that IS there now. Someone/staff (not contractors) out on the trails eliciting feedback and sharing information. Most of the people I run into there (at least twice monthly) are not happy or don't understand what is going on. Sometimes when you are too close to a "Plan" you fail to see or share the larger picture - i.e. biases	4/7/2025 8:22 PM
157	Landscape restoration.	4/7/2025 12:32 PM
158	Scenic views	4/7/2025 12:23 PM

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159	I would like to see more police officers on the trail. I feel safer when I see them on their bicycles or walking around.	4/7/2025 9:14 AM
160	Parking?	4/6/2025 10:04 PM
161	Notices to join the volunteer work days.	4/6/2025 7:11 PM
162	Protecting the areas and saving natural resources. More restrooms.	4/6/2025 11:39 AM
163	Nothing	4/5/2025 3:40 PM
164	Better marked nature trails	4/5/2025 12:05 PM
165	See abovr	4/5/2025 11:31 AM
166	Birds and flowers	4/5/2025 10:28 AM
167	Night hikes.	4/5/2025 9:37 AM
168	benches	4/5/2025 6:41 AM
169	Paved trails for access	4/5/2025 4:37 AM
170	Information! Birdwatching opportunities and signage about frequent local species could spark interest in our feathered friends and more respect for the amazing quality of our local habitats. I'd also be excited for some of the areas that were recently cleared to be replanted or to grow back with higher quality trees, native plants, and ground cover.	4/4/2025 9:20 PM
171	Benches	4/4/2025 9:07 PM
172	Benches	4/4/2025 8:33 PM
173	Benches and signage	4/4/2025 3:36 PM
174	Wood duck habitat or "houses" located in the marsh areas to attract this waterfowl.	4/4/2025 1:57 PM
175	Swimming beach / unrestricted access to water	4/4/2025 12:23 PM
176	Accessible fishing spots	4/4/2025 11:51 AM
177	If you intend to tear down the outhouses near the south parking lot, please put up new ones, flush or non-flush	4/4/2025 11:12 AM
178	Educational signage similar to Morton Arboretum that teaches about nature	4/4/2025 10:45 AM
179	Educational signage similar to Morton Arboretum that teaches about nature	4/4/2025 10:44 AM
180	Accessibility improvements and recreational equipment rentals to match Arrowhead's cross-country ski and snowshoe rentals	4/4/2025 10:35 AM
181	Signage related to sustainability and education	4/4/2025 9:27 AM
182	native plants, and wildlife	4/4/2025 9:27 AM
183	carefulness about the short term as well as the long term.	4/4/2025 8:38 AM
184	Swimming and Beaches	4/4/2025 8:33 AM
185	See above	4/4/2025 8:16 AM
186	opening of mudflats, restrict boating to only the large lake	4/4/2025 8:16 AM
187	Benches and trees	4/4/2025 8:13 AM
188	More educational signage & opportunities for learning about nature. More signage about trail usage rules. E-bike speed? Safety rules on the trails!	4/4/2025 8:12 AM
189	More bass and some fishing piers.	4/4/2025 7:55 AM
190	Eagles I know you can't control that!	4/4/2025 7:51 AM
191	Bathrooms and drinking fountains/water bottle fillers.	4/3/2025 11:03 PM
192	control the destruction of plants, trees, animals, insects etc - more signage. Do some	4/3/2025 10:50 PM

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surveying to better understand what's trying to survive before you proceed with any more destroying

193	Places to rest along trails	4/3/2025 10:18 PM
194	Wildlife	4/3/2025 10:16 PM
195	Bike paths- dedicated just for cycling!	4/3/2025 8:48 PM
196	TREES!!!	4/3/2025 8:40 PM
197	Bathrooms	4/3/2025 8:13 PM
198	Continued landscape nature improvement.	4/3/2025 7:51 PM
199	More of the same	4/3/2025 7:12 PM
200	Camps and family centered activities	4/3/2025 6:32 PM
201	Benches	4/3/2025 5:52 PM
202	Picnic tables, benches	4/3/2025 5:24 PM
203	Picnic tables	4/3/2025 5:18 PM
204	I think it is good as it is	4/3/2025 4:50 PM
205	water fountains	4/3/2025 4:48 PM
206	Habitat to attract birds and native pollinators	4/3/2025 4:40 PM
207	LAKESHORES FREE OF FISHING LINE, HOOKS and other fishing trash.	4/3/2025 4:39 PM
208	Leave it as natural as possible and improve habitat for animals and birds.	4/3/2025 4:29 PM
209	more trails	4/3/2025 4:27 PM
210	Hands on/ experiential programs	4/3/2025 4:26 PM
211	Wildlife	4/3/2025 4:20 PM
212	More trees along the trails, gets way too hot in summer w/o shade. Also signs at intersections of the trail, cross trails get confusing	4/3/2025 4:02 PM
213	Canoe /kayak lessons	4/3/2025 3:53 PM
214	More of the same	4/3/2025 3:24 PM
215	More benches along the paths; perhaps solicit donors to fund them in memorial to a loved one in order to save cost.	4/3/2025 3:19 PM
216	Trees Some areas looking awfully bare recently	4/3/2025 3:18 PM
217	Fish stocking/management	4/3/2025 3:14 PM
218	Concessions/boat rental have never been open any time I've been.	4/3/2025 3:09 PM
219	Signage so I don't get lost	4/3/2025 3:06 PM
220	Flush toilets and benches	4/3/2025 2:47 PM
221	Water fountains	4/3/2025 2:36 PM
222	Another path option to cut through from the green heron trail to the regional trail. Would like to see more bird houses, bat boxes, bug boxes to attract more critters. Trash cans along path so people stop ditching their dog waste on the trail edge.	4/3/2025 2:08 PM
223	Picnic tables, benches	4/3/2025 2:06 PM
224	More pine trees and flowers! It would be great to have some wild flowers and gardens in and around the lake. Boating looks fun, but I dont think its promoted well enough. I would like to see it more available and easy to rent and use.	4/3/2025 1:52 PM
225	Picnic spots for me to set up a blanket on the ground, preferably under a tree and within a mowed/lower growing area with a scenic view. Need a couple more resting spots around the	4/3/2025 1:43 PM

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	larger loop.	
226	wayfinding signage- lots of people think it's just the lake	4/3/2025 1:39 PM
227	Restrooms, drinking fountains, benches along trails and garbage cans. Dog poop bags/stations would also be nice, so people pick up after their dogs, especially in winter.	4/3/2025 1:26 PM
228	better directions on the hiking/biking paths. Rather than just the arrows. Distance markers.	4/3/2025 1:14 PM
229	Natural areas/habitat improvement.	4/3/2025 9:39 AM
230	Apart from what's already been listed, it's a wonderful place.	4/2/2025 9:00 AM
231	A fishing pier or two would encourage young people (future taxpayers) to visit more to fish.	3/28/2025 9:54 PM

Q16 What would you like to see less of at Herrick Lake?

Answered: 185 Skipped: 192

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	None	5/9/2025 7:24 PM
2	Fast cyclists	5/9/2025 12:03 PM
3	Destruction of undergrowth, including oak and other saplings too small for you to notice.	5/6/2025 8:19 PM
4	Less improper cleanup when people leave their family picnic. Sad.	5/6/2025 9:24 AM
5	Can't think of anything.	5/5/2025 8:10 PM
6	Looking forward and from the tone and content of this survey, I think a big watchout may be crowd control in the future. Not sure how you are measuring attendance or what your objectives are, but I think this should be a consideration for potentially harming wildlife down the road as well as making the experience less optimal if things get too crowded.	5/5/2025 2:51 PM
7	Less massive cutting of the forests.	5/5/2025 1:24 PM
8	invasive species	5/4/2025 9:18 PM
9	Encroaching development! Disappointed that homes were allowed to be built directly adjacent to/over looking the open areas of the preserve.	5/4/2025 9:20 AM
10	Unsure	5/4/2025 12:35 AM
11	Crowds	5/3/2025 7:21 PM
12	Human clutter.	5/3/2025 5:43 PM
13	.	5/3/2025 5:41 PM
14	Nothing	5/3/2025 9:35 AM
15	Invasive species.	5/3/2025 8:35 AM
16	na	5/3/2025 6:44 AM
17	Less clear cutting	5/3/2025 12:20 AM
18	Construction projects.	5/2/2025 6:22 PM
19	People and pets wrecking the groomed ski trails.	5/2/2025 4:04 PM
20	nothing	5/2/2025 2:53 PM
21	Dead leaves, branches and debris collect at the north side of the main lake and is an eye sore. . It really does need to be better maintained.	4/30/2025 5:09 PM
22	1)Two thumbs down on food trucks. The food truck there now runs it's motor non-stop and plays music which takes away rom the naturalness of the preserve 2) Signage 3) Benches dedicated to dead people. It's not a cemetary. Plant a tree instead	4/30/2025 11:55 AM
23	N/A	4/29/2025 9:49 PM
24	Nothing	4/29/2025 3:21 PM
25	Burning, tree cutting (except for damaging, dead, or dangerous trees)	4/29/2025 9:18 AM
26	less traffick of cars	4/28/2025 5:58 PM
27	N/A	4/28/2025 4:01 PM
28	I would really, really like it if we could do more to encourage dog-owners to clean up.	4/28/2025 1:00 PM

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29	very crowded by the lake -- other spots for picnics?	4/28/2025 10:53 AM
30	Organized activities and events.	4/28/2025 10:41 AM
31	Nothing I can think of	4/28/2025 8:23 AM
32	fast bike riders	4/27/2025 9:05 AM
33	No cabins.	4/26/2025 11:29 AM
34	No cabins.	4/26/2025 9:21 AM
35	Bicyclists that go too fast and pass walkers too closely	4/25/2025 7:23 PM
36	Disrespectful bicyclers. No one likes that.	4/25/2025 1:51 PM
37	On weekends? People.	4/25/2025 12:11 AM
38	NO food trucks. They keep their motors running and play music detracting from the naturalness of Herrick. Keep signage to a minimum.	4/24/2025 3:38 PM
39	Displaced squirrels from all of the tree clearing for the habitat restoration. I feel bad for them loosing their tree homes, I know it's for a good reason, it was a hard realization about the downsides.	4/24/2025 3:33 PM
40	Off-leash dogs	4/24/2025 7:04 AM
41	Geese	4/23/2025 9:47 PM
42	Can't think of anything	4/23/2025 8:52 PM
43	The reinforced shoreline around the actual lake is a bit of an eyesore in some places.	4/23/2025 7:07 AM
44	Unleashed dogs	4/22/2025 1:58 PM
45	Dog poop	4/22/2025 11:00 AM
46	Loud car stereos, loitering in cars with doors open, no dupage forest preserve agents visible, litter. Seems a little like Cook Co. forest preserve at the moment.	4/21/2025 12:57 PM
47	Less clearing wooded areas. Open spaces are beautiful and improves habitat for some animals but clearing too much open space loses the feel of being in the true outdoors. Do not want Herrick Lake to become a like Central Park where there's too many trails and people compared to nature	4/21/2025 12:43 PM
48	Encroachment by private development on borders of the preserve	4/21/2025 10:12 AM
49	Nothing to add here	4/21/2025 7:13 AM
50	Human interference	4/20/2025 9:35 PM
51	Less dog poop bags left on trails	4/20/2025 8:54 PM
52	Please don't just cut down trees indiscriminately... There are some semi-hidden internal paths, but please don't widen or pave them.	4/20/2025 12:48 PM
53	Boats	4/20/2025 10:11 AM
54	Overdevelopment.	4/19/2025 5:50 PM
55	ebikes / motorized vehicles on the trails	4/19/2025 11:30 AM
56	people	4/18/2025 5:44 PM
57	N/a	4/18/2025 4:09 PM
58	Bikes particularly electric bikes	4/18/2025 1:16 PM
59	home development	4/18/2025 12:56 PM
60	Views of the condos, Open space where you can now see through from the trails to Warrentville Road.	4/18/2025 12:31 PM
61	Would love to see less scooters and e-bikes (really any and all motorized vehicles) on the	4/18/2025 11:40 AM

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path. I know this is the rule but it is not enforced. Need more ranger presence on the trails to truly enforce.

62	Ticks. And Fewer people that litter. As I mentioned - my family takes our dogs walking there twice per week. We're constantly doing tick checks AND picking up after runners who are discarding their liquid IV packets on the trail.	4/18/2025 10:57 AM
63	Invasive species, aggressive bicyclists who believe the trail is theirs and theirs only	4/18/2025 10:21 AM
64	Pavement	4/18/2025 10:19 AM
65	People (ha ha ha)	4/18/2025 10:10 AM
66	I think the other amenities are good. Just because I don't use them doesn't mean other people won't.	4/18/2025 9:58 AM
67	Cutting down trees. Development of any kind.	4/17/2025 2:41 PM
68	NA	4/17/2025 8:51 AM
69	Tree removal. Mother nature was here long before us and did fine without our help. The beauty of a forest with maintenance only is serene and peaceful	4/17/2025 6:54 AM
70	Commercialization with large crowds and people blasting music from cars.	4/16/2025 8:39 PM
71	Buckthorn, Bullhead Catfish	4/16/2025 2:35 PM
72	Na	4/15/2025 5:12 PM
73	Boats.. This is disruptive to wildlife	4/15/2025 12:24 PM
74	open "meadow" areas	4/15/2025 11:23 AM
75	Way less open space. More forested area so it feels like a forest again	4/15/2025 10:43 AM
76	Additional signs of civilizations. Don't expand parking or build buildings, except maybe another roof-only shelter	4/15/2025 7:58 AM
77	Less planned burns. The whole landscape dramatically changed this year and it's unrecognizable. It's hard to believe it was all necessary.	4/14/2025 7:33 PM
78	NA	4/14/2025 9:18 AM
79	Dogwalkers. I find they often consider their dog as above the law and everyone's darling.	4/13/2025 7:37 PM
80	Less development.	4/13/2025 4:47 PM
81	People and trash	4/13/2025 3:41 PM
82	The ice cream truck. We come here for nature--not for shopping.	4/13/2025 2:41 PM
83	Bikes	4/13/2025 10:22 AM
84	Not sure	4/13/2025 8:41 AM
85	Nothing.	4/13/2025 8:17 AM
86	Please do not add bike rentals. The trails around the lake would be tricky to navigate with people who aren't familiar with biking etiquette.	4/13/2025 7:56 AM
87	I don't know, the park is already pretty nice. Honestly what more do you need there besides being able to use your own kayak.	4/12/2025 9:14 PM
88	People! ;) I go there at least once/week, often 2-3 times/week, since about 2018. From 2005-2018 I also used it, just not quite as much. During Covid it got much more crowded, and seems like that has not changed too much since. I am glad people are enjoying it, but its appeal is its simplicity and peacefulness, so anything that takes away from that is not desirable. There is no need for ski rental because you can rent them at Arrowhead and cut thru to Herrick if you need to rent. I have my own but that is what I would do if I brought a friend.	4/12/2025 5:10 PM
89	People -lol. Noisy music, phone conversations. I sometimes feel in danger from the super fast bikers. I still hike in many Dupage FP's but they are so crowded compared to 25 years ago	4/12/2025 4:34 PM

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(guess you are doing a great job) but it's nice to hike a few miles and only see a few people.
Less highway width trails!

90	Less areas of lawn grass...more natural areas/pollinator friendly areas.	4/12/2025 9:39 AM
91	Trash, algae	4/12/2025 8:26 AM
92	n/a	4/11/2025 9:31 PM
93	Cars. Trash.	4/11/2025 1:03 PM
94	Don't change anything	4/11/2025 12:51 PM
95	The FPD has been an outstanding steward of it's lands. Continue your traditional activities and I will be satisfied.	4/11/2025 10:04 AM
96	Less removal of trees	4/11/2025 9:55 AM
97	Plastic drink bottles. Friendly signage suggesting the use of reusable bottles anywhere. There's running water. Might be a good start.	4/11/2025 9:18 AM
98	bicycle riders	4/11/2025 8:35 AM
99	limestone trails	4/11/2025 8:13 AM
100	goose poo ;)	4/11/2025 7:00 AM
101	Fast E-bike traffic, things that distract from the relaxing solace of natural beauty.	4/11/2025 6:18 AM
102	Litter. Invasive species.	4/11/2025 5:49 AM
103	Algae blooms	4/11/2025 4:38 AM
104	I like Herrick less in the summer on weekends, when it gets loud and crowded with parties and smelly trash.	4/10/2025 10:51 PM
105	Prairie and lack of shade.	4/10/2025 9:09 PM
106	.	4/10/2025 9:08 PM
107	Man made pollution and litter	4/10/2025 8:51 PM
108	Non natural spaces	4/10/2025 8:32 PM
109	Pollution, lawns, plastics.	4/10/2025 7:30 PM
110	Male to male sexual encounters in restrooms.	4/10/2025 6:41 PM
111	Bikers that zoom past and do not say, One Your Left. Ice Cream Vender, it takes away the idea of a Forest Preserve for peace & a tranquil setting. My opinion.	4/10/2025 4:30 PM
112	Let's continue deforestation	4/10/2025 3:14 PM
113	Houses	4/10/2025 12:55 PM
114	No new trail footprint. Maintain the existing limestone trails, but no new trails or asphalt-paved trails south of the CCC shelter.	4/9/2025 12:35 PM
115	Geese and open water in the winter.	4/8/2025 2:05 PM
116	Fishing litter	4/8/2025 1:21 PM
117	Off-leash dogs	4/8/2025 11:32 AM
118	Burning and removal of any more flora.. Especially any existing established species. Nurture what has been done with the least amount of impact to the overall (local, regional, global) environments	4/7/2025 8:22 PM
119	Invasive species	4/7/2025 3:27 PM
120	Neighboring homes. Geese.	4/7/2025 12:32 PM
121	It's pretty good	4/7/2025 12:23 PM
122	I would like to see less algae in the water. It can be very toxic and smelly.	4/7/2025 9:14 AM

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123	Loud people	4/6/2025 10:04 PM
124	000nothing. It is a marvelous site & the construction of more paths to the very south hold great promise this year.	4/6/2025 7:11 PM
125	Litter	4/6/2025 11:39 AM
126	Length of trail closures for maintenance	4/5/2025 3:40 PM
127	NA	4/5/2025 11:31 AM
128	Poison ivy and ragweed. loud music. Discarded fishing line.	4/5/2025 10:28 AM
129	People. Their garbage. Horses.	4/5/2025 9:37 AM
130	Parking lot theft Clearing of areas	4/5/2025 4:37 AM
131	Trash, especially in the water. People making really loud noises (either with equipment belching unhealthy fumes, or people who aren't respectful enough of everyone else who is there, too).	4/4/2025 9:20 PM
132	Vegetation Overgrowth.	4/4/2025 1:57 PM
133	Geese	4/4/2025 12:23 PM
134	Activities that create noise	4/4/2025 11:51 AM
135	Technology and boat launches. Also, please don't add a lot of educational & interpretive signs	4/4/2025 11:12 AM
136	N/A	4/4/2025 10:45 AM
137	N/A	4/4/2025 10:44 AM
138	I'd like to see less of the impact that visitors make upon the natural environment and landscape at Herrick Lake. Visitors leave too much trash; irresponsible dog owners do not pick up after their pets; and careless fishermen leave fishing line near the lake! Overall, the preserve is over-used to create an enjoyable experience.	4/4/2025 10:35 AM
139	I don't know	4/4/2025 9:27 AM
140	crowds of people	4/4/2025 9:27 AM
141	Clear-cutting which will leave huge unsightly scars and dubious piles of stuff everywhere for years to come. It's possible to do the work in a less-than-wholesale slaughter of the plants, many of which took decades to grow.	4/4/2025 8:38 AM
142	Golf course nitrogen runoff algae bloom	4/4/2025 8:33 AM
143	Hard surfaces that impede water absorption	4/4/2025 8:16 AM
144	Restrict fishing to large lake only, less monofilament hanigng from the trees and bobbers floating in the water.	4/4/2025 8:16 AM
145	Less clear cutting of trees	4/4/2025 8:13 AM
146	any commercial enterprise that increases litter.	4/4/2025 8:12 AM
147	People	4/4/2025 7:55 AM
148	Dogs	4/4/2025 7:51 AM
149	Deer hunting.	4/3/2025 11:03 PM
150	clear cutting, chain sawing, extensive mowing etc. its not the 1900s when the forests were clear of invasives, more control of the hacking mindset going on all over the DuPage County forest preserves	4/3/2025 10:50 PM
151	People letting their dogs off leashes!	4/3/2025 10:18 PM
152	Commercial money grab initiatives that are detrimental to the natural environment.	4/3/2025 8:48 PM
153	I would like for people to pick up after their dogs and throw it away!!! This seems to br a problem everywhere and getting worse.	4/3/2025 8:40 PM

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154	Overdevelopment. Please keep it a nice natural trail that people can enjoy to hike, run, bike, fish, birdwatch and see nature.	4/3/2025 8:13 PM
155	Less trash	4/3/2025 7:12 PM
156	Houses.	4/3/2025 7:03 PM
157	Scenic quiet spaces where I always feel like I am disturbing a birdwatcher	4/3/2025 6:32 PM
158	There is enough recreational opportunity presently at Herrick Lake. It's a great place for families and groups to picnic/gather and increasing rentals, etc. will limit the available parking.	4/3/2025 5:41 PM
159	Icy trails	4/3/2025 5:24 PM
160	Outdoor events with music . I believe it should emphasize nature. People can have parties and cook outs in their own yards	4/3/2025 4:50 PM
161	nothing	4/3/2025 4:48 PM
162	Crowds, but I don't know what you can do about that. I would recommend banning drones, large speakers and other noisy devices that interfere with others enjoying the space.	4/3/2025 4:41 PM
163	Bike riders	4/3/2025 4:40 PM
164	FISHING LINE, HOOKS, LEAD SINKERS, LURES, WORM CONTAINERS, CIGARETTE BUTTS, EMPTY LIQUOR BOTTLES AND CANS	4/3/2025 4:39 PM
165	Less recreational activities	4/3/2025 4:29 PM
166	Limit day use and picnic activities around the lake	4/3/2025 4:20 PM
167	less building of FP structures, if that is in a master plan	4/3/2025 4:02 PM
168	Garbage	4/3/2025 3:53 PM
169	Algae and other gunk in the lake	4/3/2025 3:41 PM
170	Less trash	4/3/2025 3:24 PM
171	You cannot add paddleboarding if swimming is not allowed. I would not want to fall into water that has significant algae blooms in the hot summer.	4/3/2025 3:19 PM
172	Personally, horses and their poop But I understand that is not nice nor realistic	4/3/2025 3:18 PM
173	Trash	4/3/2025 3:14 PM
174	Less people- Lol	4/3/2025 3:13 PM
175	Loitering people - I want to feel safe with my kids or by myself	4/3/2025 3:09 PM
176	Not sure	4/3/2025 3:06 PM
177	Horse crap	4/3/2025 2:08 PM
178	Icy trails	4/3/2025 2:06 PM
179	Fish hooks!	4/3/2025 1:52 PM
180	Buildings. One flush washroom could replace the two bathrooms on the west side. I also don't want to be able to see the roads, golf courses, or neighbors while I am walking, so maybe more trees/shrubs to block surrounding structures.	4/3/2025 1:43 PM
181	big parties	4/3/2025 1:39 PM
182	Flooded trails. No reason for them when a culvert or bridge can be built over a water-prone part of the trail, so I don't have to step into delicate native wildflower areas. Also, it would be great if people didn't flick their cigarettes, walked out with the garbage they came in with (no trace), picked up garbage they see along the trails (with bags provided...I bring my own) and picked up after their dogs.	4/3/2025 1:26 PM
183	Snakes, but I know you can't control that.	4/3/2025 1:14 PM
184	Development - don't expand developed areas.	4/3/2025 9:39 AM

Q17 Do you have any additional comments about Herrick Lake?

Answered: 190 Skipped: 187

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	It's great place to stop when bicycling between the Forest Preserves and a great cycling destination in itself.	5/11/2025 10:12 AM
2	improve the quality of the fishing at the lake	5/10/2025 10:37 AM
3	We love to spend time here it's peaceful and relaxing. As our daughter's get older I'm sure they'll want to do more water activities here if they are available. We love nature please protect it!	5/9/2025 7:24 PM
4	Thanks for asking!	5/9/2025 12:03 PM
5	Thank you for taking such good care of this area!	5/9/2025 7:00 AM
6	I am horrified at your mismanagement. I am sure you plan to destroy all remaining areas of undergrowth.	5/6/2025 8:19 PM
7	Love seeing people there for their lunch breaks. Love seeing families there.	5/6/2025 9:24 AM
8	It's a wonderful preserve!	5/6/2025 8:04 AM
9	No.	5/5/2025 8:10 PM
10	Nope. Again, you guys are doing a great job. This is one of the gems that comes with living here. Cheers!~	5/5/2025 2:51 PM
11	My current needs are met by provision of a natural space with trails. When my family was younger this was a good place to go with kids but we stayed closed to the lake.	5/5/2025 6:35 AM
12	Really appreciate all the forest preserves districts hard work - the bike paths have become significantly better over the past decade. Concerned about over - development of forest preserves.	5/4/2025 9:20 AM
13	It a nice place I'd hope can be kept.	5/4/2025 12:35 AM
14	.	5/3/2025 7:21 PM
15	Please value it in the same way those of us who visit it do. Don't ruin it.	5/3/2025 5:43 PM
16	no	5/3/2025 5:41 PM
17	My favorite preserve I've been to	5/3/2025 9:35 AM
18	Thank you.	5/3/2025 8:35 AM
19	So Happy this is so close to me, its surely a Breath of Fresh Air !	5/3/2025 7:04 AM
20	no. great park. As a resident Batavia, we need to do more of what DuPage does.	5/3/2025 6:44 AM
21	I suppose that removing many invasive trees and planting prairie plants will likely be a long term improvement BUT the appearance is shocking in the short term.	5/2/2025 2:53 PM
22	one my favorite preserves	5/1/2025 7:10 PM
23	I would not want to see an increase of parking space/facilities. Herrick feels like a wild (or almost wild) space and think that it should be maintained that way rather than adding in more amusements for people. I do think it would be worth seeing whether a pedway (maybe an overpass) could be added at the Washington and Warrenville road intersection— I see many pedestrians cross there to enter Herrick on foot or by bike, and the intersection always feels dangerous, with lots of drivers refusing to yield on right turns even when the walk signal is up. I have seen several near-accidents.	5/1/2025 9:23 AM
24	An hourly, self kayak rental system would be a nice addition. Also those pvc fishing line	4/30/2025 5:09 PM

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disposing units need improving- bigger opening, bigger shaft. Doggie dodo bag dispensers would be nice as well as additional waste stations, not just near the parking lots. Dog owners do not like to carry a stinky dodo bag all the way around the lake to the parking lot.

25	We should have filtered water fountains as close to the roads as possible and if there are flush bathrooms keep them there too. I also think that we shouldn't put in more parking lots. We should have more trees in the parking lots and across the street we lease or buy part of the parking lot from the commercial complex and put up a two story public parking garage. Have as minimal of a parking fee as possible. And don't lease out the work. Make it all part of Dupage county. So the county and park district collect the parking money. I also feel that having a wheelchair accessible picnic area with proper disposal solutions. Like food, paper, plastic, and trash bins. It would also be a good idea to air condition the amenities except for some of the cabins and air condition the staff facilities. It would especially be lovely to see an investment in solar and/or wind energy.	4/30/2025 12:55 PM
26	Keep in mind that historically it was an oak/hickory forest. Just plant native trees, not those trees planted along the lake that are Chinese cultivars. Also trim the weedy shrubs along the north and east side of the lake so they don't eventually block the view. Thanks! I know I've submitted comments more than once, but I keep having additional thoughts having an MS in Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences from the U of I	4/30/2025 11:55 AM
27	Love this preserve, thank you	4/30/2025 11:26 AM
28	No	4/29/2025 9:49 PM
29	Thank you for the opportunity to submit feedback, and thank you for maintaining a beautiful outdoor space!	4/29/2025 11:49 AM
30	See above	4/29/2025 9:18 AM
31	i love the lake and want to take my children here asap	4/28/2025 5:58 PM
32	N/A	4/28/2025 4:01 PM
33	Herrick lake is a jewel that should be maintained for the enjoyment of all DuPage residents.	4/28/2025 1:00 PM
34	We appreciate having Herrick Lake as a destination for picnics and bike riding. Thank you!	4/28/2025 10:53 AM
35	It's a beautiful, peaceful place that combines both active and passive recreation. Please don't add more active opportunities.	4/28/2025 10:41 AM
36	We love to visit Herrick.	4/27/2025 11:25 AM
37	A treasure.	4/26/2025 11:29 AM
38	A treasure.	4/26/2025 9:21 AM
39	The trails are awesome, please keep them open for horses and pets as well as people	4/25/2025 9:27 PM
40	Please keep the trails open to horses. Please mow a few "deer paths" for us to ride "off trail". Educate bikers to shout out "passing on your left" as they approach a horse, (as they would if they were approaching another bike). Stop your bike if you see that a horse is spooked, until the horse calms down. Bikes have scared the horses by approaching very fast from behind. People have fallen off, and the biker has kept on going. I am in favor of everyone sharing the trails, but staying safe. I have observed that MOST bikers are very courteous and announce when they are coming up. It is much better than other trails that I have been on. Thank you for all of the maintenance! It is appreciated. I LOVE Herrick!!	4/25/2025 9:01 PM
41	It's my favorite place!	4/25/2025 7:23 PM
42	Improve native plants and wild flowers. Nor really more area for these, but where there are plants and trees already. Maintain the good wide paths for bikes and people and dogs on lead. Thank you.	4/25/2025 1:51 PM
43	I used to visit more often, but I'm limited to weekends and man, it can get really crowded then. On the other hand, I suppose that means a few less people at some of the other nearby preserves so...	4/25/2025 12:11 AM
44	Also, if people want to donate to the forest preserve, plant a tree, not a bench with a plaque. Let's not turn Herrick into a cemetery....	4/24/2025 3:38 PM

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45	Thanks for taking good care of one of my favorite places. I'm considering a move and one of the things I will miss if i do move away is the excellent parks and preserves in this area, it's a big part of what I appreciate about my home here.	4/24/2025 3:33 PM
46	I will try not to be nasty here but I have to say that I am stunned and heartbroken by what has been done to Herrick overt the last several years. What was once a beautiful and heavily wooded preserve has been decimated. The wildlife that inhabited it had to have been seriously impacted. I have heard the verbiage of why it was done but abhor the fact that it was done. I do not get anywhere near the joy and peace I used to be able to find there. I would like to point out that Forest Preserve District has both forest and preserve in its name. This entire process has been shameful. Virtually everyone I bump into their that has some history with Herrick, feels the same way.	4/24/2025 12:06 PM
47	Love the place	4/23/2025 9:47 PM
48	I should be able to use my own Kayak without renting. Such is the case at Blackwell.	4/23/2025 7:43 AM
49	Thank you for caring for this beautiful part of its natural heritage.	4/23/2025 7:07 AM
50	Just want to say it's a lovely area my family and I enjoy coming up to	4/22/2025 1:58 PM
51	Our family has been going to Herrick Lake for at least 3 generations.	4/22/2025 11:00 AM
52	So much potential at this site with so many acres! Feel like there could be more than one access point. Needs a ranger station at entry so people feel safe and monitored and so there's no drug deals and drinking or violent exchanges...it's full of plants and animals and just needs so architectural features and plans to polish it into the gem that it's waiting to become for area visitors! Thanks for asking us. I love Silver lake and Blackwell so that's my go-to!	4/21/2025 12:57 PM
53	Overall we love what the DuPage forest preserve district had done over the years, especially purchasing additional property. We are nervous about how much land was cleared of woods during 2024 & 2025. We'd especially would love to see some type of visual barrier to all the new houses recently built along the eastern border on the old Lucent property. It would be great if some of the funds from clearing invasive species project could be redirected to build a berm and plant trees to obscure all the new houses along the eastern border. We love small little groves of pine trees.	4/21/2025 12:43 PM
54	I understand the desire to mitigate non native plants but in so doing the private development and surrounding roads have made the area more urban and less inviting.	4/21/2025 10:12 AM
55	I am very please with the overall look and care of herrick lake forest preserve	4/21/2025 7:13 AM
56	Leave nature as is. The Wildlife needs its space	4/20/2025 9:35 PM
57	It's my favorite place ever. I love it so much.	4/20/2025 8:54 PM
58	We are fortunate to have such an array of natural resources in our county.	4/19/2025 9:09 PM
59	Please do not overdevelop the preserves.	4/19/2025 5:50 PM
60	Herrick is great	4/18/2025 4:09 PM
61	Noo	4/18/2025 1:16 PM
62	it's a nice little jewel for those of us who know about it	4/18/2025 12:56 PM
63	I've been going there for 40+ years--biking, running, now walking. It's a very special to me, and I always say how lucky we are to have our DuPage County FPD. I've loved the sense of moving on the paths through treed areas--feeling like it's a hidden beautiful getaway a mile from my home. Sadly, that's gone. I believe it's an environment project, but I'm glad I had the last 40 years to enjoy Herrick.	4/18/2025 12:31 PM
64	Thanks for all the work that goes into maintaining this incredible forest preserve area. We moved to DuPage for the amazing parks and forest preserves!	4/18/2025 11:40 AM
65	I have visited Herrick Lake for 50 years. The restored natural areas are making it better all the time. Keep up the good work!	4/18/2025 11:31 AM
66	Love Herrick Lake. The restoration looks fantastic. Please keep preserving it as a natural space.	4/18/2025 10:57 AM

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67	no0	4/18/2025 10:27 AM
68	A treasure in the DuPage Forest Preserve!	4/18/2025 10:21 AM
69	The trails around the lake are so busy in the summer and on nice days. It would be great if you could 'spread' the visitors out somehow.	4/18/2025 10:10 AM
70	I think they have always done a great job and trust them to continue their good work.	4/18/2025 10:08 AM
71	N/A	4/18/2025 9:58 AM
72	NA	4/17/2025 8:51 AM
73	It's a great place, so focus on keeping it that way.	4/16/2025 8:39 PM
74	It's a great preserve that I've had many fond memories in, however I feel the preserve has been negatively impacted by its popularity, there's usually a lot of litter in and around the lake	4/16/2025 2:35 PM
75	Just attended the meeting at HQ, please, please, please reconsider the thought of replacing some of the limestone trails with asphalt. I understand the ease of maintenance, but there is nothing "natural" about asphalt. Heck, I would suggest getting rid of the asphalt that exists along the east side of the lake that is there now. Thank you, Terry Hlavaty	4/15/2025 8:11 PM
76	Na	4/15/2025 5:12 PM
77	I love Herrick Lake!! The trail system is great, and well maintained. I'm happy to live near this gem of a forest preserve.	4/15/2025 12:03 PM
78	I live just to the west in Herrick Woods and done trash cleanup along Herrick Road. Beautiful area.	4/15/2025 11:23 AM
79	There are too many open spaces. So much so that it feels like you have tried to manicure the preserve. It does not have a natural look anymore.	4/15/2025 10:43 AM
80	I've been riding my bike there for over 40 years & it's my happy place. Please protect it & don't mess with it	4/15/2025 7:58 AM
81	Keep progressing in the natural areas. Nice job!	4/14/2025 6:03 PM
82	None	4/14/2025 9:18 AM
83	Not at this time.	4/13/2025 7:37 PM
84	There is no need for more signage.	4/13/2025 4:47 PM
85	Keep parts of it wild.	4/13/2025 3:41 PM
86	Did I mention get rid of the ice cream truck?!	4/13/2025 2:41 PM
87	Very nice place to visit	4/13/2025 10:22 AM
88	No	4/13/2025 8:41 AM
89	N/A	4/13/2025 8:17 AM
90	Herrick is one of my favorite places to be. The plant/scrub extensive clean out that's been completed recently is shocking to see, although I suppose necessary.	4/13/2025 7:56 AM
91	It's a beautiful place! I enjoy chasing the bass there and I'm sure I speak for a lot of the local Anglers. It's a natural lake, the water is healthy, the fish are plentiful, being able to fish from your own small watercraft would be a game changer.	4/12/2025 9:14 PM
92	I would just like to say I think its an excellent preseve and it's part of what makes DuPage county a nice place to live.	4/12/2025 7:32 PM
93	I am heartbroken about recent changes. It is so ugly now. Instead of being my happy place, I grieve and feel angry when I go there. It feels like a city park where you can see everyone, and never feel like you are by yourself like you used to. I don't like seeing the path way ahead of me or to the side. I don't want to see the golfers and they don't want to see me. It looks like Asheville, NC after floods or Altadena, CA after fires - all the greenery gone, just a lot of debris left. I may be dead before it grows back like it was. I will send an email too but I hope you are done, and I hope more trees and bushes will be planted so it doesn't look this ugly for years. I	4/12/2025 5:10 PM

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almost don't want to go there now because I am so sad. Also when I run there in the summer, it was all about the shade to me - I zigzagged if necessary from one shady spot to the next. So many trees are gone now that I am not sure if I will even be able to run there in the heat and full sun. Please stop cutting down trees! I hope the pink tags on some trees means they are staying, not that they are the next to go. :0 Think about the shade, for various times of day!!! I run and walk any time between 10 am and 8 pm, and I know which sections will be best at which times of day. And my very favorite section in the whole place, the part where I felt like I was in Narnia, towards the north end of the Meadowlark trail, is wrecked recently - instead of greenery on all sides arching overhead, one whole side is completely gone now. It almost seems like a mistake - I am not sure it is even on the sign detailing the project. I actually started crying when I saw it, and I am not a crier ever.

94	Dupage should do a Googlechase! I have had so much fun with the Kane and Will County ones, learning a lot!	4/12/2025 4:34 PM
95	Forest preserve is doing a great job with it! Can't wait to see what's to come! Thank you!!	4/12/2025 9:39 AM
96	None	4/11/2025 9:31 PM
97	CUT AND BURN REALY OPENED THINGS UP THIS YEAR	4/11/2025 4:49 PM
98	great resource! ; appreciate having a strong Forest Preserve system, always need land for public to enjoy	4/11/2025 2:07 PM
99	Great resource for the County.	4/11/2025 1:03 PM
100	I'd like it to be a quiet place to enjoy nature without programmed activities.	4/11/2025 12:51 PM
101	Keep up the great work preserving!	4/11/2025 12:51 PM
102	If the vending area sells any plastic drink bottles, they should stop.	4/11/2025 9:18 AM
103	Leave it NATURAL	4/11/2025 9:06 AM
104	It's one of my favorite trails. Very pretty many use it. It's a nugget in dupage county that we are lucky to have.	4/11/2025 8:44 AM
105	Herrick Lake is a wonderful asset in DuPage County and should be kept in a natural state for the enjoyment of nature	4/11/2025 8:35 AM
106	Thank you for maintaining and improving this beautiful preserve. It is a treasure in DuPage.	4/11/2025 7:00 AM
107	We love Herrick Lake.	4/11/2025 6:18 AM
108	Love this area. Keep up the great work!	4/11/2025 5:49 AM
109	Individual Cabin rental w hot tubs sporadically placed would be awesome	4/11/2025 4:38 AM
110	We love Herrick, so I'm excited to hear more good things are coming soon.	4/10/2025 10:51 PM
111	It's wonderful!! I spend lots of time there!!	4/10/2025 10:49 PM
112	I don't go there anymore. Its too manicured and mature trees all cut down.	4/10/2025 9:09 PM
113	We love Herrick lake and its trails. Thank you for maintaining them for many to use in different ways.	4/10/2025 8:32 PM
114	We love it there, go almost every day!	4/10/2025 4:30 PM
115	Add some educational signage to explain what is happening. Why are all the trees being cut down? Please explain the long-term plan so that we understand why we're losing beautiful hiding places for the natural wildlife	4/10/2025 3:14 PM
116	It is wonderful and well used by the community	4/10/2025 12:55 PM
117	A great resource for our community and visitors	4/9/2025 4:05 PM
118	A fantastic resource for wildlife conservation and people.	4/9/2025 3:49 PM
119	Over 210 species of bird have been documented at Herrick Lake since 1990. Pileated Woodpecker, Red-headed Woodpecker*, Barred Owl, Wood Thrush*, Yellow-throated Vireo and Carolina Wren nest in the woodlands; Bobolink*, Dickcissel, Sedge Wren* and occasional	4/9/2025 12:35 PM

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Henslow's Sparrow* nest in the grasslands; and Marsh Wren*, Green Heron, Wood Duck and Sandhill Crane utilize the wetlands. * = BCN bird of concern
<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L152651/bird-list>

120	Aerators may reduce fish kills but at what cost? Goose poop impacts water quality and the aerators attract the geese to the open water all winter long. I think it causes unnecessary contamination and long term nutrient and algae issues.	4/8/2025 2:05 PM
121	We love it thanks for all of your work	4/8/2025 1:21 PM
122	This is a great preserve with lots of walking choices. I love the quiet loops in the middle.	4/8/2025 11:32 AM
123	Yes. What has been done is enough. Further burning, removal, remodeling will only exacerbate what we will be experiencing due to climate change. Please review the following: Hedges vs grassland carbon storage: https://www.leeds.ac.uk/news-environment/news/article/5726/hedgerows-increase-soil-carbon-storage-by-40 The global carbon sink potential of terrestrial vegetation can be increased substantially by optimal land management: https://www.nature.com/articles/s43247-021-00333-1 As far as prescribed burns, please review: Volatile Organic Compound Emissions from Prescribed Burning in Tallgrass Prairie Ecosystems https://cfpub.epa.gov/si/si_public_record_report.cfm?Lab=NERL&dirEntryId=346433 Prairie Fires Fuel Community Health Concerns https://www.usnews.com/news/healthiest-communities/articles/2019-05-30/controlled-burns-help-flint-hills-prairie-but-may-harm-community-health Wildfire and prescribed burning impacts on air quality in the United States https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC7932990/ If it is decided to continue this type of "maintenance" be sure to offset any claims/reports of carbon capture or sequestration with the burns, equipment emissions, cutting of grasses used to complete this. Experts worldwide, as well as some of your staff, agree that the impacts of climate change are only beginning. Give nature a chance to compensate. It will, without the impact that has been done over the centuries. Lead the way - you have "Preserve" in your name Thank you, Gary	4/7/2025 8:22 PM
124	Great preserve. Thanks!	4/7/2025 12:32 PM
125	I really enjoy this preserve! The staff do such a great job with maintaining the areas.	4/7/2025 9:14 AM
126	N/a	4/6/2025 10:04 PM
127	Love it there during the week when quiet - just to watch the things of nature -- read a book -- relax.	4/6/2025 3:48 PM
128	Would love to see a cleaner pond. The algae is really bad	4/6/2025 1:28 PM
129	Great wayfinding signage!	4/5/2025 3:40 PM
130	Over the years, it seems to be neglected.	4/5/2025 12:05 PM
131	Nice lake and trails. Would enjoy bringing my own non powewed watercraft. Maybe allowing electric motors ok	4/5/2025 11:31 AM
132	I am grateful so much work has been done to remove invasive species. Two years ago I thought it didn't look like the forest was being managed well around the lake but I've seen so much work done this year to control poison ivy along the path and obviously the enormous work done to remove invasives recently. I look forward to the continued restoration.	4/5/2025 10:28 AM
133	E-bike speed regulations are needed.	4/5/2025 9:37 AM
134	I hope the water quality issues continue to be a high priority for the Forest Preserve.	4/4/2025 9:20 PM
135	Bring back the Eve of New Years Eve Night Hike! The Forest Preserves are most beautiful at night. More lantern lit Night Hikes.	4/4/2025 9:07 PM
136	Keep up the great work!	4/4/2025 1:57 PM
137	Thank you for taking care of the park. Please allow people access to the beautiful lake.	4/4/2025 12:23 PM
138	It's a wonderful oasis from the chaos and noise of this world. It is wonderfully maintained. It allows a person to experience some of the natural world we're losing to development.	4/4/2025 11:51 AM
139	Thanks for all you do to take care of this peaceful spot!	4/4/2025 11:50 AM
140	Keep it natural!	4/4/2025 11:12 AM

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141	Beautiful place. Anything you do will be a benefit to the area.	4/4/2025 10:45 AM
142	Beautiful place. Anything you do will be a benefit to the area.	4/4/2025 10:44 AM
143	The interior of the preserve is overgrown with nonnative and invasive species! The natural areas on the exterior of the preserve and the new trail from Danada/Stonehedge is overgrown with shrubby brush and invasive species. Safety along trail and Butterfield is a concern. Parking lot and preserve access along Butterfield is crowded; sometimes too many people or carrying capacity for the preserve to enjoy nature. Safety is a concern in parking lot and along trails for this female.	4/4/2025 10:35 AM
144	No	4/4/2025 9:27 AM
145	This latest desolation of Herrick Lake due to excessive amounts of clearing and burning was a horrible exaggeration of what was prudent and of service to users.. There is a need to set aside small strips and other remnants of the forest understory for the ecosystem and for the wildlife. In your obvious bias toward a virtually understory-free forest floor, you have worsened both the quantity and the quality of wildlife, since its diversity is clearly less since the destruction. At other forest preserves you haven't been so ideologically driven to wreck what was a nice meadow or forest edge or even the forest itself. Sometimes we have gone to Herrick Lake for ten or more days in a row, it's such a (former) favorite of ours. You have temporarily killed the beauty of the Herrick Lake forest preserve, especially the shady trails. We may not live long enough to see it as beautiful again. We are bitter!	4/4/2025 8:38 AM
146	Bring back swimming beaches	4/4/2025 8:33 AM
147	I remember last spring when 5 eagles visited the smaller lake, and fished right in front of people standing respectfully on the shore line. The awe and wonder many shared for these awesome birds of prey.	4/4/2025 8:16 AM
148	The slashing of trees from our favorite shady trail was a big mistake!	4/4/2025 8:13 AM
149	No	4/4/2025 7:55 AM
150	We do enjoy walking and seeing the eagles	4/4/2025 7:51 AM
151	Thank you for improving our public resource and taking input from trail users!	4/3/2025 11:03 PM
152	I'm not a serious Tree hugger, but how many species of possibly endangered insects, animals, plants, trees etc are you destroying by mowing and clearcutting everything in the preserves to make it more "pretty" for people to view. what have you destroyed/sacrificed with your clean up efforts - do you even know? Your master plans should include some serious in-depth studies of the Herrick Lake flora and fauna before you wipe it out.	4/3/2025 10:50 PM
153	My go to place for over 20 years	4/3/2025 10:16 PM
154	It's a nice place to visit because it's a natural area without a lot of add-ons. Keep with general maintenance of the current iteration and leave it at that.	4/3/2025 9:40 PM
155	Thank you for protecting such a beautiful nature environment :)	4/3/2025 8:48 PM
156	Like I said I have been coming here for more than 10 years for numerous reasons. After my last visit I was very disappointed and really don't want to come back.	4/3/2025 8:40 PM
157	I was disappointed to see the housing development go up closer to Danada.	4/3/2025 8:13 PM
158	Herrick Lake is a great FPD resource.	4/3/2025 7:51 PM
159	The trails are great, like the canoe/kayak rental, and the eco-restoration currently ongoing is great.	4/3/2025 7:48 PM
160	No	4/3/2025 7:12 PM
161	We love Herrick Lake, especially the areas where we can get away from the crowds. We especially love the trees, wildlife, and trails. It's a very special place!	4/3/2025 7:03 PM
162	So happy for the revamp, it's an under utilized space!	4/3/2025 6:32 PM
163	Let's keep it natural and beautiful!	4/3/2025 5:41 PM
164	I love it the way it is.	4/3/2025 5:24 PM

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165	A treasure in our county!	4/3/2025 5:18 PM
166	I was disappointed when the houses were built on the Nokia property as it took away from feeling you were in a secluded place. This was made worse by the cutting down of the trees etc that allow the houses to ruin the view(though I do understand that you needed to remove the invasive trees and plants	4/3/2025 4:50 PM
167	We love this forest preserve!	4/3/2025 4:49 PM
168	love it	4/3/2025 4:48 PM
169	Bike riders need to be separated from hikers	4/3/2025 4:40 PM
170	Either keep the lake clean of harmful trash or BAN fishing, otherwise you are a failed steward of the ecosystem.	4/3/2025 4:39 PM
171	It's kinda boring	4/3/2025 4:32 PM
172	Great job - thank you!	4/3/2025 4:20 PM
173	wish there was access off Warrenville road, or nearer it, I come from south & I'd go there more if I didn't have to tho way over to butter field rd.	4/3/2025 4:02 PM
174	I love it there	4/3/2025 3:53 PM
175	No	4/3/2025 3:24 PM
176	I love across the street off of Herrick Road, so look forward to having the cleared area accessible again for hiking.	4/3/2025 3:19 PM
177	We walk there frequently and love it.	4/3/2025 3:18 PM
178	More fishing license enforcement would be great	4/3/2025 3:14 PM
179	I love it!	4/3/2025 3:06 PM
180	Enjoyable area, please keep it natural, it doesn't need much at all. Sometimes less is more!	4/3/2025 2:51 PM
181	Great job on the bridge	4/3/2025 2:35 PM
182	I love it the way it is.	4/3/2025 2:06 PM
183	I want to give a HUGE shout out to whoever cleared out and opened up the forrest in and around the Herrick Lake Trail. It is amazing to see the scale of it, and it really make the area so much more attractive. The grow back will be exciting to watch! Keep up the great work on it!!	4/3/2025 1:52 PM
184	Good preserve overall. Doesn't need to change too much since it is already at a good point, but there is always room for improvement.	4/3/2025 1:43 PM
185	We love this forest preserve!	4/3/2025 1:34 PM
186	Na	4/3/2025 1:34 PM
187	It is a peaceful respite...	4/3/2025 1:31 PM
188	Thank you for continuing to restore natural areas and support biodiversity and climate resilience. It's important. I appreciate the current state of trails and parking lots at Herrick and don't wish for more development in forest preserves.	4/3/2025 9:39 AM
189	This preserve is a gem of DuPage County!	4/2/2025 9:00 AM
190	The tree removal and grubbing has left a very stark landscape. I know it will "green up" quickly, and I lol forward to watching it come back. A "short cut" connection or two would give options to aging patrons or their aging dogs, allowing for a full experience while not having to take the entire loops.	3/28/2025 9:54 PM



Herrick Lake 2025 Preserve Master Plan

Public Input Meeting



History

- In 1925, the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County purchased 90 acres of the original Herrick homestead. From the mid-1950s through the 1970s, additional scattered acquisitions expanded the preserve.
- Today, Herrick Lake is a substantial link in a 3,700-acre chain of open space that includes Danada, Warrenville Grove, St. James Farm and Blackwell forest preserves



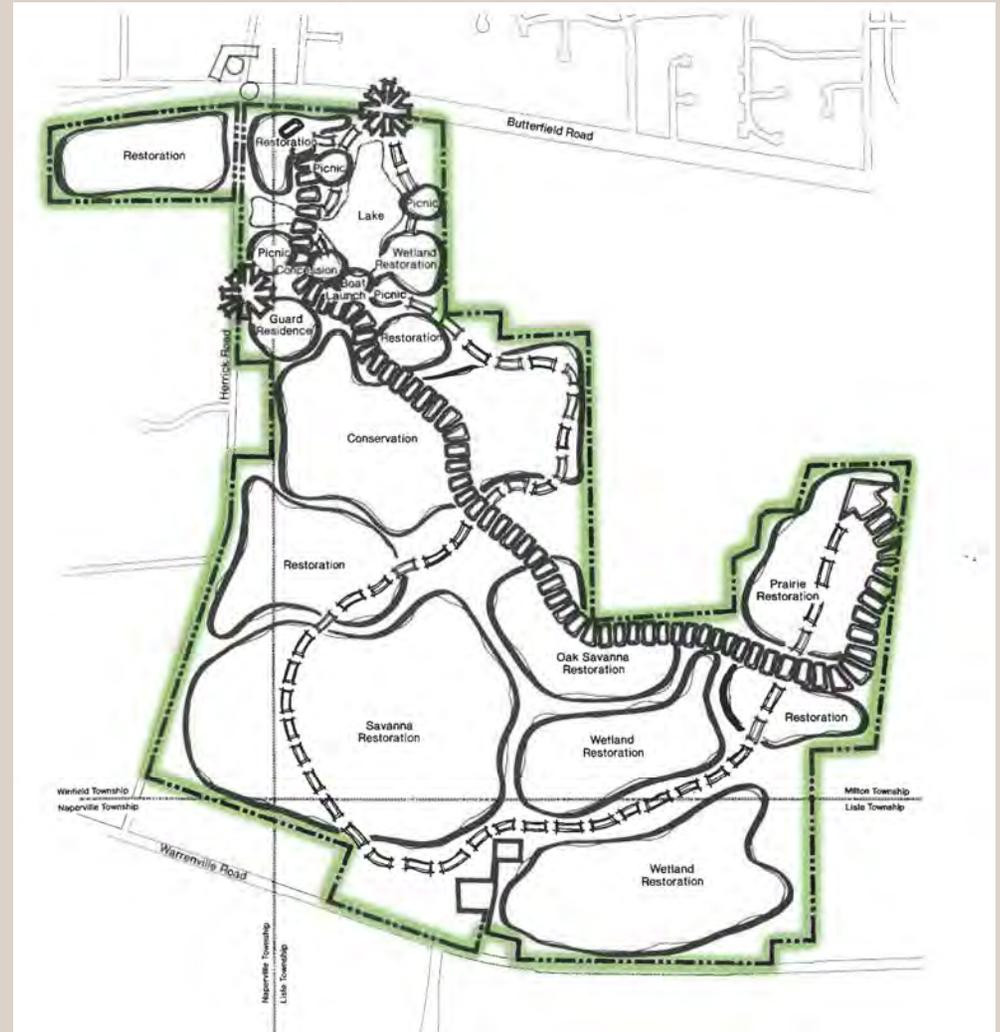
Background

- Herrick Lake is home to an impressive variety of wildlife. Ecologists have recorded more than 254 types of year-round and migrating wildlife among the preserve's 470 different types of plants.



Statistics

- 887 Acres
- Most visited preserve (31%)
- 6.8 miles of trails
- 3 Shelters, 2 Parking Lots, Flush Washroom, Concession Building, Cabin
- Fishing and boating lake
- “Have It at Herrick”
- Herrick Lake Prairie & Savanna Restoration Project- 550 acres



Master Planning Process

1. Information Gathering: November 2024 - April 2025
2. Analyze & Develop Goals: February - May 2025
3. Master Plan Development: May - June 2025
4. Draft Master Plan Review & Refinement: June - July 2025
5. Final Master Plan Delivery: July - August 2025
6. Final Board Approval: August 2025



Master Planning Guardrails

- Downstate Forest Preserve Act
- Past Preserve Masterplans / History
- 2019 District Master Plan
- Land Use Classifications and Policies
- General Use Ordinance
- Intensive Recreation Use Ordinances



Downstate Forest Preserve Act

- Illinois law responsible for creating and managing Forest Preserve Districts state-wide
- Applies to all Forest Preserve Districts under 3,000,000 pop.
- “To acquire and hold lands containing natural forests... for the purpose of protecting and preserving the flora, fauna, and scenic beauties... in their natural state and condition, for the purpose of education, pleasure and recreation of the public”



General Use Ordinance

- District Approved Ordinance (Updated 2020)
- Dictates allowable recreation activities in Preserves
- Allows for application to Executive Director requesting activities not allowable within the ordinance
- Major Prohibited Activities:
 - Motorized vehicle use
 - Paintball guns, air rifles, fireworks
 - Hunting, trapping, collecting wildlife & plant material
- Special Use Permit Activities:
 - Fundraisers, races, training programs
 - Contests, shows, exhibitions
 - Public events, demonstrations, parades, speeches



District Ordinances/ Policies

- Intensive Recreation Ordinance
 - Limits “intense” recreation on District land
- Recreation Policy
 - Emphasizes passive, non-spectator recreation
 - District will not compete with other agencies or groups
- Land Management Policy
 - 10% development of preserves by land area
 - No development in Class 4 areas



Potential Amenities



Trails & Trail Connections



Seating Opportunities



Walking Paths



Flush Washrooms



Interpretive Signage



Wayfinding Signage

Potential Amenities



Accessible Kayak Launch



Fishing Piers



Habitat Restoration



Winter Activities



Nature Play Space



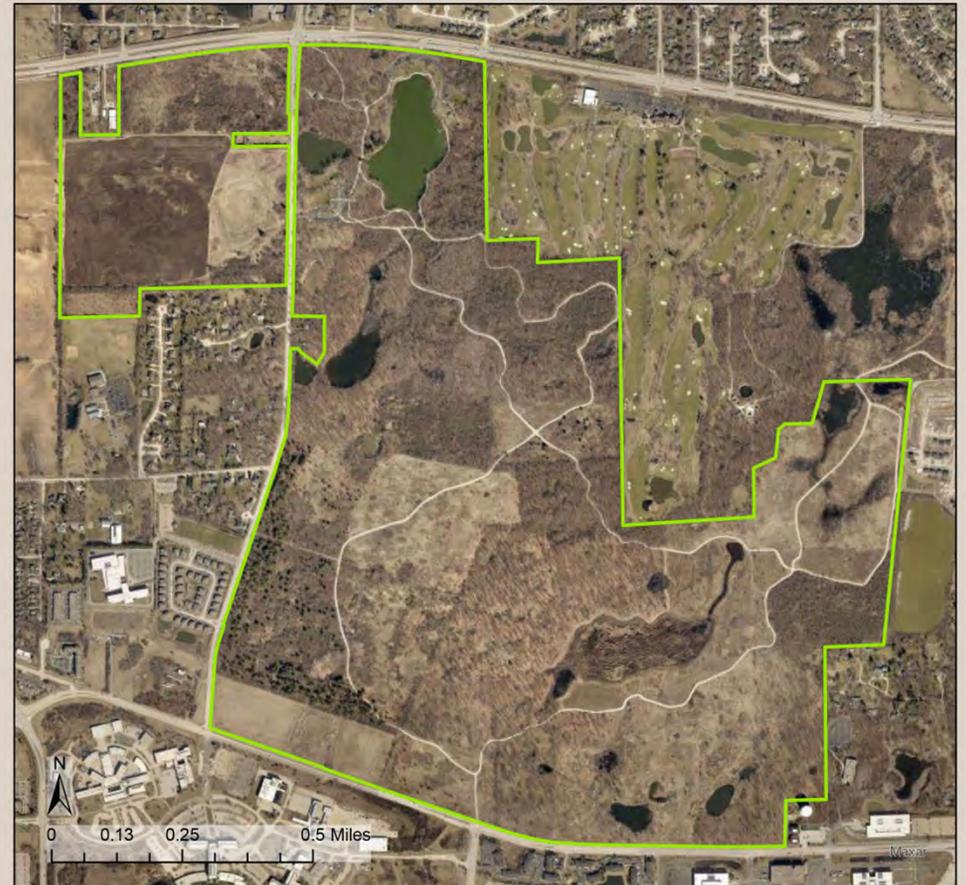
Boat Launch

Inventory Mapping - Aerials



1939 Aerial

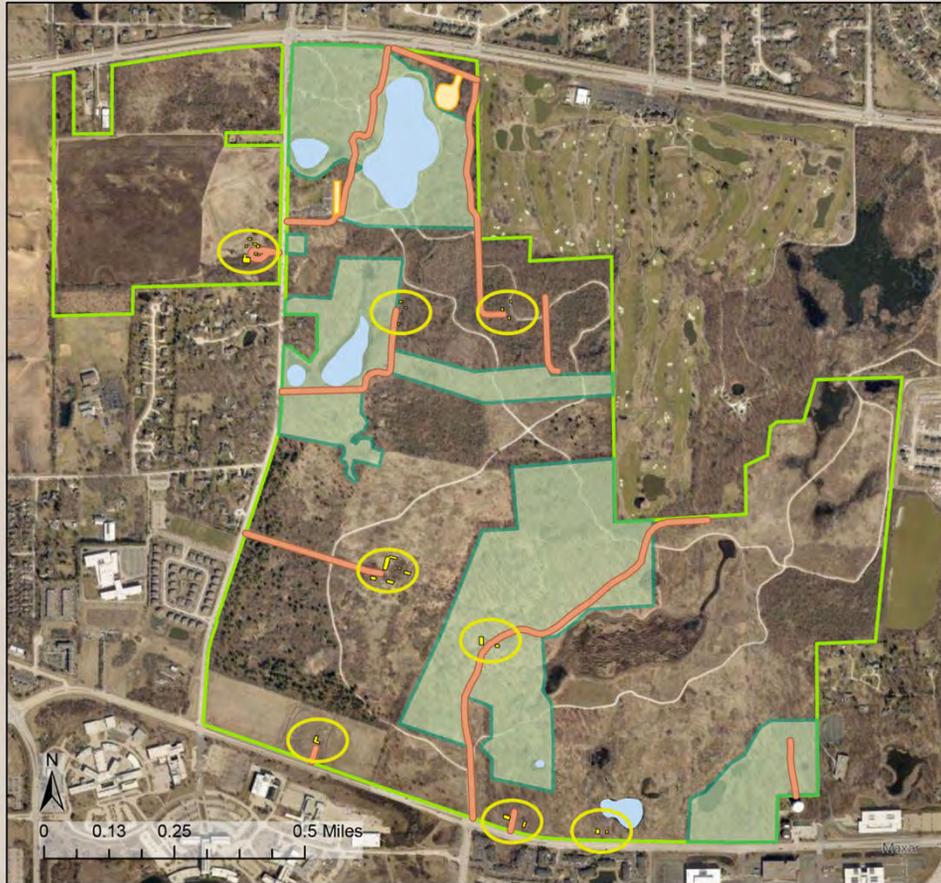
 Preserve Boundary



2023 Aerial

 Preserve Boundary

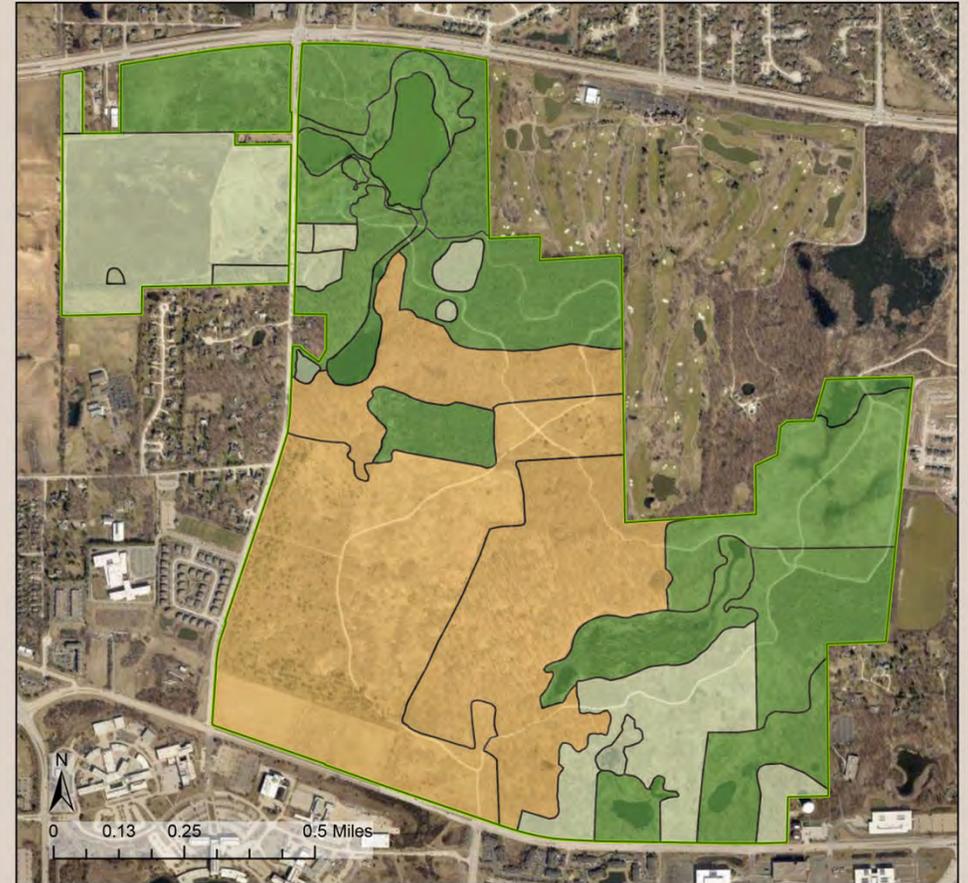
Land Use



Historic & Cultural

Legend

- 1939 Woods
- 1939 Buildings
- 1939 Surface Water
- 1939 Roads & Trails
- Preserve Boundary

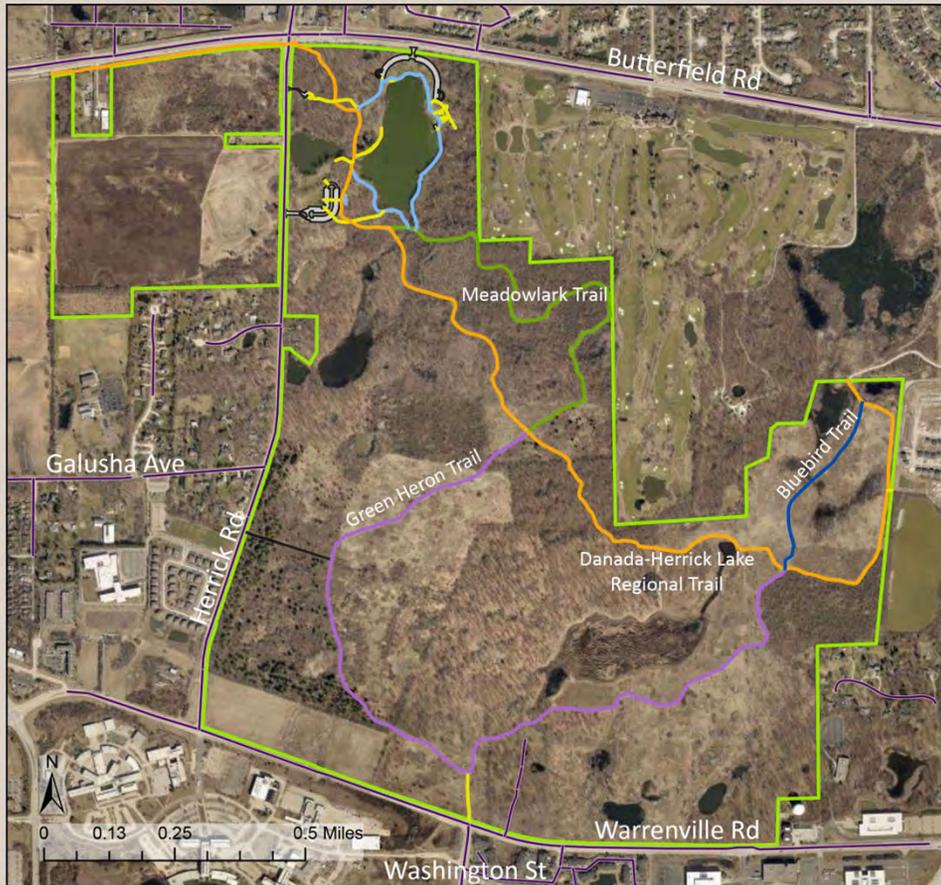


Ecosystems

Legend

- Preserve Boundary
- Classification**
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- II
- III
- IV

Circulation Patterns



Circulation

Legend

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| Surrounding Roads | Trails |
| Preserve Boundary | Bluebird Trail |
| Preserve Roads and Lots | Connector |
| | Danada-Herrick Lake Regional Trail |
| | Green Heron Trail |
| | Lake Trail |
| | Meadowlark Trail |

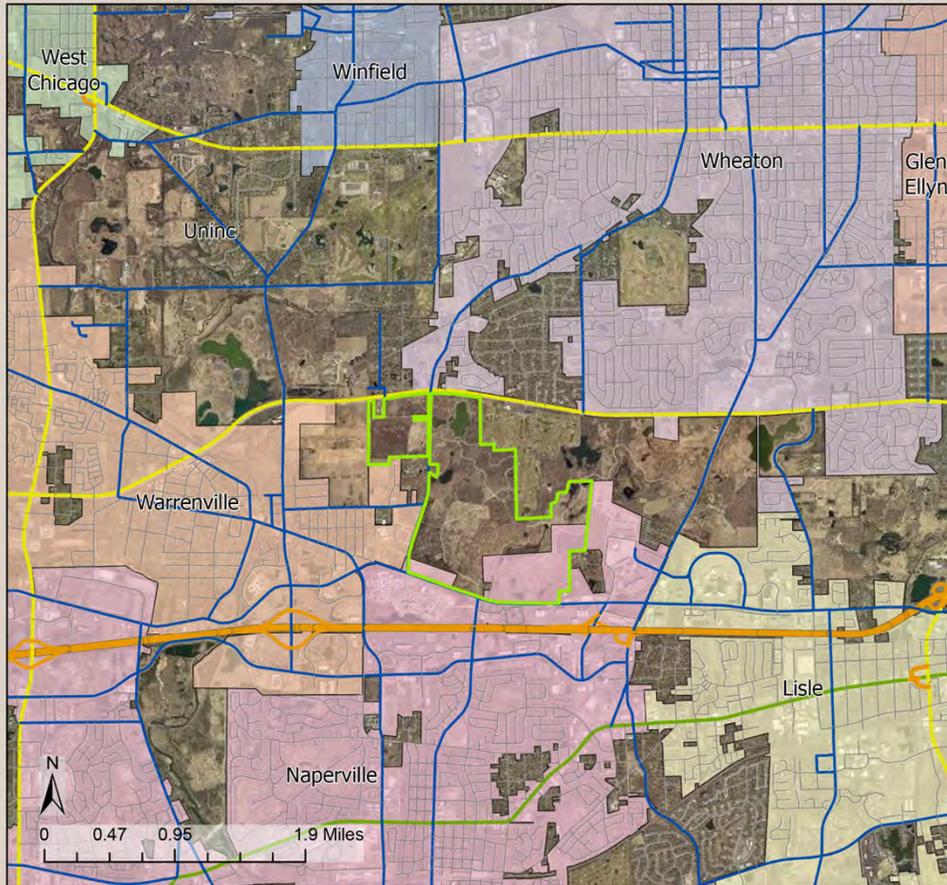


Lake Area Circulation

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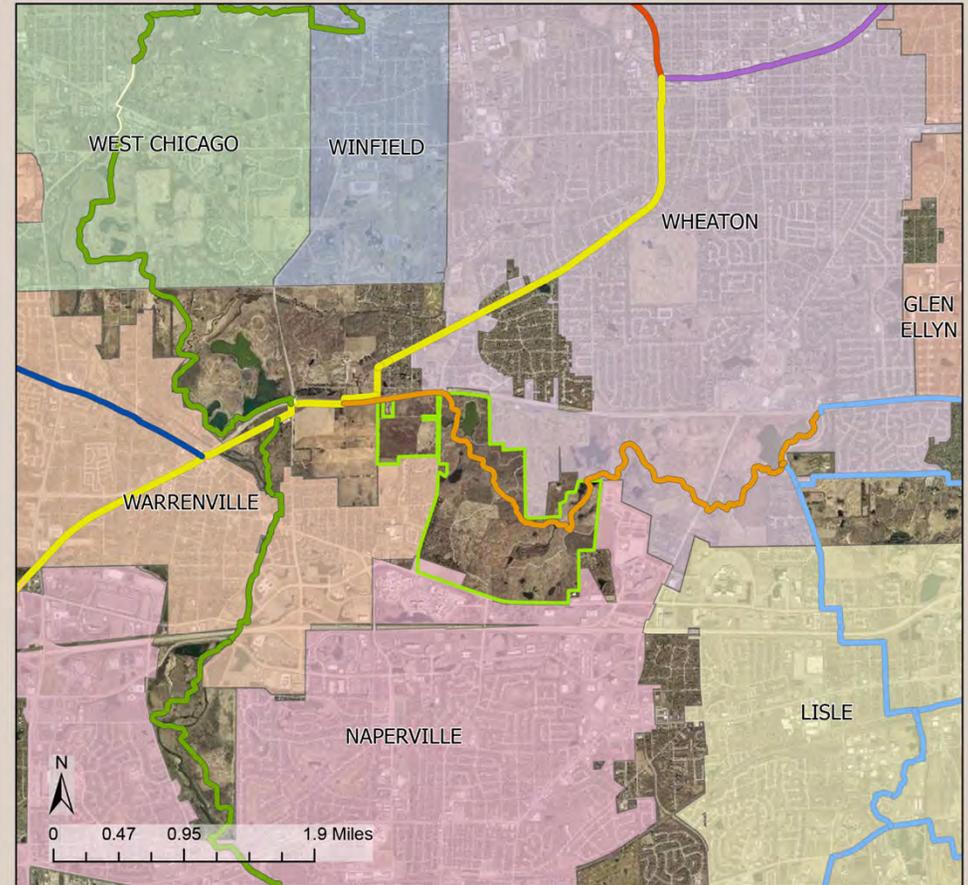
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Agencies & Transportation



Roads & Municipalities

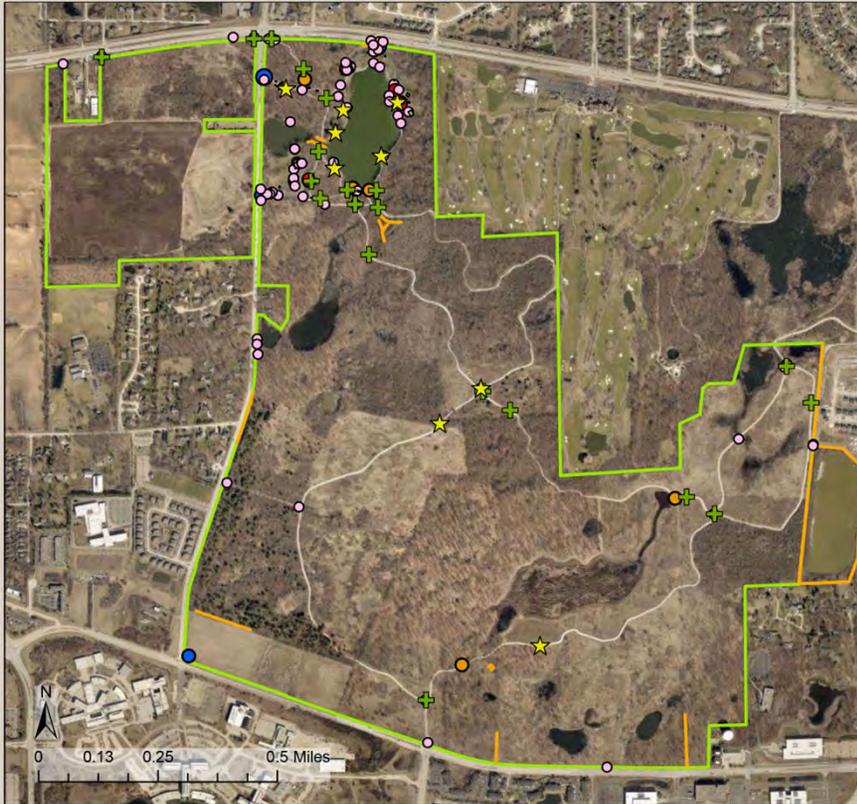
- Roads**
- Interstates
 - Major Roads
 - Ramps
 - Residential Roads
 - State Routes
 - U.S. Routes
- Preserve Boundary



Trails & Park Districts

- Aurora - Naperville Trail
- Batavia Road Bike Path
- East Branch DuPage River Trail
- Forest Preserve District Regional Trail
- Illinois Prairie Path - Aurora Branch
- Illinois Prairie Path - Elgin Branch
- Illinois Prairie Path - Main Stem
- West Branch DuPage River Trail

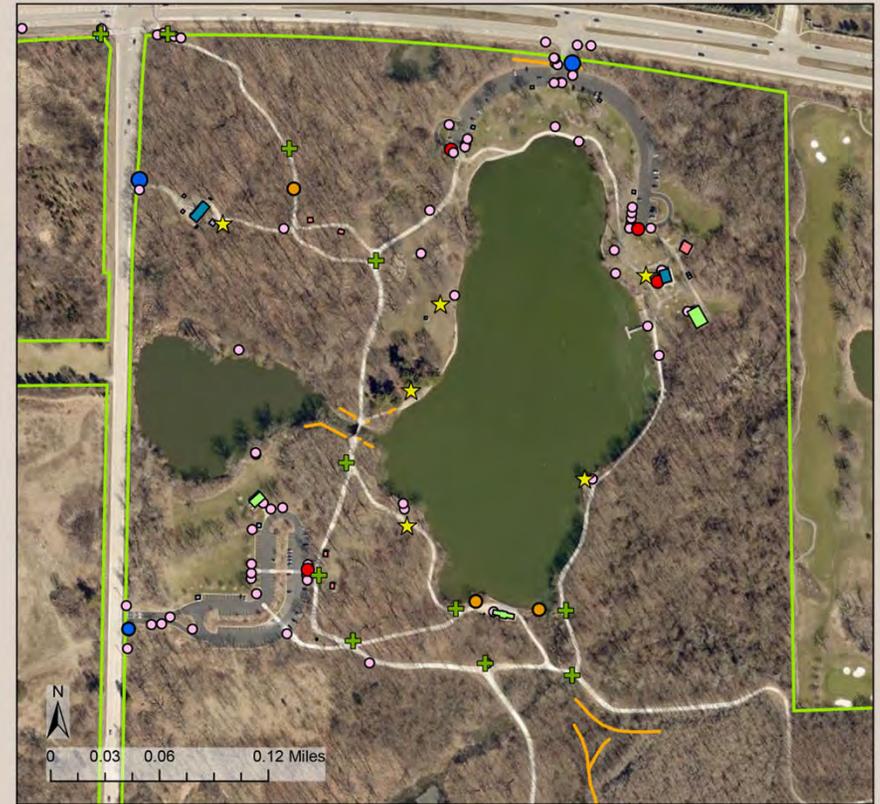
Structure Features



Structures

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| ★ Benches | ✚ Trail Markers selection |
| Signs | Structures |
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| ● Secondary Title | ■ Latrines |
| ○ Boundary | ■ Shelters |
| ○ Handicapped | ■ Other Structures |
| ○ Interpretive | ■ Preserve Boundary |
| ○ Trailside Directional | — Fences |
| ○ Miscellaneous | |
| ● Visitor Information | |
| ○ Regulatory | |
| ○ Banner | |



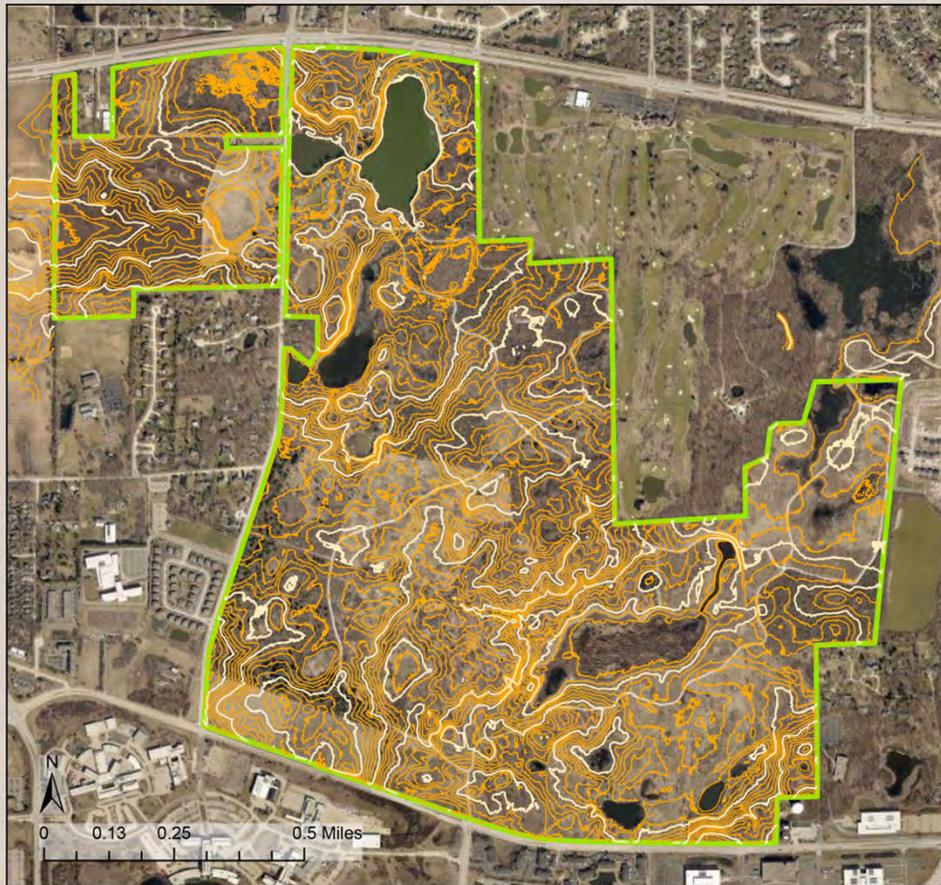
Lake Area Structures

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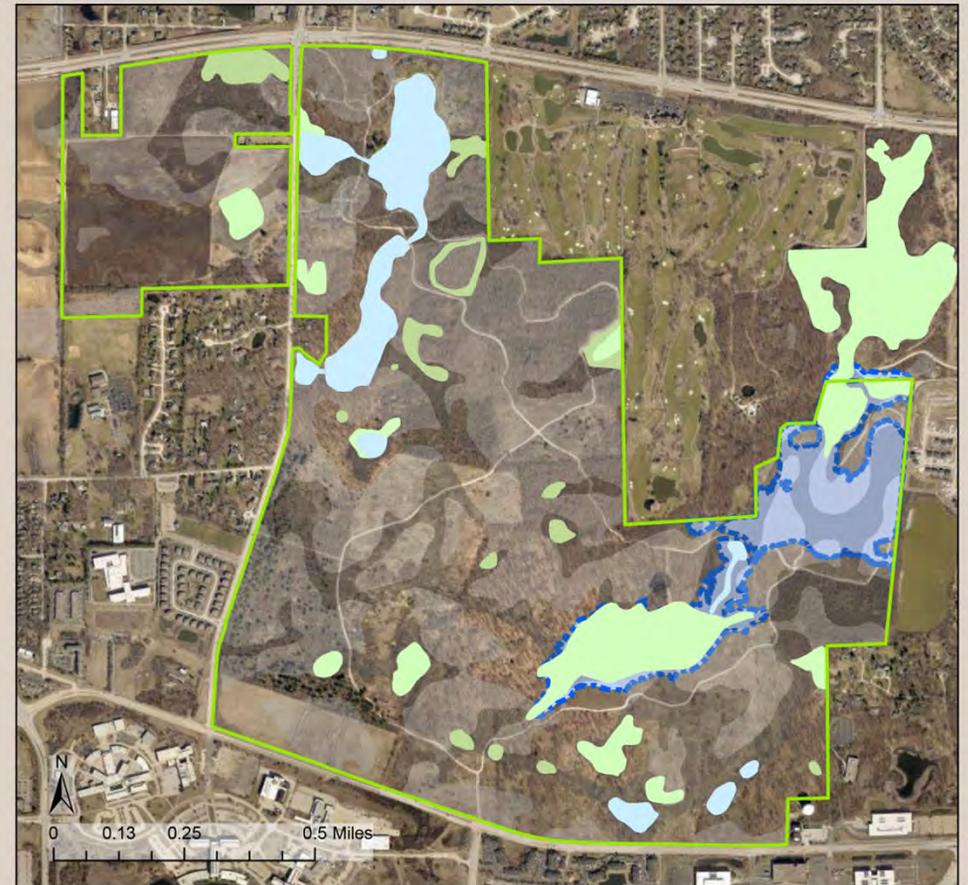
Topography and Hydrology



Legend

- Topo_10ft
- Topo_2' Contours
- ▭ Preserve Boundary

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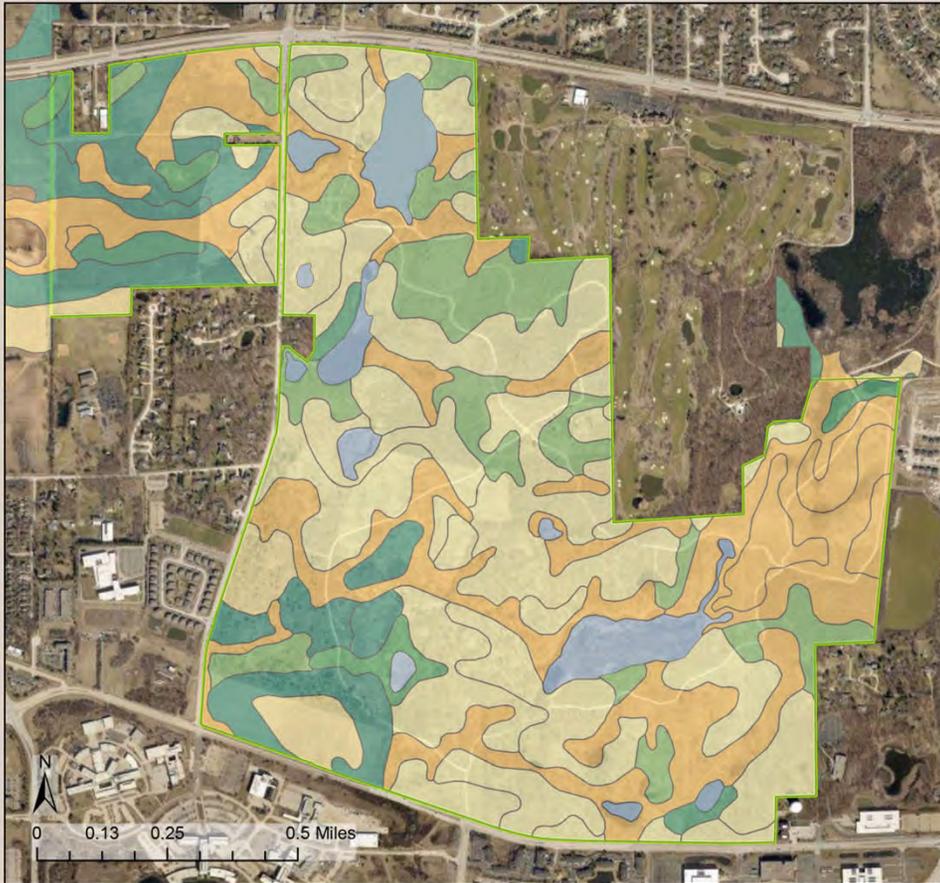


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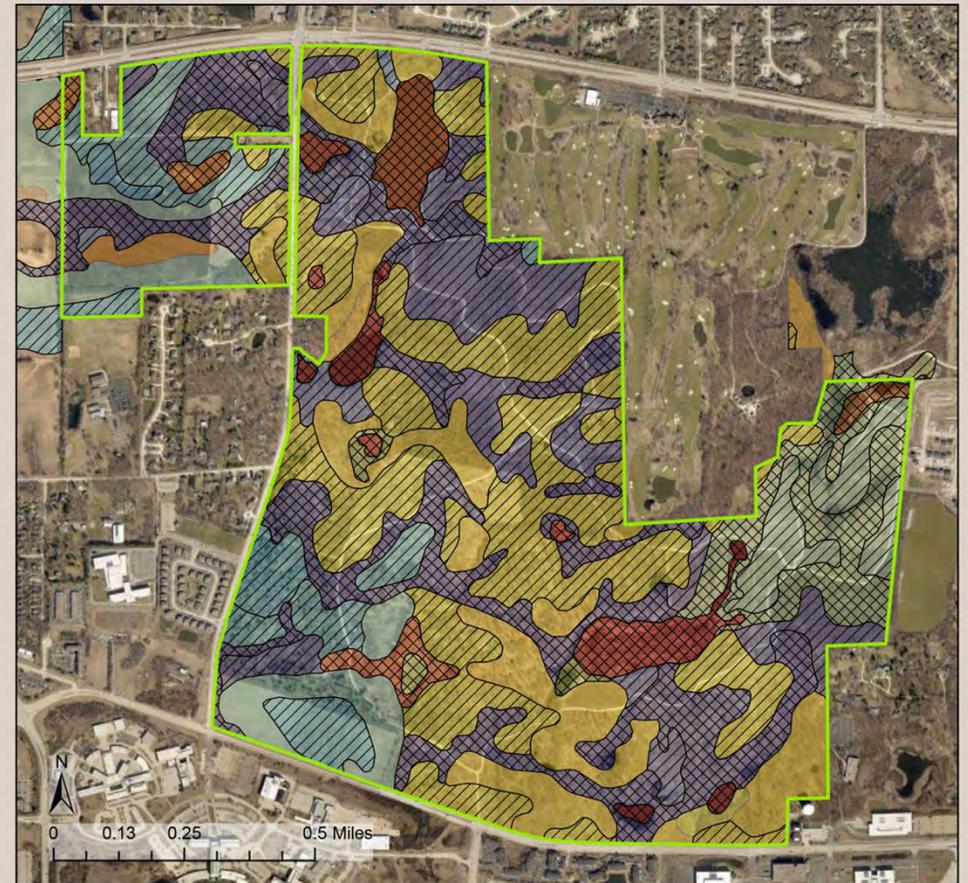
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Herrick Lake 2025 Master Plan

Public Input Meeting Comment Form Responses

Discussion Questions:

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Beautiful natural areas, easy to park and go on the trail. Lovely trails that extend onto regional trails. Boat rentals and south shelter!

Water/ lakes, trails and connections, woods and prairie, dogs are allowed, the bridge, free access, boat rental and concession, 2 parking lots, open space for picnics and gathering, native plant restoration

The lake, boat rentals, trail system linking to other trails, the eco-restoration, the CCC-built shelter.

Hiking trails, bird watching.

Close to my home.

Trails and savanna.

Used for hiking and cross country skiing.

Groomed for cross country skiing. Cleaned and well maintained.

Beautiful, lakes, ability to go out on the lakes.

The lakes, the removal of invasive plants and trees.

Countless- trails, openness, birds, trees.

Trails, birds, watching adults and kids fish, canoeing.

2. What are things you least like about Herrick Lake?

Bathrooms are kind of dated, not terrible but if I have to choose something.

Lake gets muddy/ algae. Area of non-native vegetation.

Having to look at the new housing development to the east- wish the FPD had got that land.

Traffic noise, dogs off-lease, mosquitos.

Can't think of anything, however, dislike speeding bikes.

Dogs- very little chance of seeing wild life, and their humans don't do a good job of picking up after them or keeping them on leash.

Would like more water for rowing.

People and lack of restrooms.

3. What features would you like to see improved at Herrick Lake?

Boat area- accessible launches and keep rentals available.

Natural shoreline along east side of main lake and north side of small lake (keep walkways along north and west sides of main lake)

More native plants, less invasives

Additional benches around trail loop, trees.

More trails and connecting trails. Water bottle dispenser.

Prairie and savanna- habitat for meadowlark and other grassland species.

Appreciate trail management.

More signage for trails- how far is it to the next junction, or back to the parking area, what trail am I on?

Additional interpretive signage. How about hike-in camping?

Portable restrooms throughout, parking, botanical gardens.

4. What features would you like to see removed from Herrick Lake?

Algae problems if possible.

Non-native vegetation (keep up the good work!)

Pit toilets.

More native trees and grasses.

5. What additional opportunities within the framework of the District's recreation and land use policies would you like to see added to Herrick Lake?

Ranger guided hikes (or volunteer), purchase inholding lands.

Environmental education signage, more opportunities to connect communities like birders, skiers, fishermen, etc.

Not versed enough to answer, but incredibly proud of all Forest Preserves and Herrick Lake.

6. What in your opinion is the biggest concern or priority for Herrick Lake?

Accessibility, protect natural areas and inform visitors of what the value of large areas of well managed habitat are.

Non-native vegetation removal and prevention of invasives.

Preserving ecosystem.

Take area back to a savanna.

Restoring habitat for native species.

Maintaining trails.

7. Other concerns or thoughts?

*Remain dog friendly please. Don't enlarge north lot please. Keep scout cabin and scout camping.
Bats and box turtles.*

19 members of the public attended the public meeting, 12 provided written comments.

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November 11, 2024



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April 24, 2025



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June 11, 2025





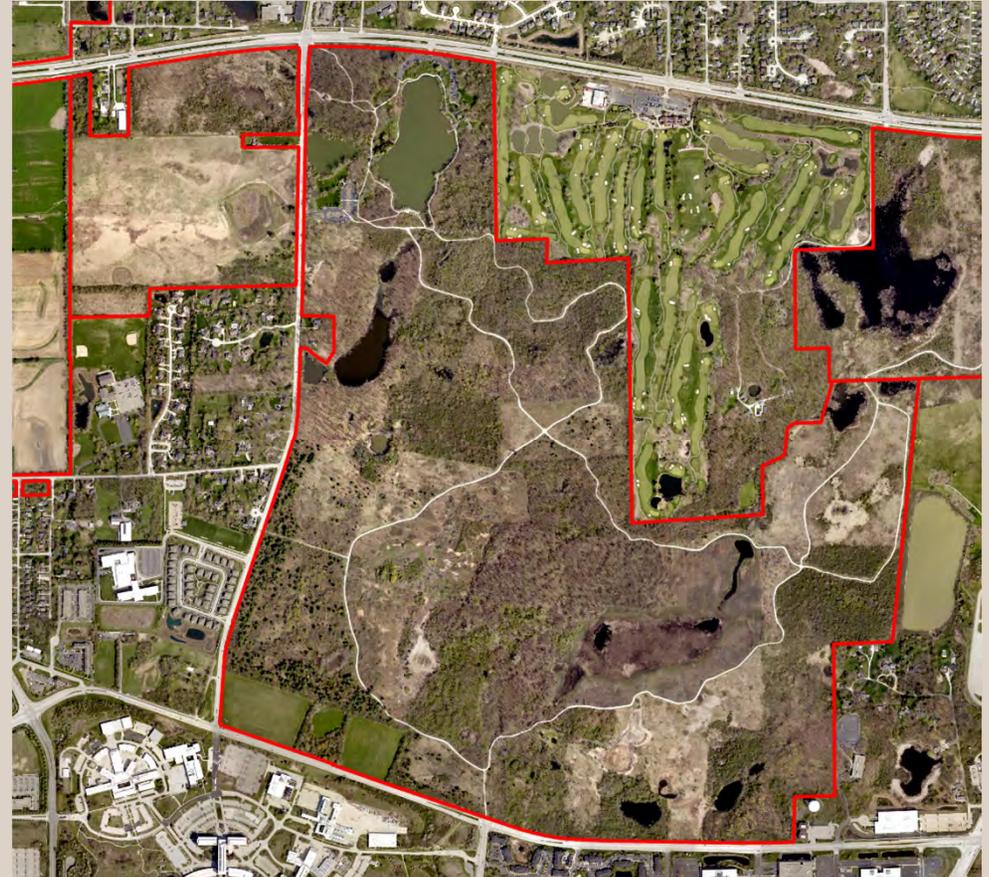
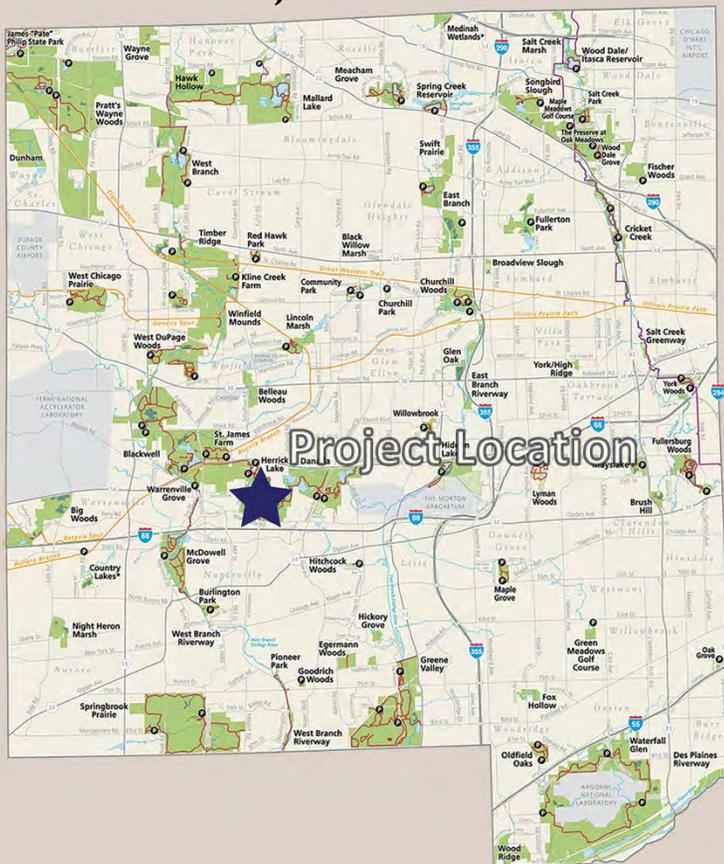
Herrick Lake: 2025 Preserve Master Plan

Board Input Meetings



Location Map

Herrick Lake Forest Preserve,
Wheaton, IL



History

- In 1925, the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County purchased 90 acres of the original Herrick homestead. From the mid-1950s through the 1970s, additional scattered acquisitions expanded the preserve.
- Today, Herrick Lake is a substantial link in a 3,700-acre chain of open space that includes Danada, Warrenville Grove, St. James Farm and Blackwell forest preserves



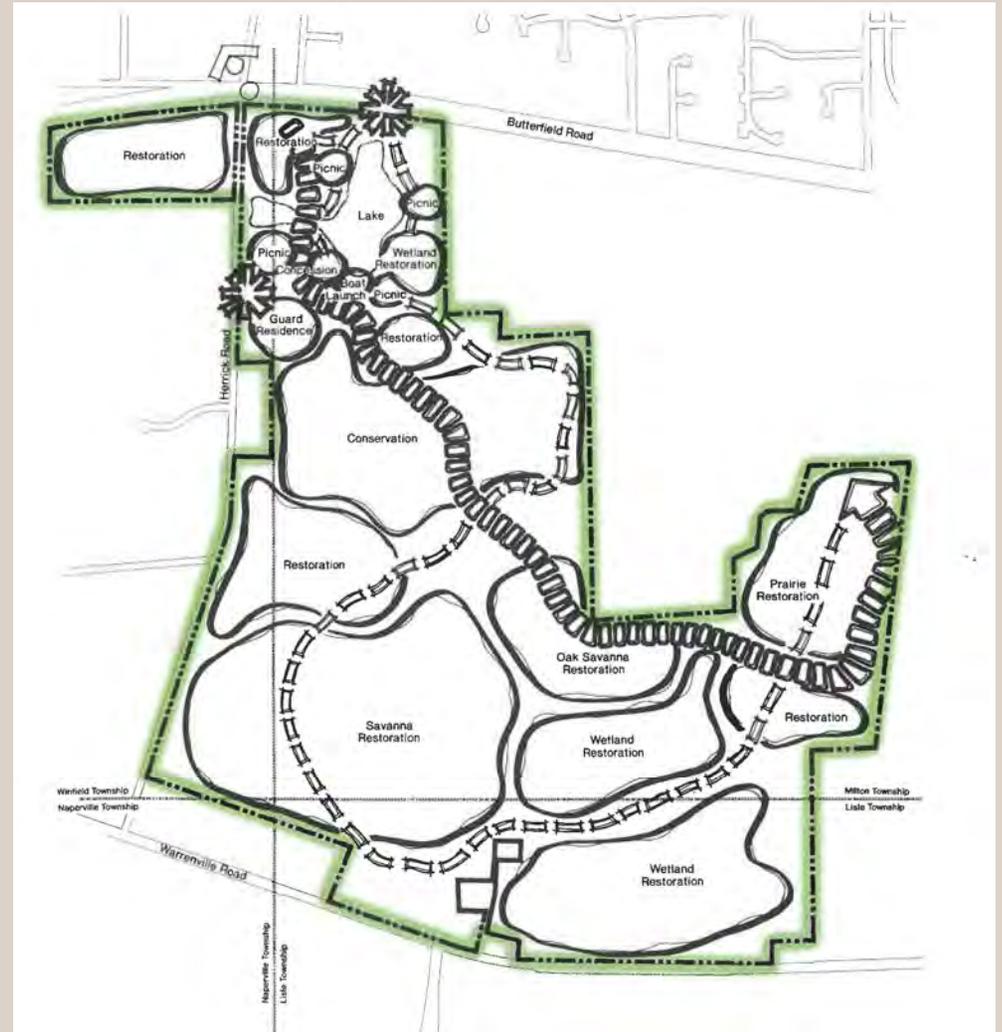
Background

- Herrick Lake is home to an impressive variety of wildlife. Ecologists have recorded more than 254 types of year-round and migrating wildlife among the preserve's 470 different types of plants.



Statistics

- 887 Acres
- Most visited preserve (31%)
- 6.8 miles of trails
- 3 Shelters, Flush Washroom, Concession building, Cabin
- Fishing and boating lake
- “Have It at Herrick”
- Herrick Lake Prairie & Savanna Restoration Project- 550 acres



Master Planning Process

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- a) Inventory Maps & Site Visits
- b) Stakeholder Input
- c) Planning Document Review

2. Analyze & Develop Goals

- a) Site Analysis Mapping
- b) Develop Goals & Objectives

3. Master Plan Development

- a) Develop Graphic Plans
- b) Cost Estimating
- c) Identify Grants
- d) Compile Draft Plan

4. Draft Master Plan Review & Refinement

- a) Public, Board, & Staff Review
- b) Refine Plans & Goals

5. Final Master Plan Delivery

- a) Compile Final Preserve Master Plan Document
- b) Board Approval



Schedule

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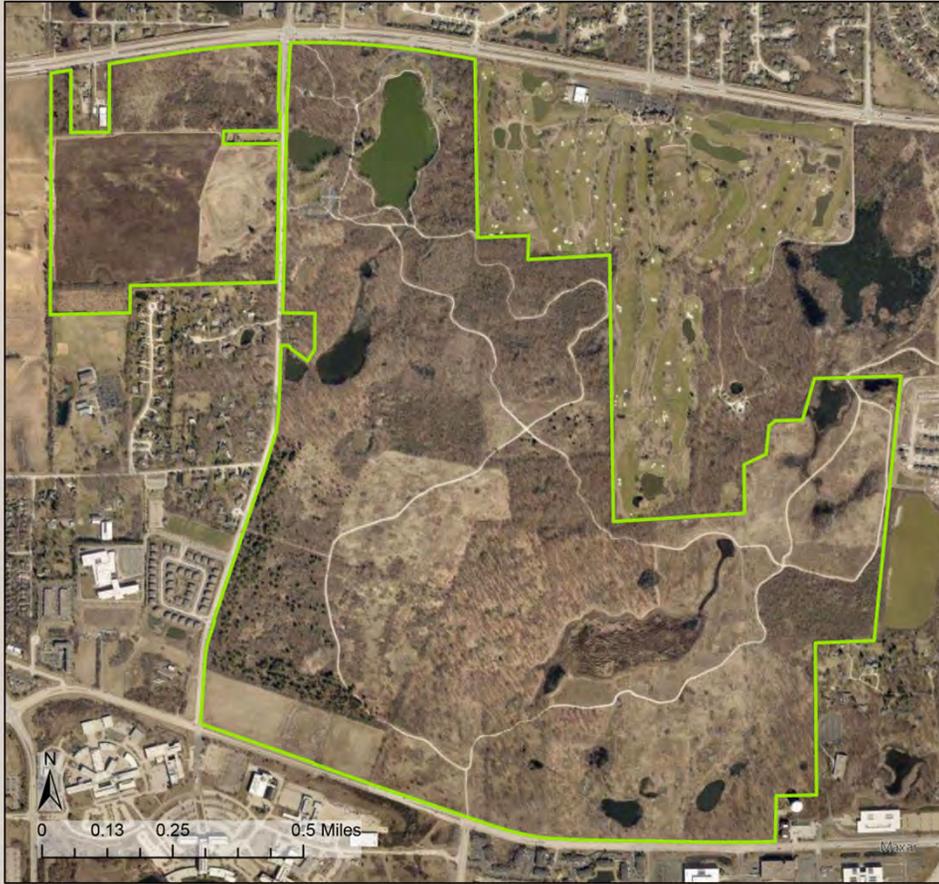


Master Planning Guardrails

- Downstate Forest Preserve Act
- Past Preserve Masterplans / History
- 2019 District Master Plan
- Land Use Classifications and Policies
- General Use Ordinance
- Intensive Recreation Use Ordinances



Inventory Mapping - Aerials



2023 Aerial

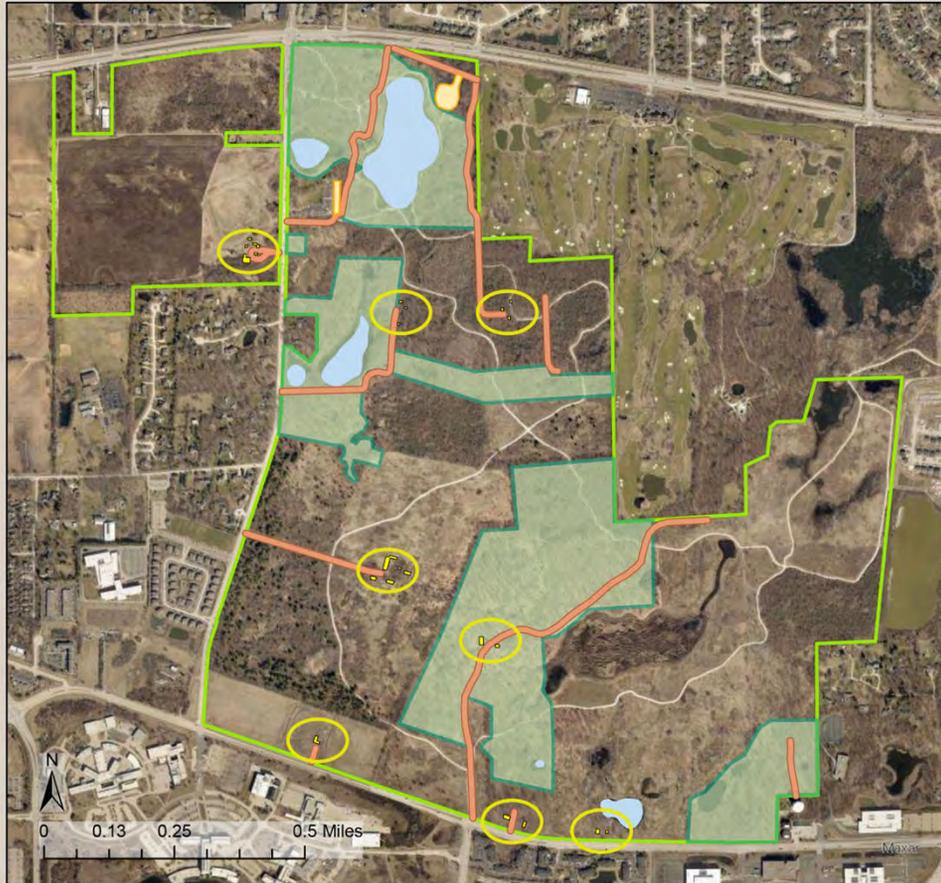
 Preserve Boundary



1939 Aerial

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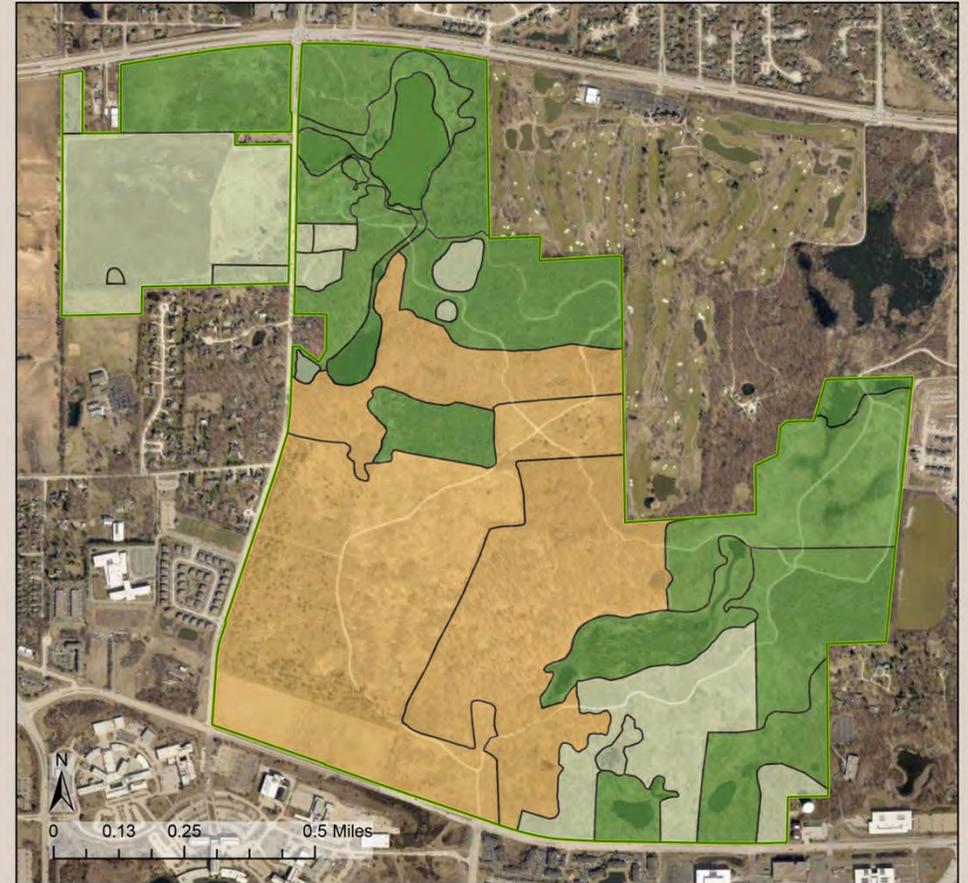
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Historic & Cultural

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- 1939 Roads & Trails
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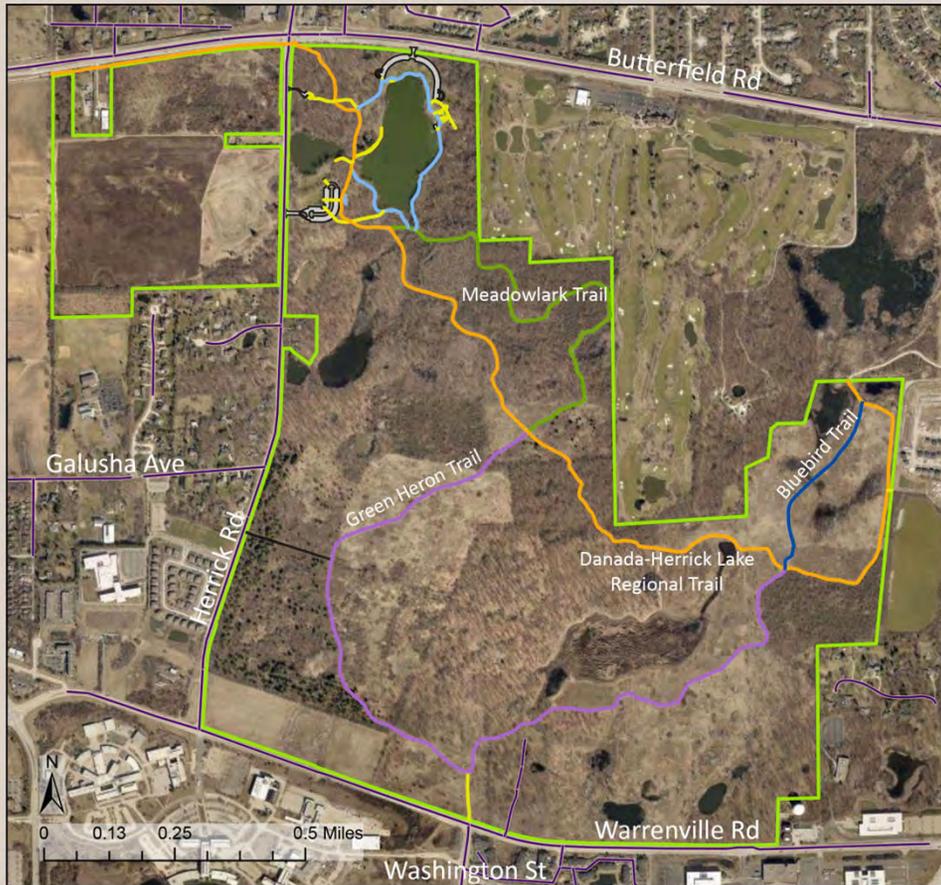


Ecosystems

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- Classification**
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Circulation Patterns



Circulation

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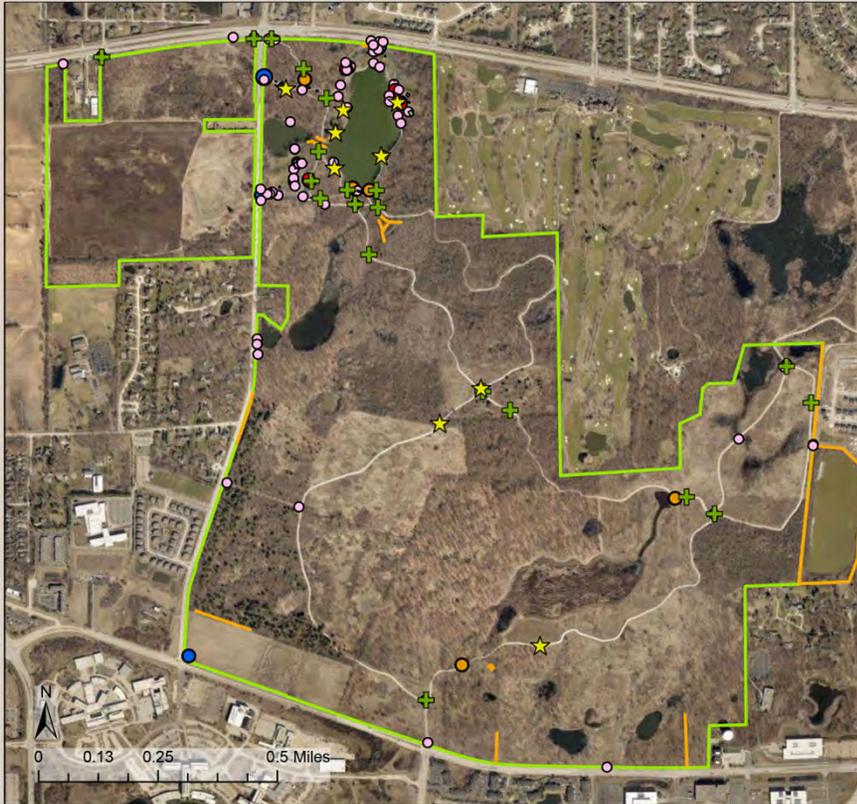


Lake Area Circulation

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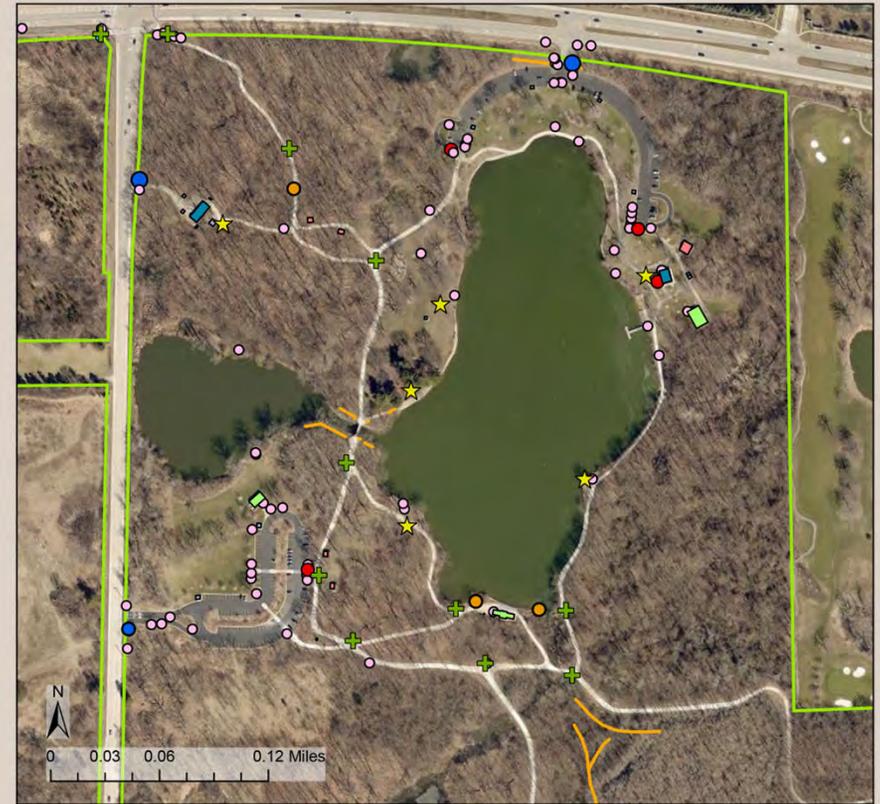
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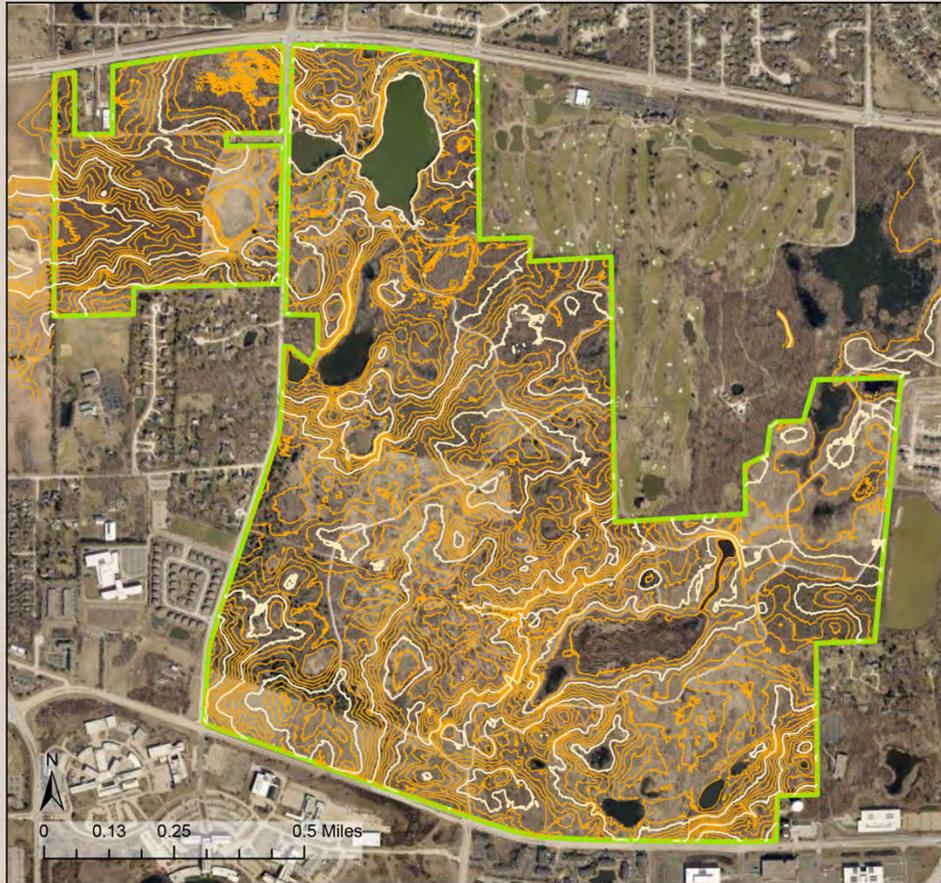
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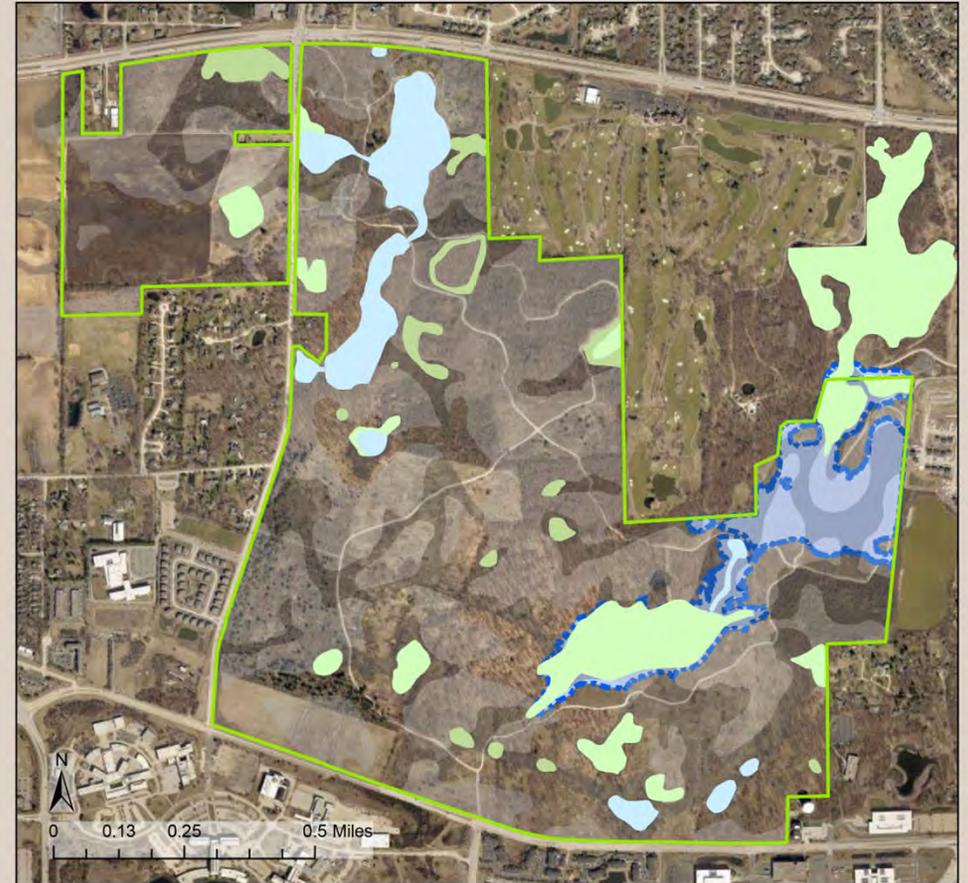
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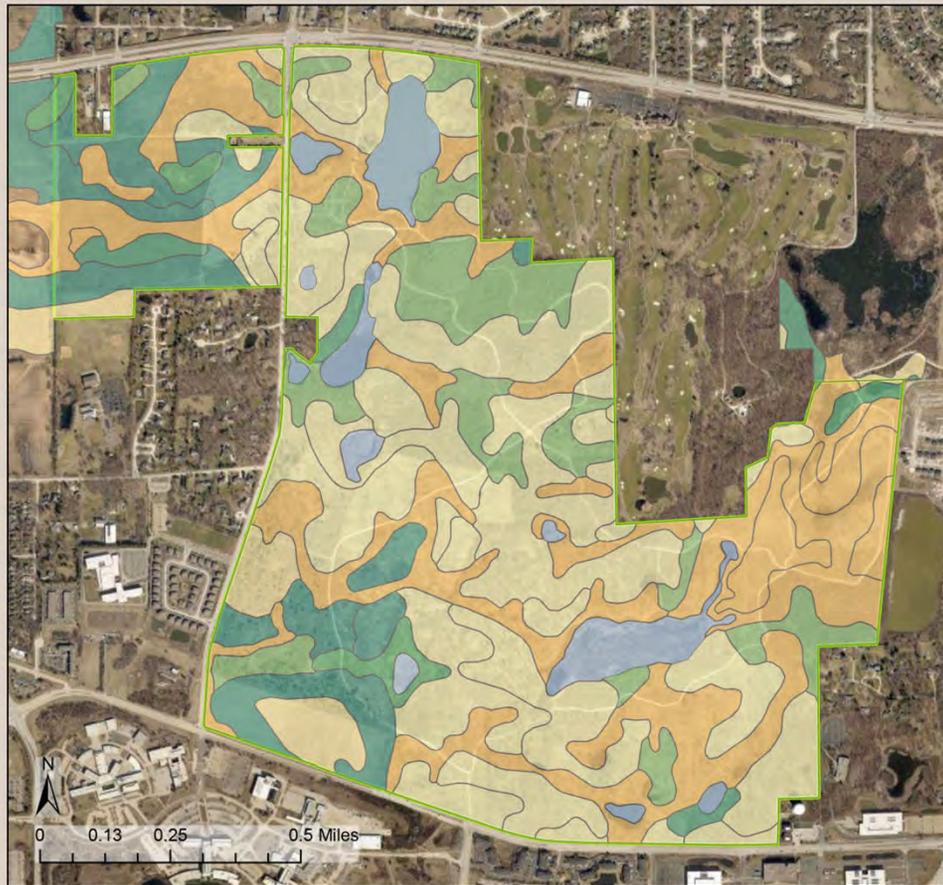


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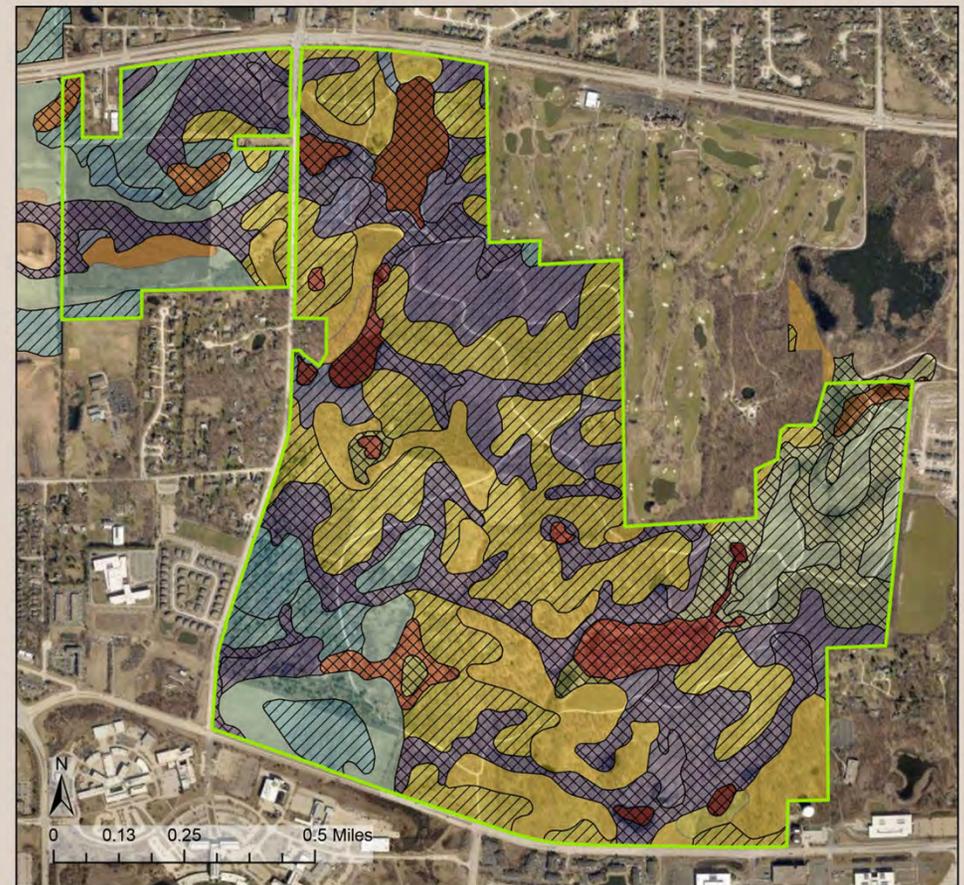
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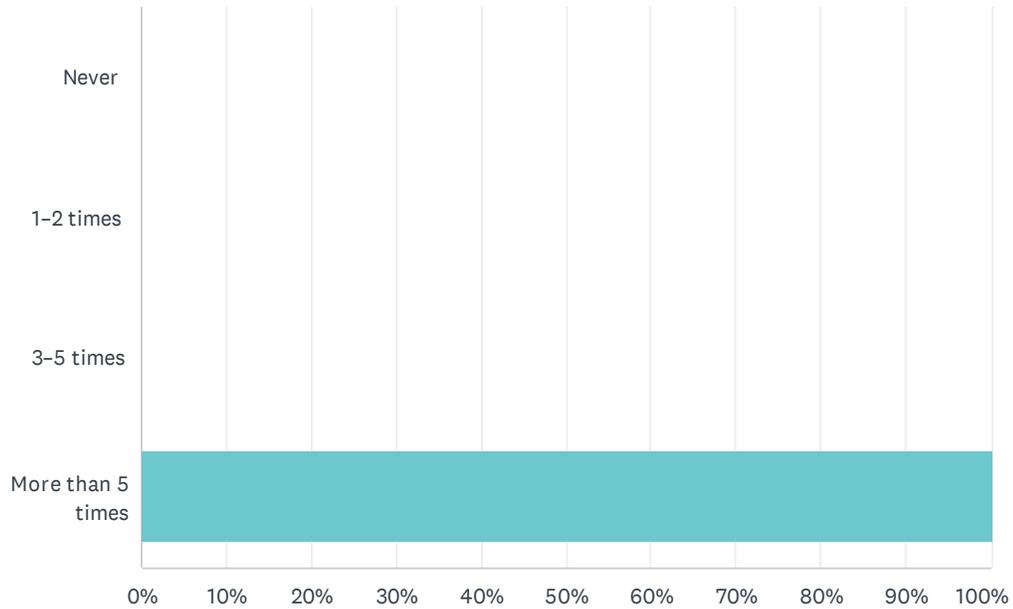


Questions?



Q1 How many times has your troop reserved the Herrick Lake youth cabin?

Answered: 1 Skipped: 0

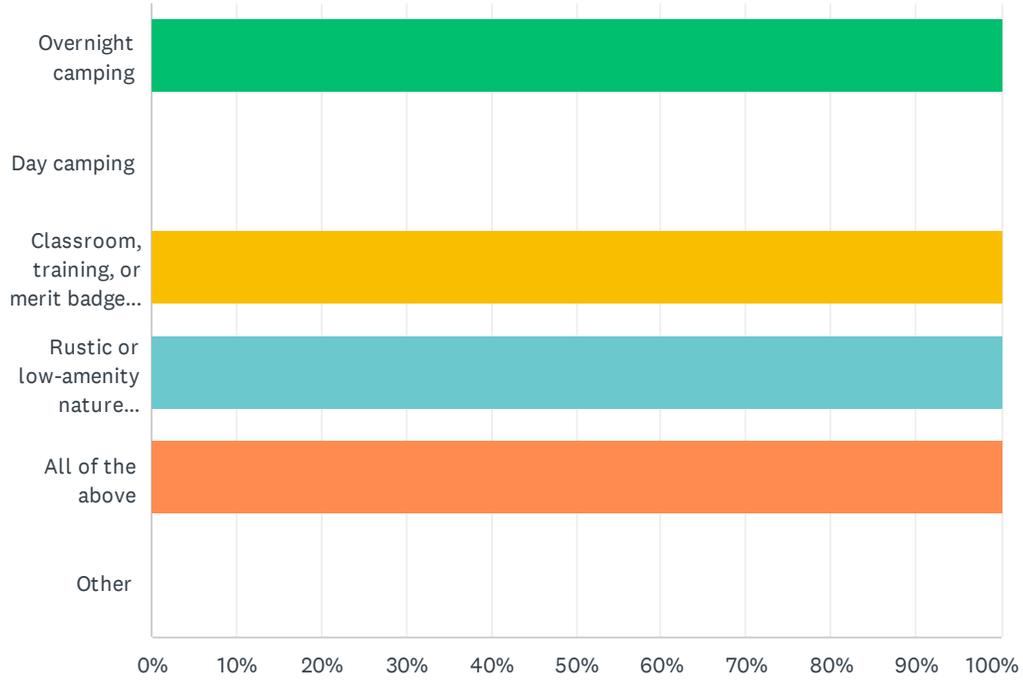


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Never	0.00% 0
1-2 times	0.00% 0
3-5 times	0.00% 0
More than 5 times	100.00% 1
TOTAL	1

Q2 What did you use the space for? (Select all that apply.)

Answered: 1 Skipped: 0

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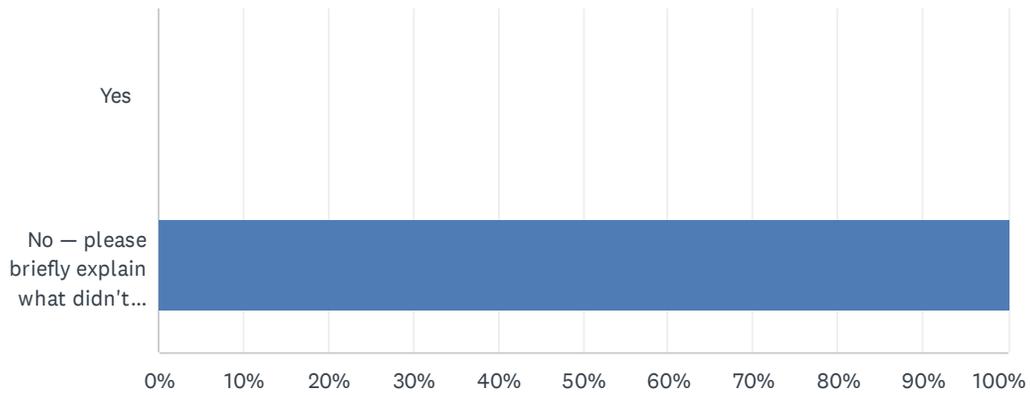
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Overnight camping	100.00%	1
Day camping	0.00%	0
Classroom, training, or merit badge programs	100.00%	1
Rustic or low-amenity nature experience	100.00%	1
All of the above	100.00%	1
Other	0.00%	0
Total Respondents: 1		

#	OTHER	DATE
	There are no responses.	

Q3 When using the cabin, were parking, drop-off, and amenities adequate for your needs?

Answered: 1 Skipped: 0

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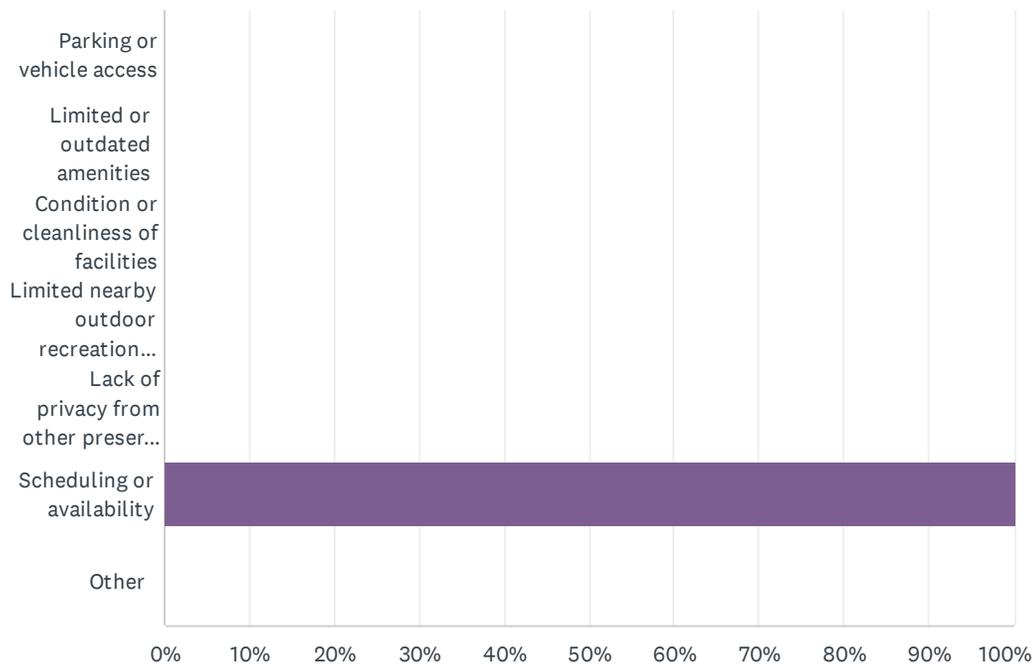


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	0.00% 0
No — please briefly explain what didn't meet your needs	100.00% 1
TOTAL	1

#	NO — PLEASE BRIEFLY EXPLAIN WHAT DIDN'T MEET YOUR NEEDS	DATE
1	Parking was not adequate. We did love the rustic feel and the comfort of the kitchen	11/13/2025 3:13 PM

Q4 What are the biggest challenges or reasons your troop might hesitate to reserve the youth cabin at Herrick Lake?

Answered: 1 Skipped: 0



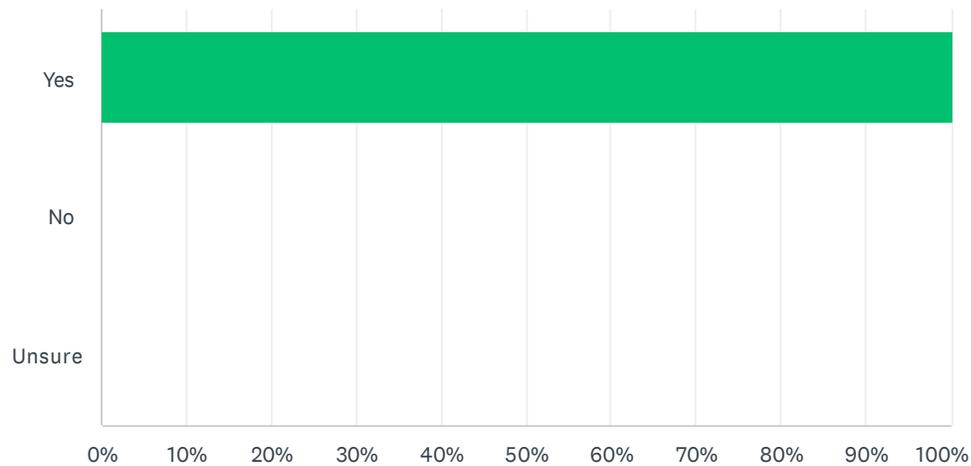
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Parking or vehicle access	0.00%	0
Limited or outdated amenities	0.00%	0
Condition or cleanliness of facilities	0.00%	0
Limited nearby outdoor recreation opportunities	0.00%	0
Lack of privacy from other preserve visitors	0.00%	0
Scheduling or availability	100.00%	1
Other	0.00%	0
TOTAL		1

#	OTHER	DATE
	There are no responses.	

Q5 If the Forest Preserve District offered an improved or new overnight reservable space, would your troop be interested in using it?

Answered: 1 Skipped: 0

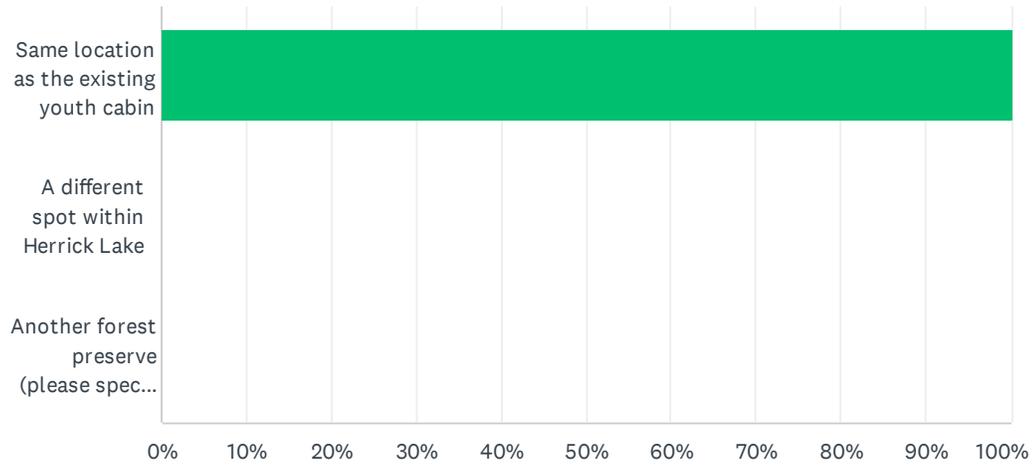


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	100.00%	1
No	0.00%	0
Unsure	0.00%	0
TOTAL		1

Q6 Where would you prefer this type of overnight space to be located?

Answered: 1 Skipped: 0

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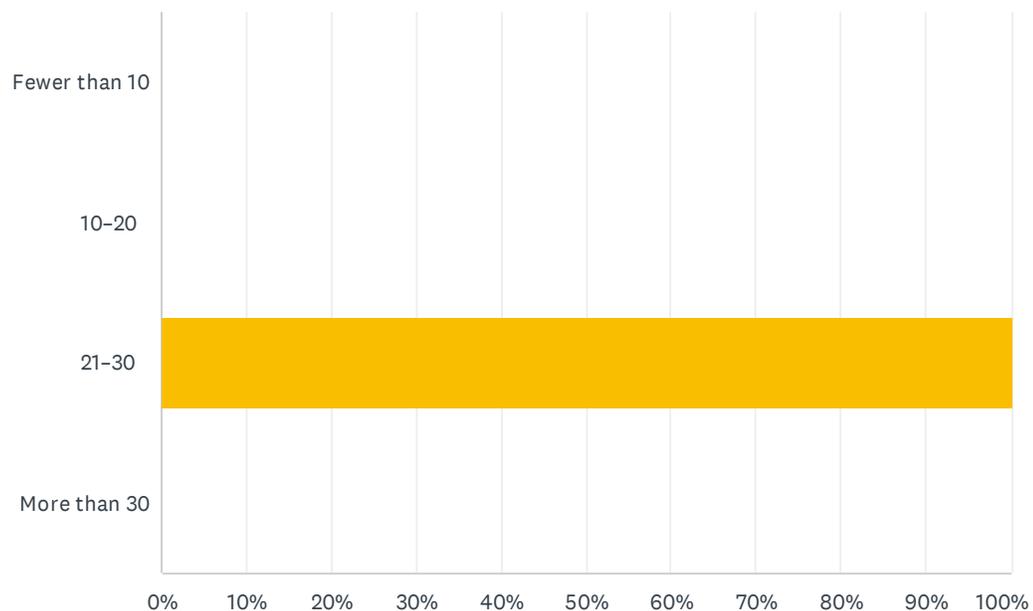


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Same location as the existing youth cabin	100.00% 1
A different spot within Herrick Lake	0.00% 0
Another forest preserve (please specify which and why)	0.00% 0
TOTAL	1

#	LOCATION AND REASON	DATE
There are no responses.		

Q7 What size group should the space be designed to accommodate?

Answered: 1 Skipped: 0

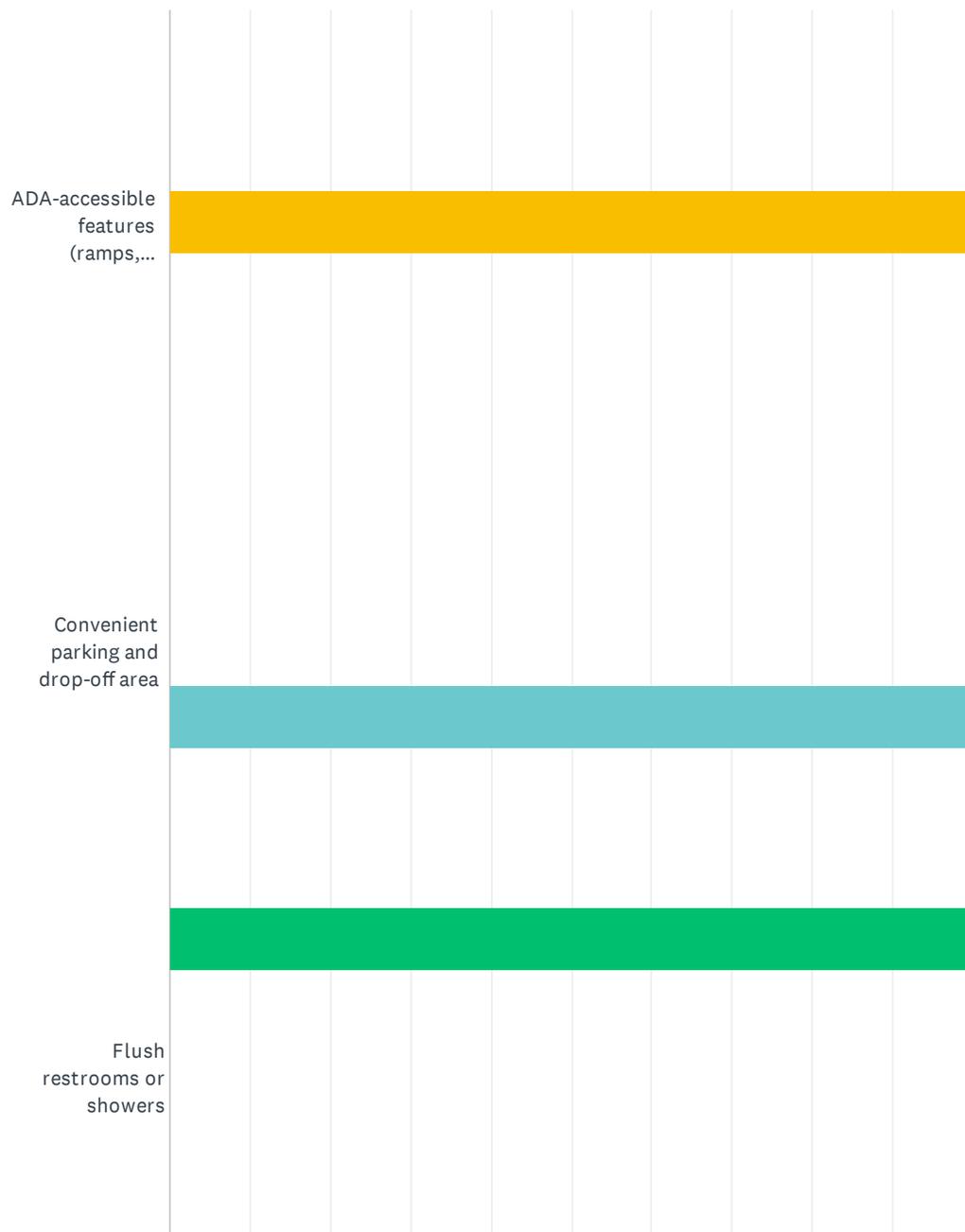


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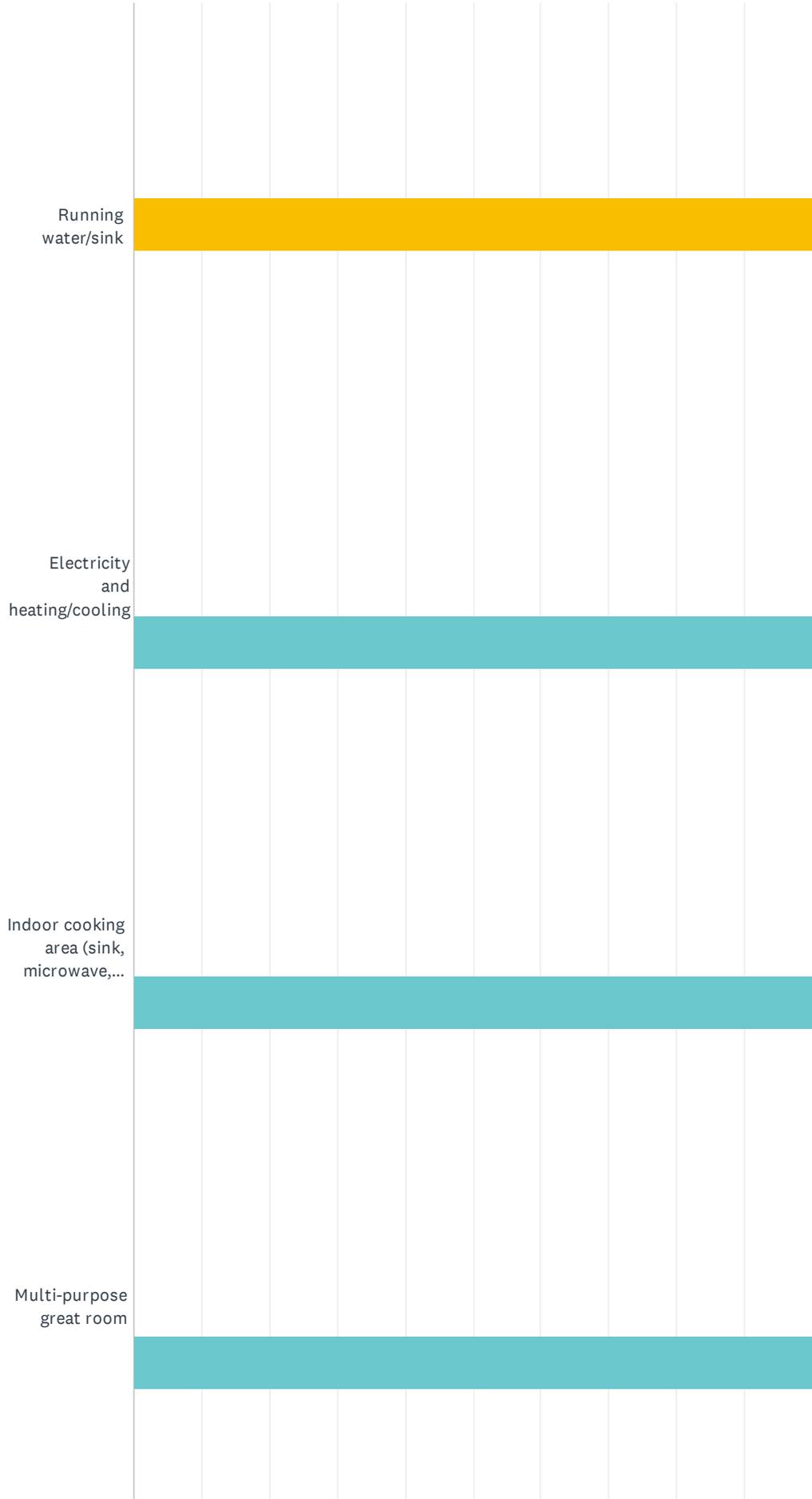
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Fewer than 10	0.00%	0
10–20	0.00%	0
21–30	100.00%	1
More than 30	0.00%	0
TOTAL		1

Q8 How important are the following features for an overnight reservable space?(Rate each from 1 = Not important to 5 = Essential.)

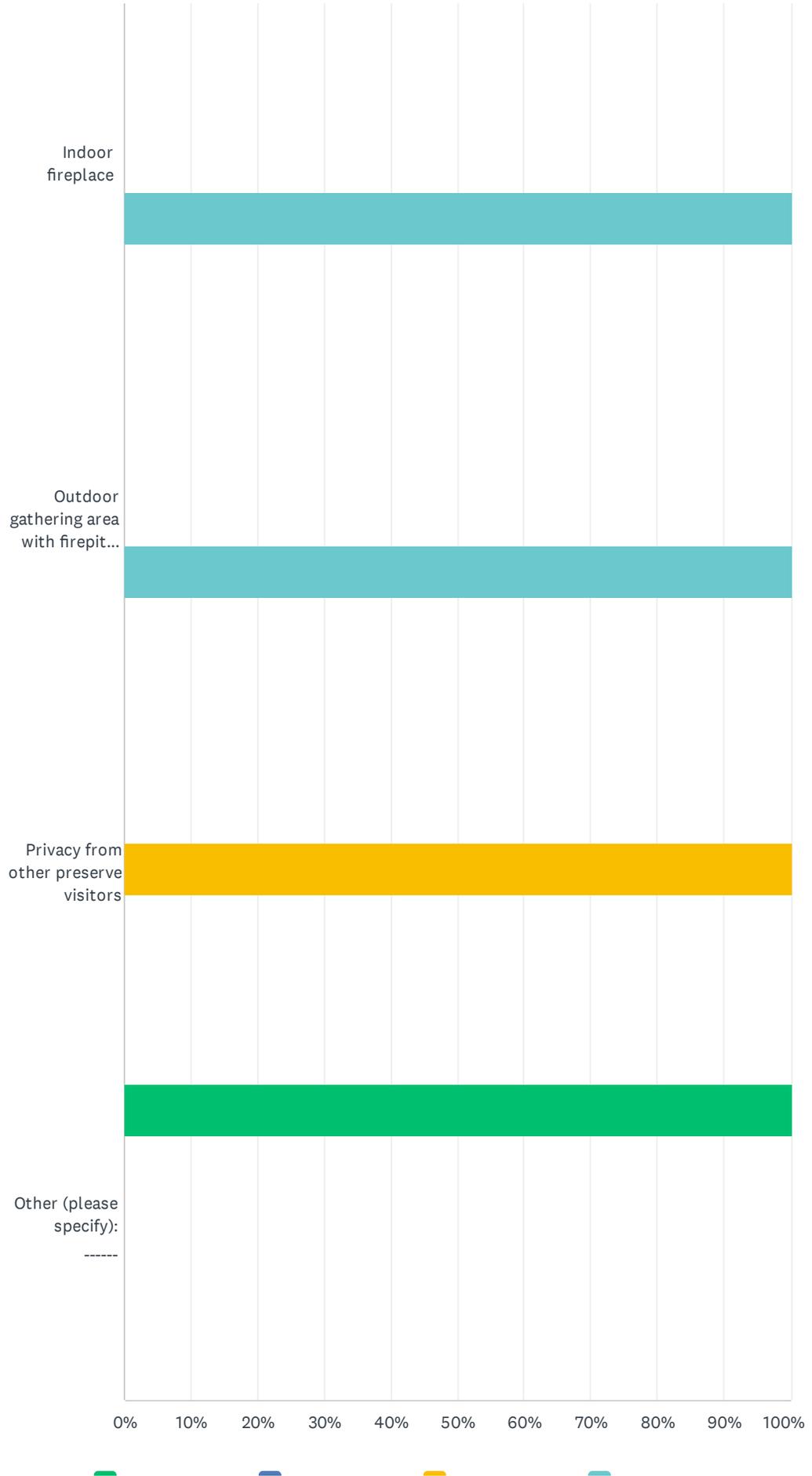
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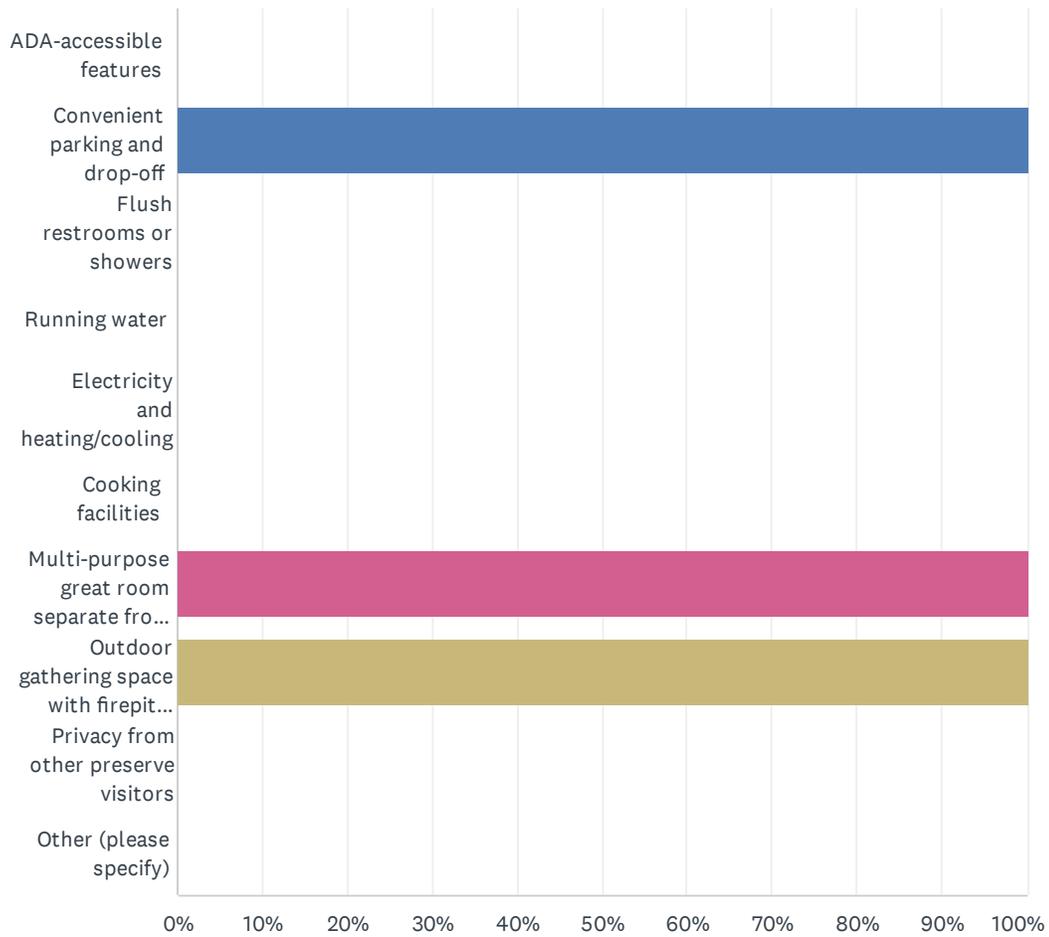
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 ■ Moderately...
 ■ Very import...
■ Essential

	NOT IMPORTANT	SLIGHTLY IMPORTANT	MODERATELY IMPORTANT	VERY IMPORTANT	ESSENTIAL	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
ADA-accessible features (ramps, restrooms)	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	100.00% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	1	3.00
Convenient parking and drop-off area	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	100.00% 1	0.00% 0	1	4.00
Flush restrooms or showers	100.00% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	1	1.00
Running water/sink	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	100.00% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	1	3.00
Electricity and heating/cooling	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	100.00% 1	0.00% 0	1	4.00
Indoor cooking area (sink, microwave, refrigerator)	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	100.00% 1	0.00% 0	1	4.00
Multi-purpose great room	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	100.00% 1	0.00% 0	1	4.00
Indoor fireplace	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	100.00% 1	0.00% 0	1	4.00
Outdoor gathering area with firepit or grills	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	100.00% 1	0.00% 0	1	4.00
Privacy from other preserve visitors	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	100.00% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	1	3.00
Other (please specify): _____	100.00% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	1	1.00

Q9 Which three features are most important to your troop? (Select up to three.)

Answered: 1 Skipped: 0

Scout Troop Leader Questionnaire: Improving the Herrick Lake Youth Cabin Experience



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
ADA-accessible features	0.00%	0
Convenient parking and drop-off	100.00%	1
Flush restrooms or showers	0.00%	0
Running water	0.00%	0
Electricity and heating/cooling	0.00%	0
Cooking facilities	0.00%	0
Multi-purpose great room separate from sleeping space	100.00%	1
Outdoor gathering space with firepit or grills	100.00%	1
Privacy from other preserve visitors	0.00%	0
Other (please specify)	0.00%	0
Total Respondents: 1		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
	There are no responses.	

Q10 What is the most important thing the Forest Preserve District could do to make a future youth cabin or indoor reservable space more appealing for your group?

Answered: 1 Skipped: 0

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Make it available now please!	11/13/2025 3:15 PM

Q11 Do you have any additional comments or suggestions?

Answered: 1 Skipped: 0

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	No	11/13/2025 3:15 PM

Indoor Reservable Space Inventory

Agency	Overnight Cabin Rentals
Cook County FPD	Y
Lake County FPD	N
DuPage County FPD	Y*
Kane County FPD	Y
Kendall County FPD	Y
Will County FPD	N

*Not available since 2020

Agency	Capacity	Miles from Herrick	Available Overnight?	Site Acreage
Naperville Park District				
Riverwalk Community Center- Classroom	25	3.75	N	
Riverwalk Community Center- Community Hall	120/160	3.75	N	
Knoch Knolls Nature Center	46/100	7.75	N	
Seager Park Interpretive Center	50	3	N	
Sportsman's Clubhouse	30	4.5	N	
Warrenville Park District				
Rec. Center Multipurpose Room	30	1.7	N	
Rec Center Gymnasium	300	1.7	N	
Community Building Gym	150	1.7	N	
Community Building Activity Room	80	1.7	N	
Wheaton Park District				
Arrowhead Golf Club	300	0.5	N	
Ray Morrill Community Center	400	2.25	N	
Cosley Zoo	100	3.5	N	
DuPage County Historical Museum	100	3	N	
Mary Lubko Center	70	3	N	
Boy Scout Cabin- Northside Park	25	3.5	Y	69
Lombard Park District- Log Cabin				
Lombard Park District- Log Cabin		6.5	Y	39
Lisle Park District				
Downers Grove Park District- Lyman Woods	20	7	Y*	150
City of Naperville- Von Oven Scout Reservation	20	4.5	Y	10
Roselle Park District- Scout Lodge				
Roselle Park District- Scout Lodge			N	
GSA Camp Greene Wood- Woodridge	36/36/20	6.5	Y	136

*Not publicly available, private group only that requires District staff on site for duration of event

FPDDC Reservable Spaces- 2025	Capacity	Public Use	District Use	Total Use
Mayslake- Mansion	85*	24	1	25
Mayslake- Event Hall	150	12	1	13
Mayslake- Art Classroom	50	7	1	8
Mayslake- Portiuncula Chapel	49	12	0	12
St. James Farm- Indoor Riding Arena Meeting Room	45	31	73**	104
Fullersburg Woods- Office Annex (NEST)	35	8	69	77
Fullersburg Woods- Visitor Center Basement	50/30***	21	62	83

* Max of the largest room. Only one space booked at a time

**Does not include Law Enforcement weekly rollcall meetings

*** Two separate rooms



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Herrick Lake Boy Scout Cabin

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Attn: Matt Adams

Re: Structural Analysis and Cultural Resource Evaluation
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MEC Project No. 25121

Dear Mr. Adams:

Pursuant to your request, the structural engineering firm of McCluskey Engineering Corporation (MEC) visited the above referenced site on August 18, 2025. The purpose of the project was to perform a Cultural Resource Evaluation, and structural analysis of a historic structure based upon the District's current policy on the management of historic and cultural resources adopted January 27, 2015. Specifically, we were asked to provide information regarding the existing building so the District can determine how to proceed with maintenance, restoration, or removal of the Scout Cabin.

The following discusses, and is limited to, our observations and conclusions regarding the existing condition of the structural elements which were exposed and accessible at the time of our visit and the findings related to the building's history and cultural aspects. We have not performed a full structural analysis of the structure, nor shall our review be misconstrued as a guarantee, expressed or implied, of any specific structural element. Any adverse effect and/or implications our observations may have on architectural, serviceability, or building code criteria was not considered as part of our scope.

Executive Summary

The subject building was a one-story, timber-walled and wood-framed structure built in 1945 (photo 19) and had been used until recently as a cabin for local scout and community groups. The exterior load-bearing walls consisted of heavy timbers which were purported to have originally been railroad ties and had been recycled and repurposed as building materials. Based on the size and shape of the wood members, we did not observe any evidence to the contrary.

The roof structure consists of wood rafters with intermittent rafter ties; however, the rafters were not observed due to architectural finishes concealing the structure. The floor structure consists of wood floor joists raised above an unconditioned crawl space. The crawl space was not accessible at the time of our visit.

The cabin includes three (3) masonry chimneys. Two of which are used for mechanical purposes, while the third services an original wood burning fireplace.

In addition to the cabin structure, the site included a water pump, and a concrete fire pit surrounded on two sides with a small masonry retaining wall.

Generally, the cabin was in variable condition. While we did not observe any evidence of structural distress at a global level, we did observe various localized areas of deterioration and damage which we would recommend be repaired.

The repairs range from general maintenance items to repairs needed to mitigate additional deterioration or damage in the future. Other repairs are required for the safety and well-being of the public and/or occupants of the building. The following is a summary of the recommended repairs.

Necessary Repairs Prior to Public Usage

- Rebuild masonry at spalls and masonry cracks
- Rout mortar joints and repoint at deteriorated/missing mortar
- Review floor framing from crawl space to confirm adequacy (reinforce if necessary)
- Repair damaged railroad ties
- Replace cast stone coping at chimney top
- Inspect south elevation chimney and provide anchorage if necessary to the cabin structure.

Recommended Repairs for Prevention/Mitigation of Future Damage

- Regrade to allow air flow at crawl space ventilation louvers
- Regrade at concrete stair on west elevation to allow for a proper stair rise.
- Install code-compliant handrail at west elevation stair
- Spray wood with wood hardener/preservatives/insecticide/fungicide
- Determine if ramp/handrail at east elevation requires replacement.
- Epoxy inject concrete foundation cracks at chimney foundation
- Contract with a local testing agency to confirm the presence of lead, asbestos, mold, etc.

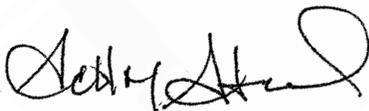
Recommended Repairs for General Maintenance

- Repair damaged masonry at firepit retaining wall
- Repair interior masonry fireplace
- During next shingle replacement, review condition of roof sheathing/rafters
- Clean roof of organic growth

If you have any questions or comments regarding this matter, please let us know.

Sincerely,

McCluskey Engineering Corporation



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Project Background

Background

As outlined in the Request for Proposal (RFP) prepared by the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County, McCluskey Engineering Corporation (MEC) has completed a Cultural Resource Evaluation and limited structural analysis of the Herrick Lake Scout Cabin in Wheaton, Illinois. The site is at the Herrick Lake Forest Preserve. As outlined in the RFP, the purpose of the assessment is based on the District's current policy on the management of historic and cultural resources adopted January 27, 2015. The report will be used by the District to determine how to proceed with maintenance, restoration, or removal of the Scout Cabin. Review of the building is based on the National Register of Historic Places evaluation of significance and integrity as outlined by the National Park Service.

The Cultural Resource Evaluation includes a limited historical review of the building based on available records and documents, a limited condition assessment based on the on-site review, treatment approach options and recommendations, and budgetary overview of the options. The conceptual options have been developed in accordance with the RFP and on guidance offered in the District's Policy on the Management of Historical and Cultural Resources for Historic Structures, and in accordance with the U.S. Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties, published by the National Park Service. Historic research has been conducted at the DuPage County History Museum, with local scout groups and based on District-provided information. A site visit to the building was performed on August 18, 2025, and consisted of an exterior and interior review.

Building and Site History

History of Surrounding Area to 1945

The area that makes up the City of Wheaton today originally consisted primarily of prairies and woodlands. Native Americans inhabited the area that makes up the City today and their trails evolved to become thoroughfares such as the nearby Butterfield Road. The City's founding dates from the period of 1831 to 1837 when European settlers began making claims to the land. Wheaton became the County Seat in 1867 and continued to expand as a western suburb of Chicago into the 20th Century.

The Herrick Lake Forest Preserve is located in DuPage County on the border between Wheaton, Warrenville, and Naperville at the southeast corner of the Butterfield Road and Herrick Road intersection. The property was settled by Ira Herrick in approximately 1833 and consisted of a densely wooded parcel around a marshy lake. The surrounding land was used for agricultural purposes for more than 100 years.

The DuPage Forest Preserve was established in 1915 to acquire and protect land from development. In 1925, the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County purchased 90 acres of the original Herrick homestead. Subsequent parcels of land were acquired in the mid-1950s through the 1970s, expanding to 887 acres.

Scouting in DuPage County

The history of scouting in the United States began in 1910 when William D. Boyce incorporated the Scouts of America (BSA), following similar movements in other countries including the United Kingdom. Scouting in DuPage County began in the 1910s and 20s with the earliest documented troop in the area being Troop 41 in Glen Ellyn, chartered in 1920. In the following decades, scouting expanded with dozens of troops in DuPage County with many hundreds of members participating. The DuPage Area Council was formed to serve scouting in the county and in 1992, the DuPage Area Council merged with another nearby council to become the Three Fires Council.

Herrick Lake Scout Cabin

While many scouting and community groups have used the Herrick Lake Scout Cabin over the last 70 years, not much historical documentation was found as part of this project. Research was done at the DuPage County History Museum, the Three Fires Council, based in St. Charles, Illinois, as well as several local scouting groups including Troop 34 in Wheaton.

Based on historical press coverage, the Scout Cabin was started in November of 1944 and completed in the spring of 1945 after approximately one year of fundraising and construction, primarily by volunteer scouts and parents from local troops, centered largely around Elmhurst. At the time Elmhurst was reported to have 12 Boy Scout troops and 7 Cub Scout packs with over 750 members. The cabin was designed to be used for overnight winter camping and longer camps in the summer months.

According to a Chicago Daily Tribune article from April 22, 1945, the project was financed by a volunteer wartime effort to collect and recycle scrap paper. Over 750,000 pounds of paper was

collected, raising \$5,500 to put toward the construction of the cabin. The article reported that local businesses and professionals assisted with the effort through the coordination of paper drives and the preparation of plans. Scouts passed out fliers and parents with trucks and trailers hauled the paper that the scouts unloaded from buildings and basements.

Many scouts and scout parents, largely unskilled in construction, were reported to have helped with the approximately six-month construction project. The construction committee consisted of: W.M. Quine, district commissioner; H.O. Cedarholm, district chairman; John Boesenberg, finance chairman; and John Crabtree, Scoutmaster of Troop 71.

According to the DuPage County Forest Preserve District, the Scout Cabin was used consistently by scouting and community groups from its completion in 1945 until 2020. Several repairs and renovations were done during this period, as discussed in the building description section below. In the winter of 2020, the cabin stopped being rented, primarily due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and it has largely been unused since. Following the cabin's initial closure, the District kept the building closed and determined to use the opportunity to further assess the building's condition and historic and cultural value, which has prompted this assessment.

Building Description

Physical Context

The Herrick Lake Scout Cabin is located at the southwest corner of the City of Wheaton. The location is also adjacent to the northeast portion of Naperville and the eastern side of Warrenville. The area is approximately 40 miles to the west of the City of Chicago, in the western suburbs of the Chicago metropolitan area. As mentioned above, the Herrick Lake Forest Preserve consists of 887 acres, bordered by Herrick Road to the east and Butterfield to the north. The cabin is located just southeast of the intersection, accessed via a service lane from Herrick Road. Herrick Lake is to the east of the cabin and Ripple Pond to the south with hiking trails connecting to the main park entrance and parking lot accessed via Butterfield Road.

Setting

The Herrick Lake Scout Cabin is located in a small clearing, within a wooded portion of the Forest Preserve site. A gravel parking lot and drive are accessed off of Herrick Road on the west side of the building. A gravel area to the east of the building contains a non-historic firepit and several picnic tables.

Architecture – Exterior

The Herrick Lake Scout Cabin is representative of the American tradition of log house architecture. The construction of log buildings has a long history in North America, particularly as European settlers expanded across the Midwest. The building is sited with its primary façade facing Herrick Lake to the east and a secondary façade with service entrance to the parking lot and Herrick Road to the west. In massing, the building consists of a rectangle approximately 56 feet in the north-south direction and 24 feet in the east-west direction. The interior is essentially one large room with a low-slope hipped roof with chamfered ends at the north and south. The walls consist of rectangular timber logs approximately 7 inches wide by 8 inches tall, and of varying lengths (photos 1-2 and 10). The 1945 Chicago Daily Tribune article references that the cabin was constructed of railroad ties. It is unknown from where the timber logs originated, and if the materials were intended for, or salvaged from railroad use; or if they are of similar size and shape to railroad ties. The building is raised off the site with a crawlspace below, the perimeter of which is enclosed with plywood. The hipped roof has asphalt architectural shingles and projecting rafter ends. Three brick chimneys exist on the exterior and the windows are covered with steel security shutters (photos 11-12).

Description – East (Primary)

The primary façade of the cabin faces Herrick Lake and the larger portion of the Forst Preserve to the east (photo 3). The façade is essentially symmetrical with a centrally-located entrance door, flanked by windows on either side (photo 4). The current windows are double hung replacement windows with steel shutters at the exterior. Originally, it appears that there were grouped windows, which were later replaced with smaller units and the remaining space infilled. From the historic photo, the windows appear to have been groups of three double-hung wood windows with a 6 over 6 muntin pattern. A small overhang projects over the entry door and is flanked by simple rectangular attached pilasters on either side of the entrance door. A later stair and ramp were constructed with three steps and a landing to the east of the door, and ramp with wood rails extending to the north.

West (Secondary Street-Facing Façade)

The west-facing façade of the building faces Herrick Road and the gravel parking area and entrance driveway (photo 5). Like the east, this longer façade of the building consists of the visible hipped roof with chamfered ends. A large chimney exists in the center of the west wall with its large rectangular mass below the roof line, and smaller square chimney rising up above the ridge of the roof. The chimney is constructed of red face brick, and is set on an exposed concrete footing. Double hung windows with steel shutters are located on either side of the chimney. Like the east, these windows were previously reduced in size and the remaining space infilled. A service door is located on the south end of the wall and provides access to the kitchen area at the south end of the building (photo 6). A projecting sloped porch roof exists over the entrance door and a concrete landing with three steps provides access to the door.

North (Side Façade)

The north façade of the cabin is the narrower part of the building's rectangular floorplan (photo 7). A double hung window with steel shutter exists near the center of the wall; however, this was likely infilled from a previously larger grouping of windows. To the east of the window is a brick chimney, which services the mechanical room at the northeast corner of the building.

South (Side Façade)

Like the north façade, the south side of the cabin is narrower than the primary facades (photo 8). A small brick chimney exists, likely originally for kitchen use, as this is the function that occupies the south end of the building. The outline of a set of grouped windows remains in the central portion of this wall; however, it has been infilled with vertical boards on the exterior, and walled over on the interior. A small triangular section of wall is visible at the chamfered section of roof, which appears to have originally contained a small window or louver, now infilled (photo 9). A ventilation fan projects from the east end of the wall, above the kitchen range.

Architecture – Interior

The interior of the Herrick Lake Scout Cabin consists primarily of one large room approximately 56 feet long by 24 feet wide or 1,344 square feet (photo 13). Across the south end of the building is a kitchen space with commercial range, hood, refrigerator, prep counter, and serving counter (photo 14). At the middle of the south wall is a sink, now covered with plywood that may have originally contained limited plumbing or drainage for washing. At the northeast corner is a two-room closet with mechanical equipment and storage. The remainder of the interior is devoted to a large multi-use space.

Finishes on the interior consist of wood flooring throughout, exposed roof truss members, and painted plywood, which covers the walls and ceilings (photo 15). It is assumed that the wood timber walls were originally exposed on the interior and were later covered with plywood and painted white. This may have been done when the window openings were reduced in size. Lighting consists of non-original fluorescent strip lights. At the center of the east wall is a large stone-faced fireplace with a heavy timber mantle (photo 16).

Modifications

While the layout and function of the cabin and spaces remain largely as built, some limited changes over time have been made to the building. The roof structure and exposed rafter ends remains intact, while the shingles have been replaced in recent years. The original roofing

material is not known; however from the historic photo, the roofing appears to have been asphalt 3-tab shingles at the time of the photo. The original windows at the exterior have been replaced at a previous time. Originally the windows were triple wood double hung windows. Today the windows consist of single double hung windows with operable steel security shutters mounted at the exterior. As noted above, the interior face of the log timber walls and the roof framing were likely exposed. Painted plywood was installed at the ceiling and walls at a previous date that may have corresponded with the reduction in size of the window openings. The interior layout, flooring, and fireplace do not appear to have been altered from the original construction period. A non-original firepit and wood storage structure are located near the building (photos 17-18). While these do not date to the time of original construction, they are in keeping with the architecture and usage of the building.

Statement of Significance

Significance Criteria

The Criteria for Evaluation for listing in the National Register of Historic Places state: The quality of significance in American history, architecture, archeology, engineering, and culture is present in districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects that possess integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association, and:

- A. That are associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history; or
- B. That are associated with the lives of persons significant in our past; or
- C. That embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or that represent the work of a master, or that possess high artistic values, or that represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; or
- D. That has yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

Ordinarily cemeteries, birthplaces, graves of historical figures, properties owned by religious institutions or used for religious purposes, structures that have been moved from their original locations, reconstructed historic buildings, properties primarily commemorative in nature, and properties that have achieved significance within the past 50 years shall not be considered eligible for the National Register. However, such properties will qualify if they are integral parts of districts that do meet the criteria or if they fall within the following categories:

- A. A religious property deriving primary significance from architectural or artistic distinction or historical importance; or
- B. A building or structure removed from its original location but which is primarily significant for architectural value, or which is the surviving structure most importantly associated with a historic person or event; or
- C. A birthplace or grave of a historical figure of outstanding importance if there is no appropriate site or building associated with his or her productive life; or
- D. A cemetery that derives its primary importance from graves of persons of transcendent importance, from age, from distinctive design features, or from association with historic events; or
- E. A reconstructed building when accurately executed in a suitable environment and presented in a dignified manner as part of a restoration master plan, and when no other building or structure with the same association has survived; or
- F. A property primarily commemorative in intent if design, age, tradition, or symbolic value has invested it with its own exceptional significance; or
- G. A property achieving significance within the past 50 years if it is of exceptional importance.

Significance Evaluation

Based on the research and analysis conducted for this limited study, the Herrick Lake Scout Cabin at the Herrick Lake Forest Preserve is primarily significant under National Register Criterion A, for its association with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history. Despite some alterations to the building over time, the original exterior and building form appears to remain relatively intact. Because the building was used for its original purpose for 75 years from 1945 until 2020, it played an important role in the local culture for many generations of scouts, community groups, and their families, making it locally significant under Criterion A.

Character Defining Features

The physical appearance, features, and design elements define the character of a historic building or site. Character-defining features can consist of the overall design, shape, or form of a building; the construction materials; and/or the site and surrounding landscape. Character-defining features at the Herrick Lake Scout Cabin include:

- Rectangular railroad tie timber log exterior walls
- Low slope hipped roof with chamfered ends
- Brick masonry chimneys
- Open plan layout of meeting/ event space
- Wooded site within preserved and protected forest preserve property

Assessment of Integrity

Assessment of integrity is based on an evaluation of the existence and condition of the physical features which date to a property's period of significance, taking into consideration the degree to which the individual qualities of integrity are present. The seven aspects of integrity as defined in the National Register Criteria for Evaluation are location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association. As noted in the National Register Bulletin, How to Apply the National Register Criteria for Evaluation:

Location is the place where the historic property was constructed or the place where the historic event occurred. . . . Design is the combination of elements that create the form, plan, space, structure, and style of a property. . . . Setting is the physical environment of a historic property. . . . Materials are the physical elements that were combined or deposited during a particular period of time and in a particular pattern or configuration to form a historic property. . . . Workmanship is the physical evidence of the crafts of a particular culture or people during any given period in history or prehistory. . . . Feeling is a property's expression of the aesthetic or historic sense of a particular period of time. . . . Association is the direct link between an important historic event or person and a historic property.

The property must retain the essential physical features that enable it to convey its historical significance. The essential physical features are those features that define both why a property is significant (National Register criteria) and when it was significant (period of significance). The National Register Bulletin, How to Apply the National Register Criteria for Evaluation, defines integrity as "the ability of a property to convey its significance."

Integrity of the Herrick Lake Scout Cabin is assessed as follows:

Integrity of Location. The Herrick Lake Scout Cabin and Herrick Lake Forest Preserve retains integrity of location. The cabin has not been relocated since its original construction.

Integrity of Design. The Herrick Lake Scout Cabin retains integrity of design. The original doors and windows were replaced and interior surfaces covered up; however, the original building retains its general massing and configuration as a log cabin structure, purpose-built by and for the use of local scout and community groups.

Integrity of Setting. The Herrick Lake Scout Cabin retains integrity of setting. The cabin remains in its original setting, which is land protected by and for the people of DuPage County and surrounding areas. The wooded location and adjacent lake are largely unchanged from the time the building was built. Additional land in the Herrick Lake Forest Preserve and nearby forest preserves has been acquired and preserved since the time the cabin was constructed, further expanding the surrounding protected site from development.

Integrity of Materials and Workmanship. The Herrick Lake Scout Cabin retains integrity of materials and workmanship, despite the areas of material deterioration noted above. Some original materials have been covered up or replaced such as the inside face of the timber walls and the original windows and exterior doors; however, the original timber log walls and brick masonry remain intact.

Integrity of Feeling. The Herrick Lake Scout Cabin retains integrity of feeling. Despite alterations and removal of some historic materials from the cabin, the cabin in its current state still portrays the general character of a log cabin structure, designed for, and constructed by local scout groups for use in their activities.

Integrity of Association. The Herrick Lake Scout Cabin retains integrity of association. The house still conveys its association with the scouting groups who built the structure and continued to use it for meetings and events until it was closed in 2020.

Exterior Observations

West Elevation

The predominant feature on the west elevation was a large masonry chimney (photo 20). The chimney was in poor condition. We observed significant deterioration of the clay brick masonry and cast-stone coping at the top of the chimney (photo 21). Deterioration consisted of spalled masonry face shells, spalled stone, and deteriorated mortar. Similar deterioration was observed in localized areas elsewhere on the chimney (photo 22). We also observed cracks in the concrete foundation supporting the masonry chimney. Some of the cracks had previously been sealed with caulk, while others remained open (photo 23). We observed localized areas of mortar which underwent previous attempts of repointing with varying degrees of success.

The exterior envelope consisted of the aforementioned wood railroad ties. The ties were in variable condition. We observed localized, but significant, deterioration typically within the first few feet from the adjacent grade. Whether the deterioration was due to wood rot or termites was not determined; however, the damage has caused section loss (photos 24 & 25). We observed areas of localized areas where wood boards had been screwed into and flush with the original railroad ties (photo 26). We presume this was an attempt to repair previously damaged wood.

Two original window openings were observed on the west elevation. Both had been modified, reducing the size of the opening and incorporating a shutter/hatch to protect a comparatively newer hung window (photo 26).

A concrete stair lead up to an existing man-door, which serves as the primary access to the cabin from the access road and parking area. The stair was missing any sort of handrail or guard rail (photo 27). A cantilevered canopy above the door appeared in fair condition.

The roof was covered with traditional shingles at the west elevation. Debris from falling tree branches and leaves littered the surface (photo 28). In one location, organic growth (presumably moss) was observed on the roof shingles (photo 29). One roof rafter appeared to have a deteriorated end at the overhang (photo 30).

South Elevation

The south elevation also had a clay brick masonry chimney. The brick was in variable condition. We did not observe the same type of spalling; however, we did observe sporadic brick cracks, minor in nature, and deteriorated mortar localized at the roof line and at the top of the chimney (photos 31-32). Attempts at repointing were observed; however, they were not successful. Based on our observations, we believe that the chimney may also be leaning away from the structure (photo 33). A large caulk joint which appeared to have been repaired multiple times growing in width as it rose in elevation suggests a leaning or displacement from the structure (photo 34).

We did not observe any significant damage to the railroad ties on the south elevation.

The south elevation also had a previous window opening which had been boarded up (photo 35). Whereas other openings were modified to make a smaller window, this opening appears to be original in size.

East Elevation

The east elevation appeared to have been the primary entrance when originally constructed (photo 36). Since that time, both window openings had been modified to accommodate a smaller hung window with a hatch/shutter, a concrete stair and ramp have been added, and the covered porch had been modified to become a roof cantilevered canopy (photo 37).

The stair and ramp both had a wooden handrail; however, it most likely does not meet the current building code requirements for height, spacing, or strength.

The building envelope was in variable condition. We observed deterioration and damage at the railroad ties similar to the west elevation (photos 38-39). Additionally, we observed a large hole at the crawl space adjacent to entrance (photo 40). Similar to the west elevation, "repair" boards were observed, fastened to the railroad ties, covering damaged wood below (photo 41).

The roof was sheathed in traditional shingles and littered with falling debris from the trees above (photo 42); however, we did not observe any organic growth on the east elevation's roof.

North Elevation

The third chimney was located on the north elevation (photo 43). The chimney was clay brick masonry and was in variable condition. The masonry at the base was in fair condition and appeared to have been previously repointed with some degree of success. However, at the approximate height of the intersecting roof line and above, the masonry was in poor condition. We observed deteriorated mortar, displaced masonry, missing bricks and spalled masonry shells (photos 44-45).

We observed another window opening which had been modified to accommodate a smaller window with a shutter/hatch (photo 46).

We also observed significant damage at and section loss to the wood railroad ties (photo 46-47). The damage is not only represented in the missing material from the deterioration, but also the loss in structural strength and rigidity of the remaining wood beyond (photo 48).

Interior Observations - Structural

Generally, the interior of the cabin appeared in fair condition. The majority of the structural elements were not exposed due to being concealed by architectural finishes (photo 49). The only structural elements we observed were the rafter ties which were spaced periodically throughout the interior of the space, and they appeared in fair condition.

The floor was sheathed in hardwood plank. We observed evidence of normal wear and tear and in one localized area adjacent to the fireplace some minor damage (photo 50); however, the floors appeared to be relatively sound and level.

We observed two (2) localized areas of water damage. Both were located at or near the roof line (photos 51-52). We were unable to determine if the damage was caused by an active leak or if the leak had previously been repaired.

Finally, we observed minor damage and/or displacement of the masonry at the stone fireplace (photo 53). The damage was located at the corner of the hearth.

Interior Observations - Environmental

During our observation, we did not observe any evidence of mold on the drywall or finished floor framing. However, it is possible for mold to grow inside of wall cavities and/or on the backside of drywall prior any indications translating to the visible surface.

The interior of the structure was covered in drywall/plaster; therefore, we were unable to observe any creosote or chemical preservative which might have been used to protect the wood. If chemical preservatives were used on the railroad ties, we would assume it would have been made as an exterior application, while the drywall/plaster would have protected the interior face of the wood.

We did not observe any exposed building materials which would have been a common source of asbestos. Asbestos would have been included in many building materials until the 1980's, including insulation, tile, mastic, etc.

Based on the building age, lead-based paint may have been used on the cabin's interior until the 1970's.

Ancillary Observations

The grading around the cabin posed multiple problems. The grade as it relates to the cabin structure appeared to be too high. Whether this is due to long-term settlement of the structure's foundations, due to re-grading efforts over the past 80 years, or a combination of both was not determined. However, the level of the exterior grade made one of the chimney's clean-outs inaccessible (photo 54), hindered the operation of multiple crawl space vents (photo 55), and created a tripping hazard at the base of the concrete stair on the west elevation (photo 27).

The concrete fire pit appeared in fair condition (photo 56). We observed minor, hairline cracks around the perimeter. The surrounding retaining wall was in variable condition. We observed minor negligible damage to some of the individual masonry units (photo 57).

We observed a water pump on site (photo 58). We were unable to determine the age or condition of the pump. Additionally, we were unable to determine its functionality.

Conclusions

The cabin is in an overall variable condition from a structural point-of-view. Most of the structural elements are in fair condition; however, there are several items we observed which require attention prior to opening the cabin to the public. The extensive masonry damage is most concerning, as continued deterioration of the masonry can cause damage or injury from falling debris. The damage to the masonry is most likely due to water infiltration and flashing issues at the roof line or coping stones. Repairs would most likely include localized rebuilding of damaged masonry and repointing at locations of deteriorated or missing mortar.

The causation of the damage to the wood railroad ties is currently undetermined. It is our opinion that it is either due to wood rot (a decomposition of wood from fungal growth) or termites. Both are typically found in wet or moist environments. As the ties represent the load-bearing walls of the cabin, it is important to maintain their condition. Repairs most likely include repairing/replacing damaged wood ties; treating the wood ties immediately adjacent to the damaged wood with "wood hardener", preservatives, and fungicide/insecticides; and improving ventilation thus deterring future moisture build up in the crawl space.

Various items observed which might not represent a structural concern, but should still be addressed, include inspecting the condition of the existing roof shingles, inspecting the floor joists from the crawl space below to identify any areas possibly in need of repair, repairing the retaining wall around the fire pit, and installing a handrail at the concrete stair on the west elevation.

Finally, from an environmental perspective, if records are not available as to the building materials used during the interior finishing and subsequent renovations and there is a concern about potential exposure of harmful chemicals/materials, additional destructive testing would be required. While we did not observe any evidence of harmful chemicals/materials, laboratory testing would be required to determine its presence. Upon request, we can recommend a local testing agency which would confirm.

Treatment Recommendations

Treatment Approach

The U.S. National Park Service has developed definitions for the four major treatments that may be applied to historic structures: preservation, rehabilitation, restoration, and reconstruction. The three definitions that the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County has requested be addressed by this study are preservation, rehabilitation, and restoration, which are defined, which are defined as follows:

Preservation is defined as the act or process of applying measures necessary to sustain the existing form, integrity, and materials of an historic property. Work, including preliminary measures to protect and stabilize the property, generally focuses upon the ongoing maintenance and repair of historic materials and features rather than extensive replacement and new construction. New exterior additions are not within the scope of this treatment; however, the limited and sensitive upgrading of mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems and other code-required work to make properties functional is appropriate within a preservation project.

Rehabilitation is defined as the act or process of making possible a compatible use for a property through repair, alterations, and additions while preserving those portions or features which convey its historical, cultural, or architectural values.

Restoration is defined as the act or process of accurately depicting the form, features, and character of a property as it appeared at a particular period of time by means of the removal of features from other periods in its history and reconstruction of missing features from the restoration period. The limited and sensitive upgrading of mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems and other code-required work to make properties functional is appropriate within a restoration project.

The National Park Service also defines the overarching treatment **Reconstruction**, which is not relevant to the current study. Instead, the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County has included a fourth treatment alternative of **Demolition**.

Preservation

The Preservation approach at the Herrick Lake Scout Cabin would involve maintaining and repairing the existing materials and current form of the building. The alterations made to the building over time are not considered historic and do not need to be preserved. Sensitive alterations to the building required by code would be allowed in this Preservation treatment approach.

Restoration

The Restoration treatment approach would involve returning the cabin to the appearance and configuration at the time it was originally built. This would likely include exposing the interior of the building, restoring the windows to their original configuration and appearance, etc. Restoration would require additional documentation showing what the cabin looked like on the exterior and interior before modifications were made. Code upgrades would also require review to not drastically alter the original appearance of the building.

Rehabilitation

The Rehabilitation approach allows for more flexibility related to the repair or replacement of existing deteriorated or non-original materials. Alterations to the building are more allowable under this approach, which allows for more flexibility for the District's continued use of the building. Rehabilitation may involve restoration of certain features, while other less significant features or previously altered features may be modified to allow for more flexibility.

Demolition

While not considered a treatment approach by the National Park Service, demolition is an additional option as considered by the District. Removal of the building from its original site may include complete demolition, building relocation, or dismantling for the purpose of salvaging the materials for material reuse or full or partial reconstruction. All of these options result in the removal of the building from the site, but the alternatives to full demolition offer ways to save aspects of the building for reuse.

Treatment Approach Recommendations

For the Herrick Lake Scout Cabin, the National Park Service treatment approach of Rehabilitation is considered most appropriate, as it would allow flexibility for the District to reuse the building for the same purpose or a different purpose while maintaining the history on its original site. Rehabilitation allows for sensitive alterations, and selective restoration of materials or character-defining elements of the building that have been previously lost or modified. Alterations to the building for functionality and code-related modifications would also be permitted under this approach.

Despite some alterations over time, the Herrick Lake Scout Cabin maintains integrity through its original setting, associations with the use and history of the building, and the exterior materials and general building form. Future significant alterations should be avoided to maintain the current integrity of the building and site. Alterations needed to upgrade building systems, building access, code-related upgrades, etc. should be undertaken in a way to maintain the existing original materials and character-defining features.

If no immediate use of the building has been identified by the District at this time, the District may consider mothballing of the building, much in the way it has been unused for the last five years. The National Park Service has published Preservation Brief 31: Mothballing Historic Buildings, which should be referenced if this approach is chosen.

Undertaking a full restoration of the cabin would likely not be the best approach as this would limit code and programmatic alterations, which may be required for a future use of the building.

The Secretary of the Interior Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties presents standards for the treatment approaches of preservation, rehabilitation, and restoration. These standards have been included in Appendix A.

Demolition is not considered an appropriate option by the National Park Service; however, the District considers all options when reviewing buildings such as this. If no identified use exists for District programming, the District may consider partnering with an outside group or user to operate and maintain the building. Since the cabin is directly accessible via a dedicated

driveway and parking lot, it may be more easily operated separately from the larger Herrick Lake Forest Preserve.

If complete removal of the building from the site is what the District selects as the best option for the Herrick Buy Scout Cabin, alternatives to total demolition should be considered to reduce the negative impact of removing a local historic resource. The cabin may be offered for relocation or deconstruction in whole or in part. The dismantled materials may be offered for reuse or reconstruction elsewhere. If the cabin is to be removed from the site, the District should document the structure in accordance with Historic American Building Survey (HABS) guidelines in consultation with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Historic Preservation Division.

Repairs Recommendations

The following recommendations have been organized into three criteria as previously discussed: general maintenance, prevention/mitigation, necessary repairs. The treatment approach of Rehabilitation is considered the basis for these recommendations. If the Preservation or Restoration approach is chosen, the approach would be similar; however, Restoration may involve additional cost and considerations. Restoration or replication of lost or modified elements would require additional research to identify additional documentation to better understand the original appearance and configuration.

Recommended Repairs for General Maintenance

- Repair damaged masonry at firepit retaining wall
- Repair interior masonry fireplace
- During next shingle replacement, review condition of roof sheathing/rafters
- Clean roof of organic growth

Recommended Repairs for Prevention/Mitigation of Future Damage

- Regrade to allow air flow at crawl space ventilation louvers
- Regrade at concrete stair on west elevation to allow for a proper stair rise.
- Install code-compliant handrail at west elevation stair
- Spray wood with wood hardener/preservatives/insecticide/fungicide
- Determine if ramp/handrail at east elevation requires replacement.
- Epoxy inject concrete foundation cracks at chimney foundation
- Contract with a local testing agency to confirm the presence of lead, asbestos, mold, etc.

Necessary Repairs Prior to Public Usage

- Rebuild masonry at spalls and masonry cracks
- Rout mortar joints and repoint at deteriorated/missing mortar
- Review Floor Framing from crawl space to confirm adequacy (reinforce if necessary)
- Repair damaged railroad ties
- Replace cast stone coping at chimney top
- Inspect south elevation chimney and provide anchorage if necessary to the cabin structure.

Opinion of Probable Costs

The following engineering opinion of probable costs has been developed based upon the limited condition survey completed for this project. It is intended to provide preliminary guidance to the Forest Preserve District in developing a repair program and based on the various treatment approaches. The estimated costs are based on experience with similar projects and with discussions with contractors qualified in similar projects. More detailed and project-specific pricing can be obtained from qualified contractors upon completion of project repair documents.

The following engineering opinion of probable cost includes recommended repairs based on the various treatment options. The cost estimate assumes prevailing wage rates and also included are professional service fees and a recommended contingency of 20 percent.

Necessary Repairs Prior to Public Usage

Masonry Work Estimate.....	\$20,000 - \$30,000
Exterior Cladding Repairs.....	\$10,000 - \$15,000

Recommended Repairs for Prevention/Mitigation

Site Regrading.....	\$5,000 - \$10,000
Handrail Installation.....	\$2,000 - \$5,000
Wood Preservative Application.....	\$±5,000
Epoxy Injection.....	\$±2,000

General Maintenance Costs and Long Term Operations

Based on the Forest Preserve District's Asset Management Plan strategy, and current recommended industry standards, the District has indicated that it considers the following when calculating values necessary to maintain assets within its portfolio: maintenance and operations, preventive maintenance, programmed major maintenance, predictive testing and inspection, routine repairs, and replacement of obsolete items.

Based on the above, and assuming that the recommended repairs are implemented, the District has determined that a reasonable budget for annual operations and maintenance is likely in the range of 2 to 4 percent of a particular structure's current replacement value, assuming that all identified deferred maintenance items have been addressed. The annual operations and maintenance cost for the Herrick Lake Scout Cabin is estimated to be \$3,000 to \$6,000.

Additional Unforeseen Costs

Based on confirmation of items previously described (e.g. existing condition of the floor joists, adequacy of the eastside ramp, exposed presence of lead/asbestos/mold), additional costs may be required, but cannot be estimated at this time.

Appendix A

Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties

Standards and Guidelines for Preservation

1. The historic character of a property will be retained and preserved. The replacement of intact or repairable historic materials or alteration of features, spaces and spatial relationships that characterize a property will be avoided.
2. Each property will be recognized as a physical record of its time, place and use. Work needed to stabilize, consolidate and conserve existing historic materials and features will be physically and visually compatible, identifiable upon close inspection and properly documented for future research.
3. Changes to a property that have acquired historic significance in their own right will be retained and preserved.
4. Distinctive materials, features, finishes and construction techniques or examples of craftsmanship that characterize a property will be preserved.
5. The existing condition of historic features will be evaluated to determine the appropriate level of intervention needed. Where the severity of deterioration requires repair or limited replacement of a distinctive feature, the new material will match the old in composition, design, color and texture.
6. Chemical or physical treatments, if appropriate, will be undertaken using the gentlest means possible. Treatments that cause damage to historic materials will not be used.
7. Archeological resources will be protected and preserved in place. If such resources must be disturbed, mitigation measures will be undertaken.

Standards and Guidelines for Rehabilitation

1. A property will be used as it was historically or be given a new use that requires minimal change to its distinctive materials, features, spaces and spatial relationships.
2. The historic character of a property will be retained and preserved. The removal of distinctive materials or alteration of features, spaces and spatial relationships that characterize a property will be avoided.
3. Each property will be recognized as a physical record of its time, place and use. Changes that create a false sense of historical development, such as adding conjectural features or elements from other historic properties, will not be undertaken.
4. Changes to a property that have acquired historic significance in their own right will be retained and preserved.
5. Distinctive materials, features, finishes, and construction techniques or examples of craftsmanship that characterize a property will be preserved.
6. Deteriorated historic features will be repaired rather than replaced. Where the severity of deterioration requires replacement of a distinctive feature, the new feature will match the old in design, color, texture and, where possible, materials. Replacement of missing features will be substantiated by documentary and physical evidence.
7. Chemical or physical treatments, if appropriate, will be undertaken using the gentlest means possible. Treatments that cause damage to historic materials will not be used.
8. Archeological resources will be protected and preserved in place. If such resources must be disturbed, mitigation measures will be undertaken.

9. New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction will not destroy historic materials, features, and spatial relationships that characterize the property. The new work will be differentiated from the old and will be compatible with the historic materials, features, size, scale and proportion, and massing to protect the integrity of the property and its environment.
10. New additions and adjacent or related new construction will be undertaken in such a manner that, if removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the historic property and its environment would be unimpaired.

Standards and Guidelines for Restoration

1. A property will be used as it was historically or be given a new use that interprets the property and its restoration period.
2. Materials and features from the restoration period will be retained and preserved. The removal of materials or alteration of features, spaces and spatial relationships that characterize the period will not be undertaken.
3. Each property will be recognized as a physical record of its time, place and use. Work needed to stabilize, consolidate and conserve materials and features from the restoration period will be physically and visually compatible, identifiable upon close inspection and properly documented for future research.
4. Materials, features, spaces and finishes that characterize other historical periods will be documented prior to their alteration or removal.
5. Distinctive materials, features, finishes and construction techniques or examples of craftsmanship that characterize the restoration period will be preserved.
6. Deteriorated features from the restoration period will be repaired rather than replaced. Where the severity of deterioration requires replacement of a distinctive feature, the new feature will match the old in design, color, texture and, where possible, materials.
7. Replacement of missing features from the restoration period will be substantiated by documentary and physical evidence. A false sense of history will not be created by adding conjectural features, features from other properties, or by combining features that never existed together historically.
8. Chemical or physical treatments, if appropriate, will be undertaken using the gentlest means possible. Treatments that cause damage to historic materials will not be used.
9. Archeological resources affected by a project will be protected and preserved in place. If such resources must be disturbed, mitigation measures will be undertaken.
10. Designs that were never executed historically will not be constructed.

Appendix B – Building Description Photos



Photo 1: Herrick Lake Scout Cabin construction - Ca. winter of 1944/45.



Photo 2: Historic photo of Herrick Lake Scout Cabin - Note original windows.



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Photo 3: East Elevation - Overall view.



Photo 4: East entrance with stairs and ramp.



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Photo 5: West Elevation - Overall view.



Photo 6: West entrance with stairs and primary chimney.



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Photo 7: North Elevation - Overall view.



Photo 8: South Elevation - Overall view.



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Photo 9: View of chamfered hip roof and exposed rafter ends.



Photo 10: Close-up view of wood timber wall area.



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Photo 11: Typical steel security shutter - Note reduced window opening size.



Photo 12: Typical interior replacement hung window.



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Photo 13: Overall view of interior looking north.



Photo 14: View of kitchen area at south end of building.



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Photo 15: View of exposed portions of roof framing and non-original lighting.



Photo 16: View of fireplace on west wall.



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Photo 17: View of non-original firepit, benches and landscape wall.



Photo 18: View of non-original wood storage structure.



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Appendix C – Observations Photos



Photo 19: Historical photo of cabin construction.



Photo 20: View of masonry chimney at west elevation.



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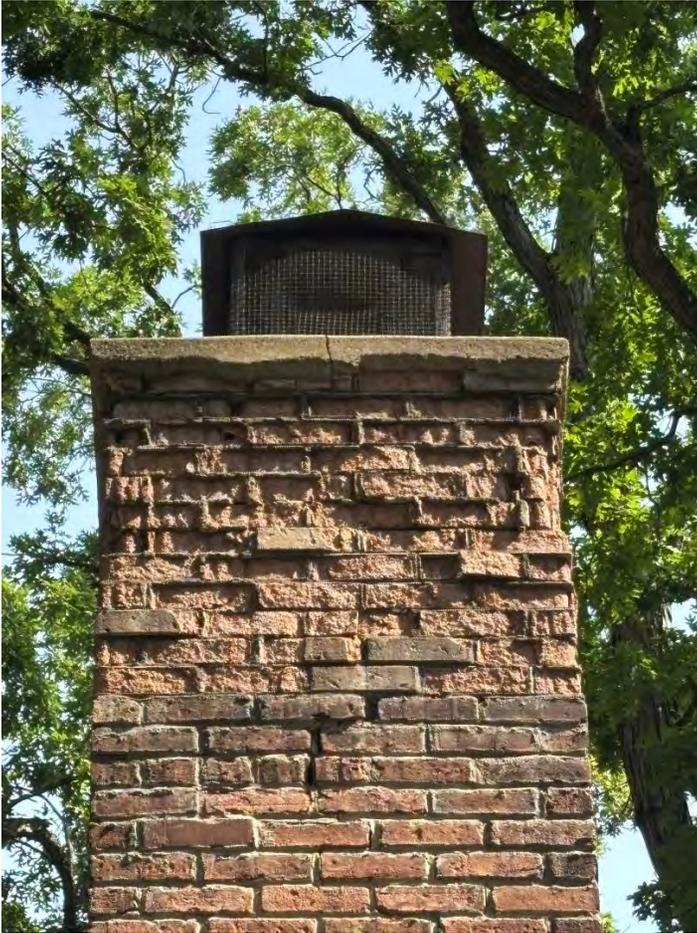


Photo 21: View of spalled masonry, spalled cast stone coping, and deteriorated mortar.

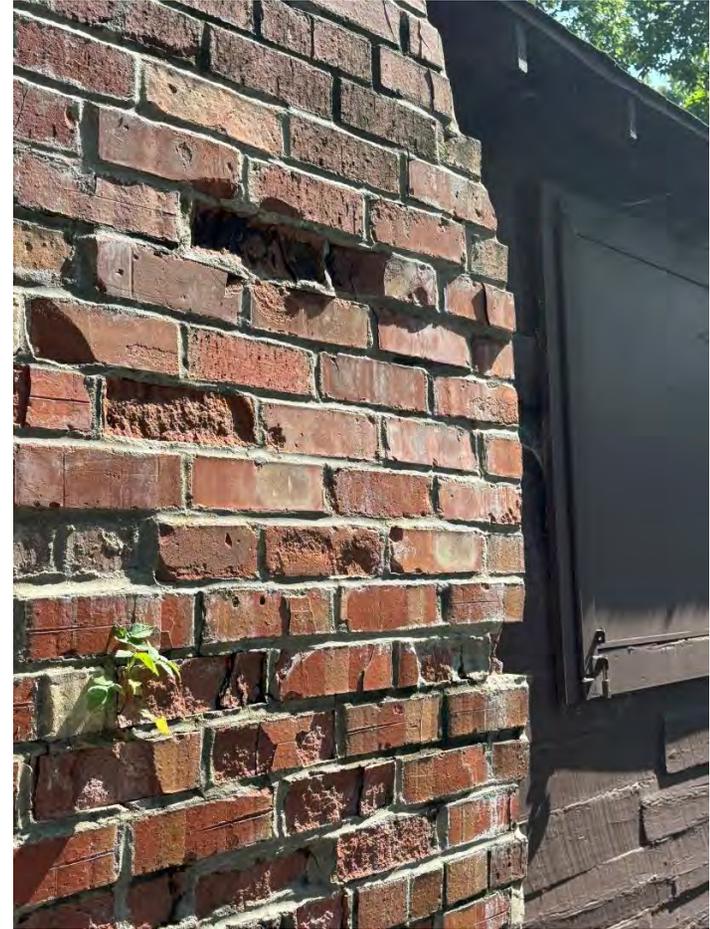


Photo 22: View of spalled masonry and deteriorated mortar.



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Photo 23: View of concrete foundation cracks and caulked repair.



Photo 25: View of deteriorated wood railroad tie.



Photo 24: View of deteriorated wood railroad tie.



Photo 26: View of infilled opening and new window shutter/hatch.



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Photo 27: View of concrete stairway, missing handrail, and short first-step rise.



Photo 28: View of debris on shingled roof.



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Photo 29: View of organic growth (moss) and debris on shingled roof.



Photo 30: View of damaged roof rafter end.



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Photo 31: View of masonry cracks, deteriorated mortar, and failed tuckpointing.

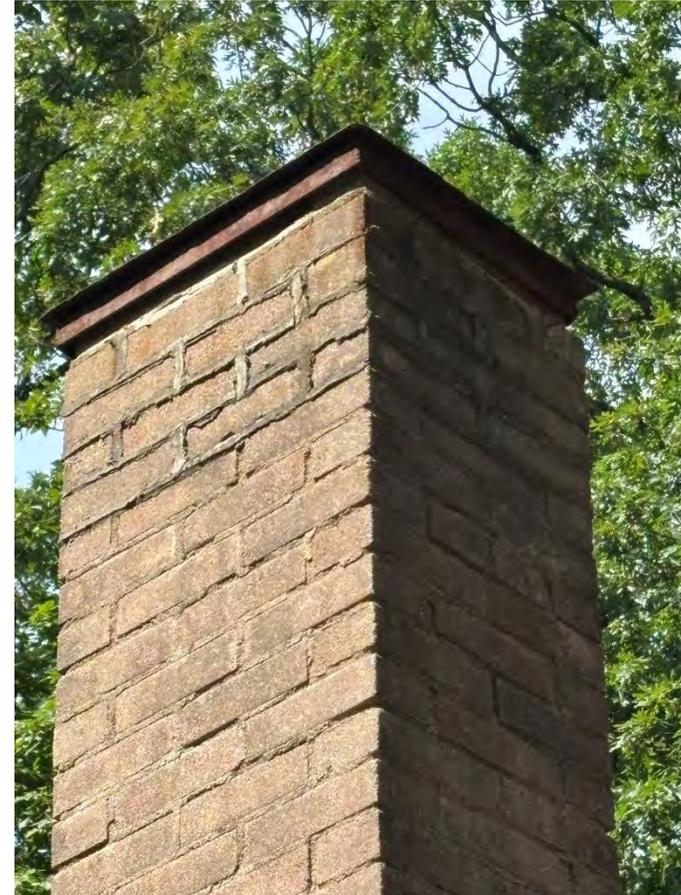


Photo 32: View of failed tuckpointing.



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Photo 33: View of chimney apparently leaning away from the structure.



Photo 34: View of widening joint between the chimney and cabin.



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Photo 35: View of original window opening boarded up.



Photo 37: View of east elevation with concrete stair and ramp.



Photo 36: Historical photo of original main entrance on the east elevation.



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Photo 38: View of significant wood damage to the railroad ties.



Photo 39: View of damage to the wood railroad ties.



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Photo 40: View of large hole at base of the cabin structure's crawlspace.



Photo 41: View of damaged railroad ties covered by wood plates.



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Photo 42: View of debris on the shingled roof.



Photo 43: View of chimney at north elevation.



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Photo 44: View of missing and deteriorated mortar and displaced masonry.



Photo 45: View of spalled masonry and deteriorated mortar.



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Photo 46: View of window infill and deteriorated railroad ties at the base of the cabin.



Photo 47: View of deteriorated railroad ties at the base of the cabin.



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Photo 48: View of deteriorated railroad ties at the base of the cabin.



Photo 49: View of cabin interior.



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Photo 50: View of minor damage to the hardwood floors.



Photo 51: View of water damage at the roof line on the north end of the cabin.



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Photo 52: View of water damage at the south elevation.



Photo 53: View of damaged masonry and missing mortar at the fireplace.



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Photo 54: View of partially buried cleanout for the chimney on the north elevation.



Photo 55: View of a fresh air vent partially buried by the adjacent grade.



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Photo 56: View of concrete fire pit.



Photo 57: View of minor damage at the fire pit retaining wall.



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Photo 58: View of the site's water pump.



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SECTION 1

**SUMMARY OF PHASE 1 CLEAN LAKES PROGRAM
REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS**

In March of 1994 the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County (FPDDC) and the Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission (NIPC) completed a report entitled "Phase 1 Diagnostic – Feasibility Study of Herrick Lake, DuPage County, Illinois." This Phase 1 study was prepared in cooperation with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), under the authority and guidelines of Section 314(a) of the Federal Water Quality Renewal Act of 1987. The USEPA contributed \$30,000 toward the cost of the Phase 1 study, under the terms of a 50/50 cost-sharing grant. The basic purpose of a Phase 1 Study is to identify lake problems, diagnose causes and develop feasible courses of corrective actions.

Herrick Lake is a natural glacial waterbody located in unincorporated DuPage County, approximately 1.5 miles east of the City of Warrenville. The main lake has a surface area of almost 20 acres and a maximum depth of about 15 feet. The entire lake is fully accessible to the public, as it is owned by the FPDDC, which provides parking facilities, trails, picnic shelters, rowboat & canoe rentals, and a concession building within walking distance of the shoreline. The Herrick Lake Forest Preserve is one of the most popular in DuPage County, with an estimated visitation rate of over 300,000 persons annually.

The Phase 1 study identified several problems at Herrick Lake, as briefly summarized below:

1. Turbid water caused by phytoplankton growth, bottom sediment resuspension, shoreline erosion, and watershed runoff; and
2. Eroding shorelines caused by lake level fluctuation, wave action, and high public use; and
3. Unbalanced aquatic vegetation growth, such as an excessive abundance of algae caused by high in-lake nutrient concentrations, and a suppressed level of macrophytes caused by grass carp, turbidity, and low water levels; and
4. Shallow water depths caused by accumulated sediments primarily related to previous farming activities in the watershed; and
5. Low water levels caused by a small watershed-area to lake-area ratio and summertime evaporation and lakebed seepage; and
6. Unbalanced fishery and aquatic community caused by an absence of aquatic macrophytes, low dissolved oxygen, and high fishing pressure; and
7. Poor lake aesthetics influenced by low water clarity and green or brownish color, filamentous algae mats and planktonic algal scums, denuded shoreline banks, and exposed near shore lake bottom areas.

The various components of the proposed Phase 2 Restoration Project were divided into two categories. One group of proposed actions included those that the FPDDC was prepared

to undertake regardless of the availability of funding from the Clean Lakes Program. Many of these recommended actions were simply modifications of existing operation or land management techniques that could be implemented by the FPDDC without substantial increased cost. For example, the FPDDC has continued to participate in IDNR's fish stocking program:

Fish Species	Year Stocked	Number Stocked	Agency
Channel Catfish	1999	900	IDNR
Channel Catfish	2000	550	IDNR
Channel Catfish	2001	900	IDNR
Channel Catfish	2002	1100	FPDDC
Largemouth Bass	2002	550	FPDDC
Channel Catfish	2004	750	IDNR
Channel Catfish	2006	1100	FPDDC
Largemouth Bass	2006	550	FPDDC

In terms of aquatic plant management, the FPDDC has proceeded as follows: Herrick Lake was treated for Eurasian Milfoil (whole lake) in May of 2000 and 2001 with “Navigate” (2,4, D aquatic herbicide). In 2002 and 2003, turbidity levels were less than 35 inches and only spot treatments were conducted with “Navigate” in May of each year. In 2004 and 2005, after dredging operation was completed, less than 5% of the surface area of the lake had aquatic plant growth. Herbicide (Navigate) treatment was not done, because the surface area of aquatic plants was less than 20% of the whole lake. Algaecide treatment was conducted on Herrick Lake for Filamentous Algae in May of 2000 to 2003. Spot treatment was conducted at the rental boat launch area from 2004 to 2005. Cutrine II was the agent used for the algaecide treatment.

Also, the FPDDC has taken steps to totally eliminate all agricultural land-use within the watershed by purchasing nine acres of additional land west of Herrick Road. After the land was purchased in 1999, the District converted the cropland to native grasses, thus eliminating approximately 3.5 tons of sediment entering the lake in a typical year. The land was temporarily re-disturbed between the Augusts of 2003 and 2005 for construction of the sediment disposal site for the dredging of the northern 2/3 of Herrick Lake. The FPDDC has also reduced the amount of turf grass area that is mowed and fertilized around Herrick Lake by approximately 20%, by allowing the area along the north shore of the west lagoon to revert to natural conditions, supplemented with native grass mix seeding.

The second group of recommended project components included those that require a more substantial capital expenditure, and for which the FPDDC was likely to pursue cost sharing through the Clean Lakes Program. This second group of recommended capital projects is summarized below:

No.	Description of Phase 2 Restoration Project Component	1994 CLP Est. Cost
B-1	Groundwater dilution, combined with hypolimnetic withdrawal, integrated with the irrigation needs of the Arrowhead Golf Course	\$ 75,000
B-2	Shoreline stabilization	\$375,000
B-3	Sediment removal	\$188,700
	Total Estimated Cost	\$638,700

ABANDONMENT OF PROJECT COMPONENT B-1

The main intent of project component B-1 was to reduce nutrient concentrations in the lake, in part, by adding low-nutrient groundwater from the lake's vicinity. The assumption associated with this was that the average concentration of total phosphorus (TP) in the groundwater would be significantly less than that within the lake. The Phase 1 study determined that project component B-1 would likely reduce the average in-lake concentration of total phosphorus from 0.092 to 0.041 mg/l, which translates to a reduction of more than 55%. Likewise, average Secchi disc clarity was predicted to increase to 50 inches – more than 2.2 times the depth at the time of the study.

A private laboratory sampled local wells with results of uncharacteristically high TP concentrations. The FPDDC sampled wells, both existing wells and a newly-installed groundwater augmentation well. The results obtained were not without wide spatial and temporal variations in TP concentrations. Yet one factor was clear. The estimated TP concentration of ground water at Herrick Lake for the Phase 1 study, 0.02 mg/l, had been set unrealistically low, and that pumping groundwater into Herrick Lake would, instead, likely increase existing in-lake TP concentrations. Therefore, in consultation with the IEPA, project component B-1 was abandoned.

COMPLETION OF PROJECT COMPONENT B-2

The FPDDC received a \$105,000 State of Illinois grant for project component B-2 in 1996. This amount was subsequently amended to increase to a total of \$168,825 when project component B-1 was cancelled. The main goal of project component B-2 was to stabilize Herrick Lake's eroding shorelines, thereby eliminating the primary source of total suspended solids' (TSS) loading to the lake. The Phase 1 study determined that implementation of the project component would eliminate 71% of average annual TSS loading to Herrick Lake from all sources. The shoreline erosion control would further reduce lake turbidity and the rate of future sedimentation by more than 25 tons annually. First, the project involved, in February of 1998, partially dewatering the lake to prepare the subgrade foundation. Then there were constructed 2,000 lineal feet of terraced walls of outcropping stone, and the use of emergent plants for 800 lineal feet, including the placing of coconut fiber rolls. The improved aesthetic appearance and use of the shoreline has been the source of positive feedback by preserve users, and the FPDDC is very pleased with the results.

COMPLETION OF PROJECT COMPONENT B-3

The main goal of the B-3 project component was to dredge sediment from the bottom of Herrick Lake to clarify the turbid waters and to provide better fish habitat. By removing the accumulated 30,000 cubic yards of sediment from the northern two-thirds of the main lake (project component B-3), the portion of Herrick Lake having a depth of at least 12 feet would increase from 2.8% to 28% --- a ten-fold increase. It's commonly believed that in the northeastern region of Illinois, at least 25% of a lake's area should be of 12 foot depth or greater to lessen the risk of fish winterkills. This component involved building an earthen sediment settling facility, dredging lake sludge to the facility, and spreading the sediments and berm to natural topographic conditions.

SECTION 2

REVISED SITE FOR SEDIMENT SETTLING BASIN

In general, the type of dredging operation used at Herrick Lake was basically the same as that described in the Phase 1 report. One item, though, was significantly altered from that planned in the report -- the final sediment confinement basin plan. The Phase 1 report assumed that we would be re-using the disposal basin constructed for the 1982 dredging project, located on the southeast side of the main lake. We intended to raise the height of the dike to provide additional storage by employing either underlying parent material or embankment material trucked in for the purpose. It was later determined that the site of the disposal basin for the 1982 project was insufficient for the approximate 30,000 cubic yards of dredged materials for the current project.

As requested by the IEPA, any such spoil basin should be designed to have storage capacity of at least 1.5 times the volume of in-lake sediment, and have a retention time of at least 36-48 hours. The volume requirement is meant to meet the Illinois Pollution Control Board (ICPB) 15 mg/L standard for Total Suspended Solids (TSS) of the effluent. The FPDDC would have had to remove the 1982-dredged material and raise the confinement dike a full 6 or 7 feet. At the time, 1999, a significant land purchase was being completed by the FPDDC. The land consisted of approximately 85 acres of property west of Herrick Road, formerly owned by the Brooks McCormick estate.

An alternative sediment confinement basin was proposed on 10 of these acres of fallow farmland, directly opposite Herrick Lake. This convenient location would accommodate the pump-discharge line run through an existing culvert under Herrick Road to a floating hydraulic dredge. Advantages of the new site also included less tree clearing, no hauling (less expensive), minimal wildlife and no preserve-user impacts, and a better ability to blend the spoil site with surrounding topography. Construction activities would include topsoil stripping, earthen embankment construction, erosion control measures, and various drainage improvements. Please see Appendix A for Site Map.

Before any earthmoving activity was allowed to begin, double silt fence was installed adjacent to wetland buffer zones to the east and to the west of the proposed confinement basin. See project story photograph section Appendix G for picture of installed silt fence. Construction ingress and egress were gained by a stabilized construction entrance devised and located south of the Herrick Lake Preserve west parking lot, at the gated driveway of the former farmhouse of the Brooks McCormick property.

All necessary permits were obtained from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency, the DuPage County Department of Economic Development and Planning, Division of Environmental Concerns, and the DuPage County Division of Transportation, prior to the start of construction.

SECTION 3

BASIN CONSTRUCTION SUMMARY

The FPDDC separated project component B-3 into three (3) contracts. The first contract involved the construction of the temporary sediment settling basin. The second involved the operation of the floating hydraulic dredge to pump the slurry beneath Herrick Road to the basin. And the third involved respreading the sediments after having them settled out and suitably dried.

The FPDDC concurrently advertised both settling site construction and hydraulic dredging projects to prospective bidders starting May 19, 2003, and opened a total of 10 sealed bids for the earthwork project alone on June 20, 2003. The lowest responsible bidder for general earthwork was T & W Edmier, Corp. which submitted a bid of \$139,532.25 – an amount approximately 12% less than the second lowest bidder and a significant 44% below the engineer's estimate. The FPDDC's Board of Commissioners awarded the contract to T & W Edmier Corp. on July 15, 2003 and the contractor was issued formal notice-to-proceed effective on August 15th.

The sediment confinement basin was constructed using onsite clayey materials. It was built to properly retain and settle the solid materials from the pumped slurry. The basin provided a total of 45,415 CY of storage, with two-foot freeboard. This is 8% greater than the minimum mandated by IEPA as based on: 1.5 times the 24,000 CY of fine-grained estimated dredged sediment, plus 6,000 CY of coarse-grained estimated sediment. A floating turbidity curtain was installed mid-basin to increase hydraulic travel distance between basin in- and outflow, and thereby increase flocculation and settlement time. The contract included provisions for returning clarified effluent. A pre-cast concrete stop log water control structure was placed at the northeast corner of the spoil site. The project included an 18" corrugated steel storm sewer pipe and temporary "return water" swale to offsite culverts, one under Herrick Road. This system of control structure, swale, and culverts would return clarified effluents back to Herrick Lake.

Mid-project, a field change to the return-water swale provided greater erosion protection. CA-1 riprap was laid between the flow line elevation and a line 24" above it on either sideslope. An existing private driveway culvert (elliptical 11" by 18" corrugated metal) on DuDOT right-of-way, was replaced by a larger, 19" by 30" RCP. This swale and culvert combination also acted as a sleeve for the 8"-diameter discharge hose from the lake to the spoil site. As planned, the pump discharge pipe was laid through the existing 19" by 30" drainage culvert underneath Herrick Road. A DuDOT permit and bond was required for this portion of the project, totaling \$2,000. See Appendix A for construction details. See project story photograph section Appendix G for pictures of constructed basin with water control structure, turbidity curtain placement, private drive (right-of-way) culvert, return swale with ditch check and with discharge line, and discharge line through offsite culverts.

Most of the work was performed by the general contractor, T & W Edmier, including the necessary storm sewer work. This included installing the water control structure at the containment site and the storm sewer culvert from the control structure to the "return water"

swale. Subcontractors performed surveyed improvement layout staking, landscaping, including tree removals.

T & W Edmier Timeline Summary

No.	Description of Milestone or Task	Start Date	End Date
1	Bid solicitation to contract award	05/19/03	07/15/03
2	Construct settling basin (mass earthwork)	08/22/03	10/27/03
3	Seeding stockpile, etc., pave driveway	10/27/03	11/18/03

The final cost of the Edmier contract was \$139,532.25.

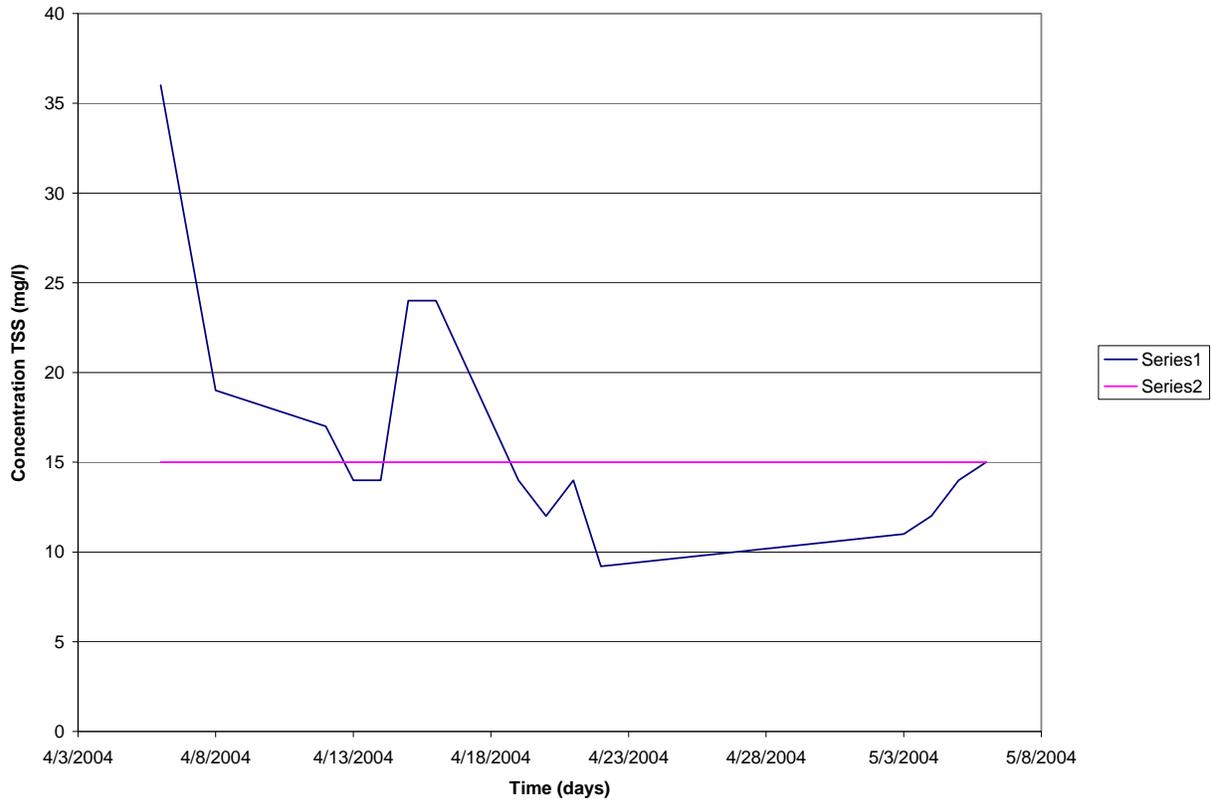
SECTION 4

DREDGING OPERATIONS SUMMARY

The Forest Preserve District of DuPage County concurrently advertised both settling site construction and hydraulic dredging projects to prospective bidders starting May 19, 2003, and opened a total of 3 sealed bids for the hydraulic dredging project on June 20, 2003. The lowest responsible bidder was Metropolitan Environmental Services, Inc. which submitted a bid of \$265, 240 – an amount approximately 41% less than the second lowest bidder and about 12% greater than the engineer's estimate. The FPDDC's Board of Commissioners awarded the contract to Metropolitan Environmental Services, Inc. on July 15, 2003 and the contractor was issued formal notice-to-proceed on October 15, 2003.

Metropolitan Environmental Services performed the dredging operations. A floating barge was launched upon Herrick Lake and dredging activity started in early November 2003. Dredged sediments were hydraulically pumped in slurry form to the temporary sediment confinement basin west of Herrick Road, via a culvert beneath the road. A two-man crew removed approximately 800 cubic yards of sediment on good days, averaging roughly ¼ acre and two feet depth of sediment. Clarified effluent water was returned to the lake by the action of gravity. A stop log water control structure released the water at ground level from the sediment spoil site to drain back to the lake. See project story photograph section Appendix G for pictures of discharge line in lake, dredge-placing crane, lake dredging, sludge discharge, and turbidity curtain, water control structure, and return swale all at work. While effluent water was being returned, MES performed daily water sampling and employed US Biosystems to provide required analytical results as per specifications. TSS, Ammonia N, pH and temperature results were submitted monthly to the IEPA Division of Water Pollution Control. Subcontractor CLE Engineering performed pre- and post-project bathymetric survey operations including devising maps, cross-sections, and final volume calculations. See Appendix E for before and after dredging bathymetric maps.

A polymer flocculating agent was injected into the sediment slurry to accelerate TSS settling velocities. This ensured that slurry pumped to the spoil site would not exceed the Illinois Pollution Control Board (ICPB)-set, IEPA permit-mandated 15 mg/L requirement for effluent TSS concentrations. Metropolitan Environmental Services, Inc. was the responsible contractor for dredging operations. They tapped into the dredge pipe near discharge and injected polymer using a portable generator and a chemical metering pump. See project story photograph section Appendix G for picture of the polymer injection site. Eventually, MES housed the generator in a portable heated trailer, to prevent viscosity of the polymer-flocculating agent by cold weather. Though flocculant application rates were minimized, they were dependent upon effluent TSS concentrations. Please see Appendix C for effluent discharge data collected at the site. We compiled the data into the following chart. It shows how the polymer flocculant was needed in order to obtain effluent concentrations below the 15 mg/l requirement. It represents the flocculant's effect on TSS concentrations during slurry transport:



On July 6, 2004, MES representative Pete Hinders sent effluent discharge data to IEPA Engineer David Ginder for review. See copies of this data in Appendix C. In a July 20, 2004, communication, Mr. Ginder assured Hinders that the submitted data indicated that the flocculant (Aquamark’s AQ 200 polymer) appeared to be working to control discharge effluents to permit limits. Mr. Ginder related that the Agency had filed the data.

In mid-December 2003, having dredged half the required sediment volume, MES requested an extension of the December 21, 2003, completion deadline. MES cited the following reasons: A spoils area completion delay, turbidity curtain anchor detachment delayed the return of effluent, wet weather polymer injection difficulties, spoils site “groundwater recharge” lowered lake water levels thereby hampering dredge bank-reach, and winter lake ice. A change order request was granted by the District’s Board of Commissioners on January 6, 2004. It effectively altered project completion to 30 days following the absence of continuous ice coverage in Spring of 2004. After the winter freeze, MES re-mobilized and resumed dredging operations. CLE began monitoring outfall in April of 2004 and performed surveying for current lake bottom contours throughout dredging operations until what became the 24,962 CY removal requirement was met. Dredging was completed late in the week of May 10, 2004. All remaining materials and equipment were removed from the site in early August 2004.

Metropolitan Environmental Services Timeline Summary

No.	Description of Milestone or Task	Start Date	End Date
1	Bid solicitation to contract award	05/19/03	07/15/03
2	Dredge lake (remove sediments)	11/04/03	12/10/03
3	Dredge lake resumed (remove sediments)	03/24/04	05/08/04

The final cost of the MES contract was \$265,240.00. The final volume of sediment removed from the lake was 24,962 cubic yards.

SECTION 5

SCOPE OF SPOIL SITE RESTORATION

The FPDDC confirmed by telephone with the IEPA in November of 2003 that grant funding reimbursement would include the restoration of the sediment containment site to natural topographic conditions. More specifically, the third implementation activity involved the mechanical spreading of sediments accumulated from Herrick Lake and re-grading of the spoil site basin.

Prior to this activity, a six-month period of time, including the summer of 2004, was allowed for the drying in-place of sediments at the spoil containment basin. To facilitate the process, the FPDDC briefly mobilized a stormwater pump for a persistent pool at the south end of the containment basin, and a backhoe to excavate drainage openings in the berm. See project story photograph section Appendix G for pictures of drying sediments at the spoil site, post-project return swale with sludge debris, and the drainage opening at the basin's southwest side.

The FPDDC originally decided that the optimal time to respread the sediments and restore the site would be during winter. Freezing of the mucky, organic soils would render them more suitable for work. Yet the mild winter and the certainty of dryer sediments in the spring rendered working in spring the chosen option. Having performed some experimental grading to test for soil suitability in early December, the contractor eventually began operations in earnest in early April. The total area of earthwork disturbance was approximately 13 acres. The contractor leveled the berms, performed final grading topsoil placement, and removed silt fences. See project story photograph section Appendix G for a picture of the leveling of the berm and placement of the topsoil at the spoil site from the stockpile. The leveling was to be performed in a manner that would blend in naturally with the surrounding topography.

SECTION 6

RESTORATION CONSTRUCTION SUMMARY

The Forest Preserve District of DuPage County advertised the third and final contract, the spoil site restoration project, to prospective bidders starting October 18, 2004, and opened a total of 9 sealed bids on November 5, 2004. The lowest responsible bidder was Greco Contractors, Inc. which submitted a bid of \$110,812.50 – an amount approximately 13% less than the second lowest bidder and about 17% less than the engineer’s estimate. The FPDDC’s Board of Commissioners awarded the contract to Greco Contractors, Inc. on November 16, 2004 and the contractor was issued formal notice-to-proceed on December 3, 2004.

In late April, Greco informed the FPDDC of a shortfall of material from the topsoil stockpile to fill in the depression left by the imprint of the spoil site basin. We abandoned the Grading Plan from the Plan set and decided to field-engineer a new grading plan. We instructed Greco to level the interior side slopes of the north, east, and south basin sides toward the middle, employing the flattest possible slopes. We chose to employ onsite materials only. The end result is a depression area of ungraded silt deposits of approximately 3 acres, located roughly at the center of the previous spoil basin. It is our belief that the area will become a wetland over time. There is a plan in consideration to import organic material to cover the dredgings, or to disk the soil at the basin’s center in a few years, when it has dried out.

After final grading, the Natural Resources Management division of the FPDDC seeded a native prairie mix in 2005 over all disturbed areas.

Greco Contractors Timeline Summary

No.	Description of Milestone or Task	Start Date	End Date
1	Bid solicitation to contract award	10/18/04	11/16/04
2	Restore spoil site (mass earthwork)	04/08/05	05/26/05
3	Seeding, turf grow-in, establishment and acceptance	06/09/05	08/15/05

The final cost of the Greco contract was \$110,812.50. Please see Appendix G for the final as-built contour map of the spoil site area.

SECTION 7

GRANT ADMINISTRATION SUMMARY

This section of the report provides a brief summary of the various funding agreements and related amendments between the State of Illinois and the FPDDC, related to Phase 2 CLP improvements at Herrick Lake. The FPDDC has received a total of four Clean Lakes Program grants totaling \$325,000 from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for improvements at Herrick Lake.

PREVIOUS PHASE II GRANTS

The Forest Preserve District of DuPage County (FPDDC) has previously received two grants totaling \$180,000 from the state of Illinois in support of the implementation project at Herrick Lake proposed in the *Phase I Diagnostic/Feasibility Study of Herrick Lake, DuPage County, Illinois*. In 1995 the FPDDC received a \$75,000 grant to implement project component B-1 from the Phase I report (Groundwater dilution, combined with hypolimnetic withdrawal, integrated with the irrigation needs of the Arrowhead Golf Course). A separate \$105,000 grant was received in 1996 to implement project component B-2 from the Phase I report (Shoreline Stabilization Plan). State funds for this project are made available by “Conservation 2000” legislation (Public Act 89-49).

After several rounds of groundwater testing, the groundwater augmentation well was dropped from the program, as mentioned, due to high levels of phosphorus in the well water. The residual funds from the initial grant were subsequently combined with the second grant. The shoreline stabilization work was completed in 1998. Additional information regarding these two grants can be found in the June, 1999, report prepared for IEPA by the FPDDC entitled *Phase II Clean Lakes Program Project Report for Herrick Lake, DuPage County, Illinois*.

INITIAL \$115,000 GRANT FOR SEDIMENT REMOVAL

The FPDDC applied to IEPA for additional Phase II Implementation Grant monies, through the Illinois Clean Lakes Program, for construction of the sediment settling facility. The Phase II funding application was related to the third and final structural project component, B-3, from the Phase I report (Sediment Removal). Though not allowing for dredge funding directly, the IEPA allowed for a 50/50 cost share for construction of the settling facility. The Phase II grant application to IEPA was for 50% of the projected cost of construction at an existing 4.5 acre spoil site (\$100,000), located southeast of the main lake, in essence, to raise the dike height. An additional \$15,000 would cover contractual costs related to final report preparation (\$15,000). The district has decided since to allocate the report preparation fund monies to the cost of construction and perform the report writing in-house. The \$115,000 grant was received in 2000 to complete the Phase II implementation project (Sediment Removal). State funds for this program are, again, made available by “Conservation 2000” legislation (Public Act 89-49). Recommendation modifications from the Phase 1 report were recognized in the document,

Application for Phase II Implementation Grant (October 19, 1999). A “Financial Assistance Agreement No. 20900,” in the amount of \$115,000, was executed on May 5, 2000 (FPDDC Resolution No. 00-112). By request, the agreement was subsequently amended on October 2, 2002 so that the project schedule could be extended approximately a year. The grant allowed the District to go ahead with its plan to dredge the approximately 30,000 cubic yards of remaining sediment from the northern 2/3 of the lake, or that part of the lake left undredged by the 1982 project. The district had already budgeted \$400,000 towards this project.

During the course of the 2003 construction contracts with T & W Edmier, Corp. and Greco Contractors, Inc., the FPDDC submitted a total of 3 partial payment requests to IEPA’s Fiscal Services Department. The final invoice was submitted to IEPA on June 17, 2005, bringing the total amount of requested State reimbursement to the ceiling of \$115,000. The final costs of the T & W Edmier, Corp. and Greco Contractors, Inc. contracts were \$139,532.25 and \$110,813.00, respectively, based on measured in-place quantities of work performed multiplied by the applicable contract unit prices. Thus, the IEPA’s final share of the actual construction cost associated with Herrick Lake sediment removal was 45.9%, and the FPDDC’s share totaled \$250,345.25 or 54.1%. The total project cost, including all three phased contracts, was approximately \$515,000.

SECTION 8

WATER QUALITY BENEFITS RESULTING FROM PHASE II PROJECT

The main goals of removing sediment from Herrick Lake are to improve water clarity, decrease other key parameters such as total dissolved solids (TSS), total phosphorus (TP), and oxygen demand, and increase water volume and deepen the lake to improve aquatic habitat. As determined in the Phase 1 study, post the 1982 dredge, accumulated sediment accounted for 19.4 acre-feet of water volume or 12.1% of storage volume for the entire lake. The reduction of sediment accumulation at Herrick Lake would reduce bottom sediment resuspension, providing for greater water clarity; create more stable summer stratification, reducing nutrient concentrations into lighted upper zones; reduce oxygen demand and depletion by increasing water depth; increase desired macrophytic growth; and provide greater lake water volume for aquatic life and fishery purposes.

WATER QUALITY IN THE LAKE BEFORE AND AFTER DREDGING

The FPDDC has participated in the IEPA's Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program (VLMP) at Herrick Lake every year since 1988. In November of 2003, Herrick Lake was added to the IEPA's Ambient Lake Monitoring Program (ALMP). As such, in 2004 it was tested 5 times by the IEPA, from May through October. The FPDDC started collecting in-lake water quality samples for the ALMP in May 2004. Effluent discharge data was sent to the IEPA on July 6, 2004. At IEPA request, the FPDDC continued collecting samples in 2005 to include all three lake sites documented initially in the Phase 1 report, and an additional deep site. FPDDC 2005 collection efforts increased as the IEPA was not able to attend to Herrick Lake visits or sampling during the year, nor did the VLMP include water sampling for 2005.

This Phase 2 report was preceded by two years of post-dredge lake monitoring. Water quality data from these efforts was received from the IEPA laboratories on January 18, 2006. We compiled IEPA's 2004-2005 post-dredging water quality laboratory results into a series of spreadsheets. These can be found in Appendix D of this document. The following demonstrates an improvement in certain water quality parameters.

We undertook to derive a comparison of data for key water quality parameters from pre- and post-dredging lake conditions. Our simple comparison would be dependent upon other conditions' being similar or most nearly the same at the lake regarding lake inflow and outflow and normal water levels. We investigated data results from the Illinois State Water Survey (ISWS) for precipitation at the appropriate rain gage station (119221 Wheaton Station 3 SE) correlating to the Herrick Lake site. We found from the climatological data that the years 1988 and 1989 correspond most closely to 2004 and 2005 in terms of total inches of precipitation. Years 1988 and 1989 saw 36.46 and 29.98 inches of precipitation, respectively; similarly, years 2004 and 2005 saw 34.19 and 26.64 inches of precipitation, respectively. Please see Appendix D. This circumstance afforded the use of key parameter data culled for the Phase 1 report for the years 1988-9 in the comparison. A series of tables and plots located in Appendix D illustrate the comparison from these two sets of years in terms of key parameters Secchi Depth, Total Phosphorus (TP), and Total Suspended Solids (TSS). This simplistic analysis indicates a clearly

defined improvement in water clarity due to differences in Secchi Depth and TSS in years preceding and following both the sediment removal and our previous shoreline stabilization projects at Herrick Lake. . As noted in Section 1, average Secchi disc clarity was predicted to increase more than 2.2 times the depth at the time of the Phase 1 study. The average between the two sets of years increased, in fact, between 18.5 and 33.5 inches, respectively, 1.8 times in depth, an improvement in magnitude approaching that predicted. This increase is illuminated further by the chart in Appendix D for Secchi Depths for Site 1 during years 1989 and 2005. A consistent increase is upheld throughout the term. The tables and plot in Appendix D also bring to light a significant decrease in TSS between similar years 1989 and 2005 for Herrick Lake at Site 1. As can be seen in the plot, TSS reached 36 mg/l on 8/22/89, while, after project B-2 and B-3 component implementations, it obtained only 10 mg/l on 8/15/05. See project story photograph section Appendix G for picture of north edge of lake after dredging. Compare this photo to the initial one of turbid water at the same location. Otherwise, there was no significant reduction of in-lake phosphorus concentration. This was to be predicted from data analyzed in the Phase 1 study. Information and analysis current for the Phase 1 study predicted that long-term annual average in-lake TP concentrations would not decrease from the sediment removal operation.

We calculated from the before and after dredge bathymetric map cross-sections provided by subcontractor CLE Engineering, and found that the area of the main lake having a depth of at least 12 feet increased to 11.7% of the lake area. This marks a four-fold increase from the 2.8% area of at least 12 feet depth gleaned from the survey for the Phase 1 report, and a near five-fold increase from the 2.4% area of at least 12 feet depth from CLE's pre-dredge survey of 10-24-03.

SECTION 9

CONCLUSION

The implementation of project component B-3 (Sediment Removal) from the Phase 2 Restoration Project has shown itself to be very successful as a stand-alone project. The FPDDC has received many positive comments from preserve users regarding the improved aesthetic appearance and use of the lake. The project significantly reduced turbidity due to suspended solids, producing water clarity to, in part, support a balanced aquatic community. A greater lake volume and average depth provide for an improved sports fishery and greater protection against fish winterkills. It will require future testing to ascertain the extent of improvement, but sediment reduction resulted in a desired increase in macrophytic growth at Herrick Lake.

Most importantly, benefits from the project will be felt into the future. It is believed that, following the sediment removal process, Herrick Lake should be relatively free from excess sediment for a term of many decades. Most of the lake watershed was at one time farmland. The FPDDC now owns approximately 85% of it and has converted land once occupied by agricultural use to woodlands, meadows, and prairie. The Forest Preserve District of DuPage County is very pleased with the results of the Phase 2 Clean Lakes Program project at Herrick Lake, and is very appreciative of the assistance provided by IEPA – not only the provided funding but also the technical expertise and administrative support as well.

Outside Agencies/ Groups Contacted

For the Herrick Lake Forest Preserve Master Plan, the District reached out via email to nearby governmental agencies, outside groups, and organizations that utilize or are close to Herrick Lake. The following list of outside groups were contacted and provided an opportunity to comment or discuss the project, attend the public open house, and provide comments through the public survey that was linked in the email. Recipients were also encouraged to share information about the plan, survey, and open house with their own networks. All future planning and project development at Herrick Lake will include additional communication with our outside stakeholders.

- Off the Street Club (Camp Mathieu)
- Grace Church of DuPage
- DuPage Montessori School
- Dwell at Naperville (Apartment Complex)
- DuPage County Trails Coordinator
- Illinois Department of Transportation
- City of Naperville
- City of Wheaton
- City of Warrenville
- Wheaton Warrenville South High School
- Hubble Middle School
- Arrowhead Golf Course
- Naperville Park District
- Wheaton Park District
- Warrenville Park District
- Naperville Bike Club
- DuPage Birding Club
- DuPage Sierra Club
- Conservation Foundation