



WITH GRATITUDE

Thank you for being a friend! Your gift to the Friends of the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County over 2022 has benefitted natural areas, wildlife, and master-plan projects at DuPage forest preserves.

MASTER PLAN PROJECTS & INITIATIVES

Habitat Restoration at DuPage Forest Preserves

Restored 1,000 acres containing prairie, woodland, and wetland habitats, including areas at Herrick Lake, Egernmann Woods, and Hickory Grove forest preserves

Hidden Lake Forest Preserve

Restored and repaired two historic bridges

Mayslake Hall

Kicked off a renovation project at historic building to repair its structural deficiencies, improve the site's drainage, and increase accessibility

Waterfall Glen Forest Preserve

Constructed a new parking lot, which accommodates 180 cars, reduces pedestrian and user conflicts near the intersection of Cass Avenue and Bluff Road, and improves trailhead access

Willowbrook Wildlife Center

- Forest Preserve District board of commissioners approved the Willowbrook Wildlife Center master plan improvements
- Broke ground on a new 27,000-square-foot wildlife rehabilitation clinic and visitor center, the Forest Preserve District's first net-zero-designed building
- The clinic and visitor center will allow visitors to view animals through one-way windows and video monitors as they are examined, treated, in surgery, being fed, and rehabilitated

Other Master Plan Projects & Initiatives

- Completed a recreational accessibility plan
- Trimmed or removed hazardous trees along trails and at special-use areas
- Maintained asphalt at preserve centers, parking lots, and special-use areas

MISSION-ALIGNED WORK

- Managed nearly 26,000 acres at over 60 forest preserves
- Maintained 166 miles of trail
- Preserved countless native plant and animal species, including freshwater mussels, the state-threatened Blanding's turtle, and federally endangered Hine's emerald dragonfly
- Admitted over 8,000 (and counting!) native wild animals for rehabilitation at Willowbrook Wildlife Center
- Welcomed the return of in-person programs, summer camps, field trips, and special events at centers and forest preserves
- Hosted two native plant sales, one in spring and one in fall (for trees and shrubs)
- Hosted Fall Festival at Danada, the Forest Preserve District's largest event, over two days in October
- Connected over 6.2 million people to nature at the forest preserves





OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Installed a 260 kW solar array at the Fleet Management building at Blackwell Forest Preserve; it will generate 110% of the building's energy consumption
- Opened an ADA-accessible canoe and kayak launch at Silver Lake at Blackwell
- Initiated a clean energy, resiliency, and sustainability plan

AWARDS

- Alternative-fuel fleet ranked fourth out of top 50 leading fleets in the nation ranked by *Government Fleet* magazine
- Volunteer program ranked a finalist for the Governor's Hometown Award

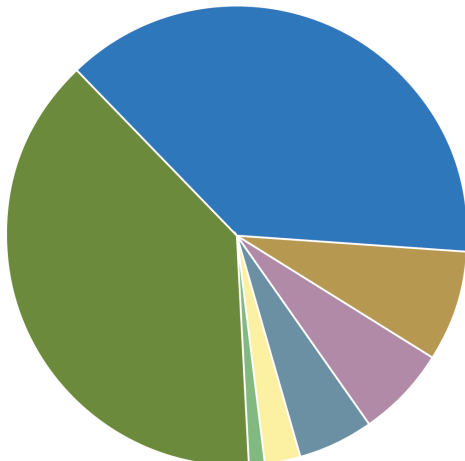
FRIENDS' CELEBRATIONS

- Ribbon cutting for ADA-accessible canoe and kayak launch at Silver Lake at Blackwell
- Ticketed Native Plant Presale event at Mayslake Peabody Estate
- Ceremonial groundbreaking at Willowbrook Wildlife Center
- Celebrated wildlife and wild areas at A Night for Nature at St. James Farm
- Solarbration at Fleet Management building at Blackwell
- Welcomed Ambassadors Circle donors at Fall Festival at Danada
- Friends' annual meeting at The Preserve at Oak Meadows Clubhouse

Your Gifts Make a Difference

Funds Transferred to Forest Preserve District of DuPage County

Over \$270,722 from Jan. – Sept. 2022



Your Impact

- Green Energy Endowment **38%**
- Wildlife Conservation **38%**
- Habitat Restoration **8%**
- Educational Programs **6%**
- Greatest Needs **5%**
- Master Plan Projects **2%**
- Recreational Amenities & Improvements **1%**

Thank You for Your Generosity!