FRIENDS OF THE FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF DU PAGE COUNTY

2014 Annual Report

The Friends exists to advance the vision of the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County through philanthropic endeavors.

Dear Friends,

The Friends of the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County enjoyed a productive year in 2014. We moved forward with our identified priority projects and made fundraising progress on each one, including the purchase of 16 kayaks for the District. We were a catalyst for land acquisition at Waterfall Glen Forest Preserve, aided several education site events, expanded our website and social media presence, and made further headway in establishing the Friends Foundation as a positive element for the ongoing advancement of the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County.

The District is celebrating its 100-year anniversary in 2015, and although the Friends has celebrated far fewer, we're both poised for great achievements in the future. During this time of reflection and celebration, we are most thankful to you and your contributions to our successes in 2014 that generated the momentum we are building on this year. With an engaged board, an increasing group of dedicated donors, and the District's encouragement, the Friends is continuing to further assist the forest preserves and all of their wonderful treasures here in DuPage County.

November 2014 was my two-year mark as board chair, and with my belief that leadership grows as it is shared, I determined not to stand for re-election and have continued to serve as a dedicated board member. The board elected Chrissie Howorth, its vice chair, to the lead position, a great fit and a tribute to Chrissie's spirit and drive.

It has been and continues to be a pleasure to serve with the Friends of the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County. Only good things await.

Thank you for your continued support,

Ken Bartels
2014 Chair

Friends of the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County 2014 Board of Directors and Liaisons

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2014 Accomplishments

Jay Johnson and Katie Michel with the Rotary Club of Elmhurst kayak

MAKING PADDLING A PRIORITY

Forest Preserve District rangers use kayaks to teach basic paddling skills and to lead fishing programs and historical and wildlife tours on county lakes and rivers. They also rent kayaks spring through fall at Blackwell and Herrick Lake forest preserves. In 2014 the Friends of the Forest Preserve District completed its first priority project, raising $6,000 to purchase 16 additional single-person kayaks so the District could add to the number of people who can exercise, fish, explore or relax on the water. The model features easy entry for ADA accessibility and superior stability, tracking and turning, which makes it ideal for every skill level.

Pat Harris-Wirtz and Jay Johnson with the Wirtz Family kayak

New Forest Preserve District kayaks for 2014, including 16 donated by the Friends

OTHER PRIORITY PROJECTS

Rear Courtyard Restoration at Mayslake Peabody Estate, Oak Brook – Project Goal: $35,000

ADA-Accessible Piers at Blackwell Forest Preserve, Warrenville, and Herrick Lake Forest Preserve, Wheaton – Project Goal: $40,000 ($20,000 Each)

Programming Trailer to Benefit Residents Throughout DuPage County – Project Goal: $20,000

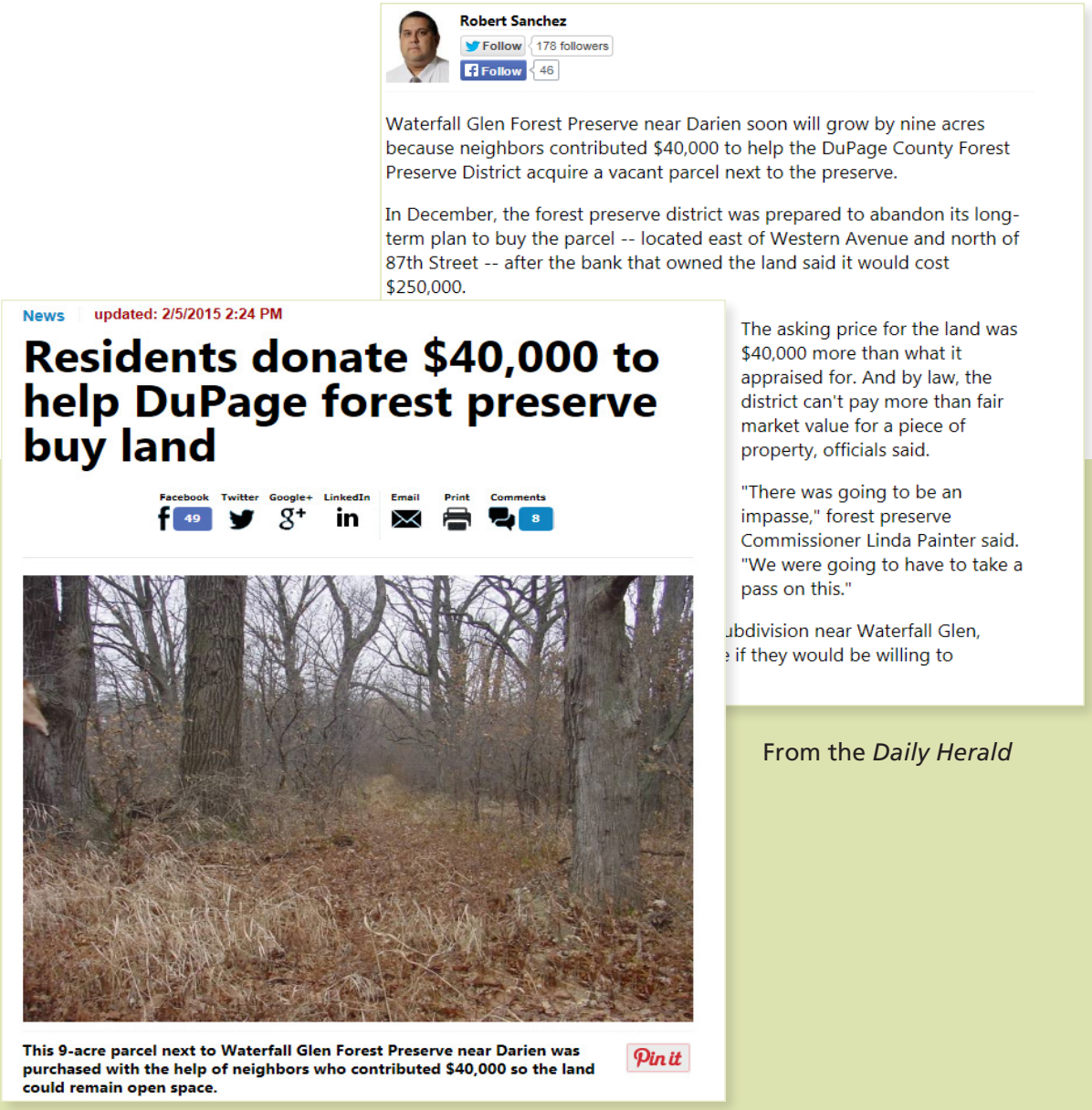
To support these projects or your favorite sites, donate at **dupageforest.org/donate**.

NEIGHBORS ASSIST THE DISTRICT WITH 9-ACRE PURCHASE NEAR WATERFALL GLEN FOREST PRESERVE

Residents of the Timberlake subdivision in Hinsdale have rallied to raise $40,000 to help the Forest Preserve District buy a 9-acre parcel of land adjacent to their neighborhood near Waterfall Glen Forest Preserve. Over half of the partially wooded parcel east of Western Avenue and north of 87th Street is in the Sawmill Creek 100-year floodplain. The District had designated it as instrumental to its long-term plans, but the seller's asking price was more than the fair-market value, which by law the District cannot exceed.

Commissioner Linda Painter of District 3 led the effort to protect the land by enlisting the help of the Timberlake Civic Association. As a result, more than 20 residents committed to covering the shortfall, leaving the District to pay 84 percent of the $250,000 acquisition.

The Friends of the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County established a fund for the acquisition, making the donations tax-deductible.



Robert Sanchez

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Waterfall Glen Forest Preserve near Darien soon will grow by nine acres because neighbors contributed $40,000 to help the DuPage County Forest Preserve District acquire a vacant parcel next to the preserve.

In December, the forest preserve district was prepared to abandon its long-term plan to buy the parcel -- located east of Western Avenue and north of 87th Street -- after the bank that owned the land said it would cost $250,000.

The asking price for the land was $40,000 more than what it appraised for. And by law, the district can't pay more than fair market value for a piece of property, officials said.

"There was going to be an impasse," forest preserve Commissioner Linda Painter said. "We were going to have to take a pass on this."

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Residents donate $40,000 to help DuPage forest preserve buy land

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This 9-acre parcel next to Waterfall Glen Forest Preserve near Darien was purchased with the help of neighbors who contributed $40,000 so the land could remain open space.

Pin it

From the *Daily Herald*

Looking Forward

"Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success." **—Henry Ford**

Dear Friends:

I became the board chair for the Friends in late 2014, although I've served on the board since its beginnings. We hope you are enjoying all of the festivities, events, fitness challenges and special programs the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County has offered to celebrate its centennial in 2015. The Friends of the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County is honored to be a part of those celebrations, and we hope to meet you at some of these activities.

As the District invites you to "Celebrate Your Way" in 2015, the Friends also wants to remind you of ways you can continue to give in a way that is meaningful to you.

Give your time. The volunteer services team at the District welcomes people who want to spend some of their time and energy at a favorite preserve or special event. Call 630-933-7681 for more info.

Give your talent. The Friends continues to look for active donors with bright ideas who want to participate in supporting our fundraising efforts. We are a small but mighty and growing team, and we could use your voice to spread the good word in the community.

Give your resources. We welcome gifts of all sizes, cash as well as in-kind. We continue to work to complete our priority projects and encourage you to give to your favorite sites or immediate projects at hand. For updates or to support one of priority projects, visit **dupageforest.org/donate_project.** If your employer has a corporate-giving or matching-gifts program, please think of your local forest preserves when you think about your own charitable priorities.

Remember, by giving $100 or more you are invited into the Friends Ambassadors' Circle, which offers more opportunities to see the forest preserves in exclusive ways. On the next page are some specific features and information about the program. Since we launched this program in September 2014, nearly 100 donors have joined us and have enjoyed some of the wonderful benefits. Some of you may have joined us at the hospitality reception at "Family Field Day at St. James Farm" on May 24. Others may have participated in the snowshoeing experience at McKee Marsh, the maple syrup tour at Fullersburg Woods or our kayaking journey through three preserves. It certainly is an exciting group, and we want you to know how much we value your contributions to the work we do and the goals we are able to accomplish due to your generosity.

Thank you for extending your trust and resources to meaningfully contribute and impact the forest preserves in DuPage County. Together I know we continue to make a positive difference on our community.

Thank you,

Chrissie Howorth
2015 Chair

2014 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Since its inception in 2013, the Friends of the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County has strived to help advance the vision of the District through philanthropic endeavors. As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit support group, it accepts tax-deductible gifts for priority projects, favorite forest preserves or where support is needed most. In 2014 the Friends raised $71,143.16, and in September it launched its Ambassadors Circle program, which focuses on donor communications, stewardship and exclusive invitations not available to the general public.

Friends of the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County
Ambassadors Circle Benefits

	Friend $100 – $249	**Guardian** $250 – $499	**Steward** $500 – $1,499	**Benefactor** $1,500 – $3,499	**Visionary** $3,500 and Above
Stuffed plush owl	•	•	•	•	•
Recognition in the annual report	•	•	•	•	•
Subscription to The Conservationist magazine	•	•	•	•	•
Subscription to the Friends e-newsletter	•	•	•	•	•
Ticket to the hospitality area at Family Field Day in May		•	•	•	•
Ticket to the hospitality area at the Danada Fall Festival in October		•	•	•	•
Invitations to exclusive programs, lectures, tours, hikes and sneak previews not open to the general public (See list of upcoming programs on reverse side.)			2	4	6
Engraved leaf on the donor tree at Forest Preserve District headquarters			•	•	•
Invitations to donor-appreciation programs			•	•	•
Private tour for four of a forest preserve habitat restoration or building project				•	•
Customized naturalist-led expedition for four at a forest preserve					•

Upcoming Exclusive Programs at the Steward, Benefactor and Visionary Levels

Space is limited, so reserve your spot today!

June 6
9 a.m. – Noon
Fullersburg Woods, York Woods and Mayslake Peabody Estate
Follow District rangers along the Salt Creek Greenway Trail with stops at the Ben Fuller House and Graue Mill at Fullersburg Woods and at York Woods and historic Mayslake Peabody Estate. *Limit: 15*

June 18, July 16 or Aug. 20
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Kline Creek Farm
Participate in an old-fashioned evening cooking experience. Help harvest food from the field or garden, prepare it in the summer kitchen, and then cook your meal on the wood-burning stove. *Limit: 6 per evening*

July 17
11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Danada Equestrian Center
Celebrate the 50th anniversary of Lucky Debonair's Kentucky Derby win by touring the equestrian center, the Danada House, and the Derby and Visitor Gardens. Then, enjoy a horse-drawn hayride and a picnic lunch. *Limit: 25*

Aug. 15
9 – 11:30 a.m.
Fullersburg Woods
Enjoy a morning of kayaking with District rangers along scenic Salt Creek. *Limit: 10*

Year-Round
Willowbrook Wildlife Center
Meet employees and the center's resident wildlife during a behind-the-scenes tour. Call (630) 942-6200 to reserve your tour time.

Friends of the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County

Honor Roll

2014 Friends of the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County Honor Roll of Donors

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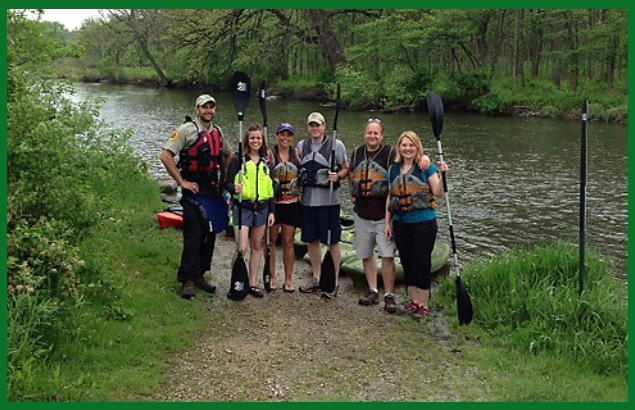
Thank You

After volunteering with naturalist Dan Thompson, Girl Scout Troop 105 donated more than $500 to the Forest Preserve District's Blanding's turtles program.



District ranger Nate Hambel taught essential kayaking skills and then led a group of Ambassadors Circle donors through three forest preserves on the West Branch DuPage River in May 2015.

Katie Michel, Chrissie Howorth, the Friends' board chair, and Chrissie's son participated in the Ambassadors Circle's snowshoeing program in February 2015.

Dave Andrusyk, naturalist at Fullersburg Woods Nature Education Center, led the March 2015 Ambassadors Circle maple syrup tour. Here, Girl Scout Troop 105 tries maple syrup in its purest form.

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