2018 Progress Report
Following the 2017 Land Acquisition & Preserve Improvement Referendum

FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF KANE COUNTY
2017 Referendum Recap ...

Part of our success: good timing
• Because of savings due to sound financial management, bond payoffs and refinancings, we had an opportunity to add acreage, make preserve improvements, and still provide a tax decrease to Kane County residents
• Annual cost per household ($250,000 home) is $22 per year or $1.83 per month.
• After 20 years, the investment will be fully paid off

Asked the public for approval to issue $50,000,000 in general obligation bonds
• Land Acquisition (80%)
• Capital Preserve Improvements (20%)

Land Acquisition Strategy
• Grow existing preserves
• Increase flood control and water protection
• Preserve wildlife habitat and natural areas
• Improve our renowned trail system
• Expand recreation and nature education opportunities
• Leverage dollars to maximize return

By the Numbers ...

Total District Acreage Prior to 2017 Referendum: 20,819 acres
Total Land Acquisition Investments (as of Nov. 1, 2018): $19,052,929.48
Acres Acquired to Date: 1,464.88
Number of Expanded Preserves 13
Number of New Preserves: 3
Total District Holdings: 22,284 acres

Total Referendum Proceeds & Interest: $50,158,623.08
Total Planned for Land Acquisition: $40,156,605.44
Total Planned for Capital Improvements: $10,002,017.64
LAND INVESTMENT UPDATES

Sauer Family Prairie Kame Forest Preserve
71.48-acre addition, Elburn
$864,087.66 investment

Cardinal Creek Forest Preserve
Combined 133.17 addition, Hampshire
Combined $1,725,713.50 investment

Yet-To-Be-Named Forest Preserve
Combined 85.24-acre addition, Big Rock
Combined $1,002,136.16 investment

Binnie Forest Preserve
Combined 84.01-acre addition, West Dundee
Combined $1,050,329.09 investment
Muirhead Springs Forest Preserve
Combined 325.06-acre addition, Elgin
Combined $3,747,535.91 investment

Oakhurst Forest Preserve
4.69-acre addition, Aurora
$317,841.79 investment

Johnson's Mound Forest Preserve
Combined 261.48-acre addition, Elburn
$5,082,119.78 investment + $2.1 million donation

Yet-To-Be-Named Forest Preserve
25.74 acres, St. Charles
Donation by Donald Edwards valued at $514,800
**Bowes Creek Woods Forest Preserve**
114-acre addition, Elgin
$696,552.97 investment

**Chicago Premium Outlets Wetland**
75-acre addition, Aurora
Donation valued at $375,000

**LeRoy Oakes Forest Preserve**
Combined 22.24-acre addition, St. Charles
Combined $156,362.77 investment

**Big Rock Forest Preserve**
86.27-acre addition, Big Rock
$1,004,446.82 investment
**Ferson Creek Forest Preserve**
*Combined 77 acres, St. Charles*
Combined $1,021,546.19 investment

**Raceway Woods Forest Preserve**
*7-acre addition, Carpentersville*
$500,857.71 investment

**Fox River Shores Forest Preserve**
*Combined 86.5 acres, Carpentersville*
Combined $1,844,015.13 investment

**Glenwood Park Forest Preserve**
*6-acre addition, Batavia*
$39,384.00 investment
PRESENCE-IMPROVEMENT UPDATES

Preserve Improvement Project Updates
• Trail connectivity
  - All acquisitions help in this regard

• Redesign Oakhurst Forest Preserve (Aurora)
  - Plans for redesign submitted for possible grant

• Installation of new or updated boat/canoe/kayak launches
  - For Oakhurst FP, part of overall redesign, awaiting grant notification
  - Buffalo Park FP is next in line for boat-launch improvements

Natural Area Enhancement Updates
• Helm Woods Forest Preserve (Barrington) flatwoods and migratory bird habitat restoration
  - Project is underway, bid was awarded in the fall.

• Dick Young Forest Preserve (Batavia) habitat revitalization:
  - Conduct a hydrologic study
  - Install a variable water-control structure to maintain hemi-marsh (half water/half vegetation) conditions
  - Employ stronger wetland-weed control

• New wetland habitat at Pingree Grove Forest Preserve (Pingree Grove)
  - Preliminary work is underway. We're working with The Wetlands Initiative (TWI) using their expertise to create bid specifications for both the Dick Young FP and Pingree Grove FP projects. Plans are to let RFQs in Spring 2019.