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Forest Preserve referendum to be discussed at public meetings

GENEVA, IL — The Forest Preserve District of Kane County invites the public to attend information meetings on the upcoming Land Acquisition & Preserve Improvement Referendum.

The Forest Preserve Commission will host various meetings throughout Kane County to provide information and answer questions about the April 5 ballot question. In addition, outside organizations have asked Forest Preserve President John Hoscheit to briefly address the referendum during their regularly scheduled meetings.

The District is asking voters whether it should borrow and sell \$30 million in general obligation bonds. The money would go to acquire and preserve forest and natural lands; protect wildlife habitats; enhance flood control; improve hiking and biking trails, fishing and other recreational areas; provide forest and wildlife education programs; and, improve forest preserves, wetlands and prairies. A bond amount of \$30 million would be expected to cost the average household in Kane County \$13.20 annually over 20 years or \$1.10 per month.

Public Information Meetings currently scheduled by the District include:

- March 22 at 7 p.m. in the Geneva Public Library, 127 James St., Geneva
- March 23 at 7 p.m. at the Prisco Center, corner of Illinois St. and Route 31, Aurora
- March 24 at 7 p.m. at the Pottawatomie Community Center, 8 North Ave., St. Charles
- March 29 at 7:30 p.m. at the Blackberry Township Municipal Building, 43W390 Main Street Rd., Elburn

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Forest Preserve Commission President John Hoscheit will also make brief remarks about the referendum at the March 21 meeting of the League of Women Voters - Elgin Area. The League meeting is at the West Dundee Fire Department, 100 Carrington Dr., West Dundee.

For more information on the Land Acquisition & Forest Preserve Improvement Referendum, visit the District's Web site at www.kaneforest.com.

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