

Preserve the Future



Invest in Nature



Imagine strolling through a tranquil forest preserve where the air is crisp, the environment is serene and plants and wildlife thrive. It's the perfect place to find peace and connect with nature. The preserves improve the quality of life for residents, and everyone is welcome.

The potential expansion of these natural sanctuaries is now in the spotlight. Today, we manage more than 31,200 acres of protected areas and 200-plus miles of multiuse trails in Lake County. An upcoming referendum will help chart the future course of your forest preserves.

On November 5, voters will decide on a \$155 million Forest Preserves referendum. If passed, the funding will allow us to build important trail connections, increase access for all, and improve water and air quality while reducing flooding through habitat restoration. We will also acquire more land to create new preserves and expand existing ones, for you and future generations to enjoy.

The estimated property tax increase on a Lake County home valued at \$300,000 is just under \$33 per year or \$2.75 per month. Today, just 1.87% of property taxes collected in Lake County go to fund the Forest Preserves.

If the referendum is not approved, we will have limited ability to save more irreplaceable wildlife habitat and natural areas from development, complete planned trail connections, improve access to existing preserves and carry out critical habitat restoration on hundreds of acres.

A well-connected forest preserve system benefits visitors by providing safe routes for exploration and opportunities to improve physical and mental wellness. Nearly every resident is less than a 10-minute drive from a preserve.



"If approved, the new funding would protect more land and expand the benefits the forest preserves provide to all of us."

– Alex Ty Kovach, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Lake County
Forest Preserves



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