



August 1, 2024

To all residents of Kane County,

The Kane Forest Preserve Foundation whole-heartedly supports the passage of the Land Acquisition & Preserve Improvement Referendum placed on the November 5, 2024, ballot. The residents of Kane County are being asked to vote on a referendum authorizing an increase to the limiting rate for the Forest Preserve District of Kane County.

The following are examples of how the funds would be used to preserve and protect land throughout Kane County:

- Construction and enhancement of facilities Kane County residents enjoy throughout the year, such as trails, picnic shelters and recreation areas.
- Restore and improve woodlands, wetlands, prairies and wildlife habitat
- Consistently create an additional 250 acres per year of restored wildlife habitat
- Acquisition of up to 125 acres of open space and natural areas, per year
- Protection of high-quality natural areas, including the Fox River and other waterways
- Additional public safety
- An expansion of nature programming for all ages

The cost of the referendum is roughly \$10 per \$100,000 of home market value. Most homeowners will pay \$3 per month. In addition, taxpayers would still see a reduction in overall taxes from the Forest Preserve District in 2027, due to sound financial management, bond payoffs and refinancing.

The mission of the nonprofit Kane Forest Preserve Foundation is to support the Forest Preserve District of Kane County through charitable efforts that advance the District's mission — including acquisition, preservation, restoration, education and recreation — for the greater good of the citizens of Kane County, Illinois.

The members of the Foundation Board believe this measure will not only benefit today's County residents but will create a true legacy for future generations. We urge the referendum's passage.

Sincerely,

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