



Forest Preserves of Cook County Conservation & Policy Council Meeting
Thursday, January 29, 2026 at
Camp Sullivan, 4630 Oak Park Ave, Oak Forest, IL 60452

Directions: Please enter Camp Sullivan off Oak Park Ave, make a left at the fork and park in the lot adjacent to the red barn. The 9am tour will meet in the barn, the meeting will take place on the upper level of the barn, and the 12:15pm meeting will also meet in the barn.

Public Comments. Members of the public who wish to testify must register at least 24 hours before the scheduled start of the meeting. Register by sending your name and organization (if applicable) to Lydia.uhlir@cookcountyil.gov. Written-only comments provided 24 hours prior to the start of the Council meeting will be made part of the meeting record and available to all Council members. Anyone wishing to submit written public comments should send comments via email to Lydia.uhlir@cookcountyil.gov.

Accommodations. The site tour features an accessible building and some accessible paths; some of the trails are not accessible. The meeting will be held inside Camp Sullivan which is accessible. To request live-captioning or other accommodations, please send an email to michelle.uting@cookcountyil.gov at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

Next Century Conservation Plan Vision

The people of Cook County will celebrate and nurture our thriving woodlands, prairies and waters as world-class treasures that sustain our great metropolis.

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| 10:00 am | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Welcome (Mark Templeton, Chairperson, Conservation & Policy Council)2. Land Acknowledgement (Commissioner Donna Miller - District 6 - <i>invited</i>)3. Nature Spotlight: Good Packs Program (James Davis, Deputy Commander of Police) |
| 10:10 am | <ol style="list-style-type: none">4. Public Comments |
| 10:15 am | <ol style="list-style-type: none">5. Chairman's report<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Approval of Minutes (Attachment 1)- Nominating Committee (Henrietta "Hank" Saunders, Vice-Chair, Conservation & Policy Council) (Attachment 2)- Orientation Process |
| 10:25 am | <ol style="list-style-type: none">6. General Superintendent Bianchi Update |

- 10:45 am **7.** Update on engagement of minors within the preserves (Jacqueline Samuel, Member, Conservation & Policy Council) (Attachment 3)
- 10:55 am **8.** Update on mental health efforts within the preserves (Elisabeth Garner, Data and Evaluation Analyst, and Jacqui Ulrich, Director of Conservation & Experiential Programming) (Attachment 4)
- 11:10 am **9.** Governance Committee – Discussion and Recommendations (Mark Templeton) (Attachment 5)
- 11:35 am **10.** Review of 2026 agenda topics (Mark Templeton and Hank Saunders) (Attachment 6)
- 11:45 am **11.** Communications Update (Carl Vogel, Director of Communications) (Attachment 7)
- 11:50 am **12.** Updates from Strategic Partners (Attachment 8)
- 12:00 pm **13.** Adjourn