



**Forest Preserves of Cook County Conservation & Policy Council Meeting**  
**Thursday, September 25, 2025 at**  
**Caldwell Woods Wellness Center, Chicago**

**9am to 9:55am:** Meet and greet Adam Bianchi, the Forest Preserves' new General Superintendent at Caldwell Woods Wellness Center at 6350 W Devon Ave, Chicago, IL 60646

**10am to 12:00pm:** Council Meeting at Caldwell Woods Wellness Center

**12pm to 1:00pm:** Nature Walk (A van will take participants to Bunker Hill savanna and then return to Caldwell Woods Wellness Center)

**Directions:** Please enter parking lot off of Devon Avenue just east of Milwaukee Avenue.

**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 [Sharon.Williams3@cookcountyil.gov](mailto:Sharon.Williams3@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 [Sharon.Williams3@cookcountyil.gov](mailto:Sharon.Williams3@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 the Caldwell Wellness Center which is accessible. To request live-captioning or other accommodations, please send an email to [michelle.uting@cookcountyil.gov](mailto: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.*

## A G E N D A

- 9:00 am     *Please join us for a pre-meeting meet and greet with Adam Bianchi, the Forest Preserves' new General Superintendent*
- 10:00 am     **1.** Welcome (Mark Templeton, Chairperson, Conservation & Policy Council)
- 2.** Land Acknowledgement (Commissioner Gainer invited)
- 3.** Nature Spotlight: Accessible Programming (Jacqui Ulrich)
- 10:10 am     **4.** Public Comments

- 10:15 am    **5.** Chairman's report
- Approval of Minutes
  - Nominating Committee (Henrietta Saunders)
- 10:25 am    **6.** Welcome of and Discussion with General Superintendent Bianchi
- 10:40 am    **7.** Suggested topics and dates for 2026 meetings (Mark and Hank)
- 10:50 am    **8.** Making the Preserves more accessible (Daisy Feidt and Kenyon Dunner) – (Discussion on recent efforts including June tour at Camp Bullfrog)
- 11:10 am    **9.** Review and approve Annual Progress Report & 2026 Budget Recommendation (Mark Templeton, Hank Saunders, Damon Howell, Shengyi Guan)
- 11:40am    **10.** Wild Things Movement (Amy Doll)
- 11:50 am    **11.** Communications Update
- 11:55 am    **12.** Updates from Strategic Partners
- 12:00 pm    **13.** Adjourn