

Forest Preserves of Cook County Conservation & Policy Council Meeting June 27, 2025

(Please note this is a special extended meeting.)

- 8:45 am Tour of Camp Bullfrog Lake at <u>9600 Wolf Road, Willow Springs</u>
- 10:00 am Meeting at Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center at <u>9800 Willow Springs Rd, Willow Springs</u>
- **1:00 pm** Tour of Red Gate Woods Wolf Road Parking Lot on Wolf Road south of 95th Street <u>https://map.fpdcc.com/#/?poi=320-Wolf+Road+Woods</u>. Tour is one hour.

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 <u>Sharon.Williams3@cookcountyil.gov</u>. 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 <u>Sharon.Williams3@cookcountyil.gov</u>.

Accommodations. The meeting will be held inside the Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center; this is an accessible building. To request an accessible tour of the grounds, live-captioning or other accommodations, please send an email to <u>michelle.uting@cookcountyil.gov</u> 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.

AGENDA

- 8:45 am Please join us for a pre-meeting tour at Camp Bullfrog at <u>9600 Wolf Road, Willow Springs</u>
- 10:00 am **1.** Welcome (Mark Templeton, Chairperson, Conservation & Policy Council)
 - 2. Land Acknowledgement
 - 3. Nature Spotlight
- 10:15 am **4.** Approval of Minutes (See Attachment 1)
 - 5. Public Comments
- 10:20 am 6. Chairman's report

10:40 am 7. Discussion with Interim General Superintendent Eileen Figel

- 11:00 am **8.** Unaccompanied minors at volunteer-led ecological workdays and other FPCC programs and events: Next steps. (Laurel, Hank)
- 11:05 am **9.** Progress towards 30,000-acre restoration goal (Laurel, Hank & Kim to introduce; Troy Showerman & Becky Collings) (See Attachment 2)
- 12:05 am Break and lunch (working lunch)
- 12:20 pm **10.** Annual Progress Report: Successes, Challenges, and the Next Phase of NCCP Implementation (Eileen & Michelle) (See Attachment 3)
- 12:40 pm 11. Updates from Strategic Partners (See Attachment 4)
- 12:50 pm 12. Adjourn

1:00 pm **13.** *Please join us for a post-meeting tour of Red Gate Woods See Attachment 4* to 2pm

The 1-hour tour will be on an unpaved trail and cover approximately 1.5 miles. Please wear comfortable shoes, along with your preferred sunscreen and mosquito repellent. Meet at Wolf Road Woods - <u>https://maps.app.goo.gl/AJ711nSsLHyBpCB8A</u>

Attachments

- 1. Minutes for Meeting of 4.16.25
- 2. Preparatory slides Progress towards 30,000-acre restoration (Provided as a separate document.)
- 3. Phase 3 Implementation Strategy
- 4. Chicago Botanic Garden Updates
- 5. Red Gate Meet-up Map & Article
- 6. Recent Media Highlights (Provided as a separate document.)