



Forest Preserves of Cook County Conservation & Policy Council Meeting
Thursday, April 30, 2026 at
Rolling Knolls Pavilion, 11N260 Rohrssen Rd., Elgin, IL 60120

Directions: Please enter Rolling Knolls Pavilion off of Rohrssen Road and park in the lot adjacent to the building. The meeting will take place in the main room of the building. [Map: Rolling Knolls](#) | [Forest Preserves of Cook County](#)

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 Schaumburg Road Grassland site tour features an unpaved gravel trail. The meeting will be held inside Rolling Knolls Pavilion 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.

AGENDA

- 8:45-9:40 am *Meet at Poplar Creek Equestrian Parking Lot for a hike to see restoration efforts in the Schaumburg Road Grasslands (see above for details)*
- 10:00 am **1.** Welcome (Mark Templeton, Chair, Conservation & Policy Council)
2. Land Acknowledgement (Gina Roxas, Executive Director, Trickster Cultural Center)
3. Chicago Botanic Garden Update (Gretchen Baker, President & CEO, Chicago Botanic Garden)
4. Nature Spotlight: Trickster Cultural Center partnership at Rolling Knolls (Gina Roxas)
- 10:15 am **5.** Public Comments
- 10:20 am **6.** Chair's report
- Approval of Minutes
 - Approval of Annual Report
 - Standing items:
 - Update on engagement of teens within the preserves (Jacqui Ulrich, FPCC)
 - Nominating Committee update (Henrietta "Hank" Saunders, Vice-Chair, Conservation & Policy Council)

- 10:30 am **7.** General Superintendent Bianchi Update
- 10:50 am **8.** 80/20 Presentation and review of 2020 Land Acquisition & Disposition Position Paper (Alan Bell, Council Member, Conservation & Policy Council, Chris Slattery, Director, Jim Ziemba, GIS Manager, Planning & Development Department)
- 11:20am **9.** Governance Committee – Discussion and Recommendations (Mark Templeton)
- 11:40 am **10.** Communications Update (Carl Vogel, Director of Communications)
- 11:50 am **11.** Updates from Strategic Partners
- 12:00 pm **12.** Adjourn