



Forest Preserves of Cook County Conservation & Policy Council Meeting

August 30, 2023

Pre-meeting site visit to Sagawau Canyon at 8:30 am (Meet at nature center lobby/front entrance)

Meeting will be held from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm

[Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, 12545 West 111th St, Lemont, IL 60439](#)

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 Eileen.Figel@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 Eileen.Figel@cookcountyil.gov.

Accommodations. The meeting will be held inside the nature center which is an accessible building. To request live-captioning or other accommodations, please send an email to Sharon.Williams3@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

- 8:30 am *Please join us for a pre-meeting tour of Sagawau Canyon which is home to rare and unique plant and animal habitat and features the only natural exposure of bedrock in Cook County.*
- 9:30 am
1. Welcome (Alan Bell, Chairperson, Conservation & Policy Council and Commissioner Sean Morrison TBC)
 2. Nature Center Director Michael Konrath
 3. Approval of Minutes (See Attachment 1)
 4. Public Comments
- 10:00 am
5. Chairman's report
- 10:15 am
6. Discussion with Superintendent Arnold Randall
- 10:25 am
7. Land Use Code Reform Update (Alan Bell)
- 10:45 am
8. Amplifying Key Messages (Carl Vogel)
- 11:05 am *Break*
- 11:15 am
9. Forest Preserve Foundation Update (Debra Walker Johnson)
- 11:25 am
10. Council's Role & 2024 Priorities (continue discussion from 6.21.23 meeting)

- What do Council members need from staff and partners to do our job well?
- Are there next steps with the policy papers? Do we need to review them and/or write more?
- Committee structure. There are a lot of committees for a small Council with only 11 members. Think about combining committees. Can other commissioners (or staff) be part of these committees? This is another way to engage them.

11:50 am *Lunch Break. We will break to distribute lunches and will continue the discussion as we eat.*

12:00 pm **11.** Review of Proposed 2024 Budget (Mark Templeton, Mike DeSantiago, Henrietta Saunders, CFO Damon Howell, Budget Director Shengyi Guam)

12:15 pm **12.** Review of 2023 Annual Report and NCCP Implementation Update (including highlights for 2023 referendum projects) (Benjamin Cox, Eileen Figel, Carl Vogel, Lydia Uhlir, Alex Stockdale)

12:50 pm **13.** Updates from Strategic Partners

1:00 pm **14.** Adjourn