

**Forest Preserves of Cook County
Conservation & Policy Council Workshop
October 12, 2017**

Camp Reinberg, 1801 N Quentin Road, Palatine, IL 60074 [MAP](#)

7:30 am to 8:15 am ▪ Morning Walk

*(Meet at Deer Grove East. Enter off Dundee between Smith Street and Hicks Road;
head left at fork in road and drive to end of parking lot.)*

8:15 am to 4:30 pm ▪ Workshop *(Meet at Campground. Enter from Quentin Road.)*

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

- 7:30 am **Morning Walk** (Wendy Paulson, Linda Masters, Troy Showerman)
- 8:15 am *Light Breakfast*
- 8:30 am **1. Welcome & Workshop Goals** (Commissioner Greg Goslin and Wendy Paulson, Chair, Conservation & Policy Council)
- Goals** (Bob Megquier, Openlands)
- INSPIRE AND BE INSPIRED by engaging with council members, partners, and volunteers in deeper, interactive discussions around opportunities and challenges
 - ACCELERATE CHANGE by thinking broadly, collaboratively, and differently about accomplishing and funding our work
 - IDENTIFY AND INTEGRATE specific, actionable strategies that will inform several scenarios related to the level of funding available over the next 5 to 10 years
 - CREATE consensus-based steps for action that address restoration, land preservation, accessibility, and public support
- Overview of Day** (Eileen Figel, FPCC)
- 8:50 am **2. Approval of Minutes** (See Attachment 1); **Public Comments**
- 8:55 am **3. Story** (Jane Balaban, Steward)
- 9:05 am **4. Breakout Discussions - Round 1** (See Attachment 2)
- Choose one:*
- Group 1: Restoration (*main room w/Jane, John, Kathy*)
- Group 2: Land Acquisition/Lease/Sale (*office w/Chris, Dave*)
- Group 3: Making Preserves Welcoming & Accessible (*cabin w/Cynthia, Jacqui, Mike*)
- 9:50 am *Break*

10:00 am **5. Seed Collection** (Pete Jackson, Sue Gorr, Peter Gorr)

11:15 am **6. Breakout Discussions - Round 2**

Choose one:

Group 1: Restoration (*main room w/Jane, John, Kathy*)

Group 2: Land Acquisition/Lease/Sale (*office w/Chris, Dave*)

Group 3: Making Preserves Welcoming & Accessible (*cabin w/Cynthia, Jacqui, Mike*)

12:00 pm *Lunch*

12:45 pm **7. The History of Civic Leadership and the Forest Preserves of Cook County** (Julia Bachrach, Historian)

1:00 pm **8. Breakout Discussions – Round 3**

Group 4: Building a Community of Support (30 minutes each)

4.1. Marketing & Outreach (*main room with Lambrini & Jacqui*)

4.2. Legislative Strategies (*office with Delio*)

4.3. Engaging Civic Leaders and Other Stakeholders (*cabin with Bob and Benjamin*)

2:30 pm *Break*

2:45 pm **9. Approval of 5-year implementation strategy, 2017 Annual Report and 2018 budget recommendation** (Arnold Randall, Eileen Figel, Steve Hughes)

3:50 pm **10. Story**

4:00 pm **11. Wrap-up** (Benjamin Cox, Friends of the Forest Preserves)

- Did we accomplish our goals?
- Share one thing that could be improved and one thing you really enjoyed about today.
- What are the next steps?
- How can we incorporate progress checks or next steps into future Council meetings? How do we best organize future Council meetings to move forward?

4:30 pm **12. Adjourn**