

Illinois Association of Park Districts

Best of the Best Awards

Arts in the Park – *Fresh Air*

Outstanding Citizen Volunteer – June Webb

Intergovernmental Agreement – Poplar Creek Trail Spur

Arts in the Park Award:

Fresh Air

**Project Onward
Brushwood Center
Forest Preserves of Cook County**

Fresh Air

A Virtual Art
Exhibition of
Chicagoland Nature
by the artists of
Project Onward

brushwoodcenter.org



Sunset by the Stream by Fernando Ramirez

F. Ramirez



Hawk by Blake Coral Kappel



Eden of the South Shore by Blake Lenoir



Trailside Nature Museum by RJ Juguilon



R.J. Juguilon
April 8, 2010



Small Bird by John Behnke



Early Spring by Jason Harris



Owl in Flight by Alfred Banks

Illinois Waterfall by Dijon Barrett



Snowy Trees by David Hence





Sunny Field by Luke Shemroske



Birds Singing by Louis Demarco



Illinois Native Wildflowers by Adam Hines

***Cardinal* by Bill Douglas**



Fox by David Holt



The Forest by Safiya Hameed



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Intergovernmental Cooperation Award:

Poplar Creek Trail Spur

**Hoffman Estates Park District
Village of Hoffman Estates
Forest Preserves of Cook County**



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Newly Paved Trail Spur in Hoffman Estates Now Open

Paved spur provides easy access to Arthur L. Janura Forest Preserve and miles of paved and unpaved trails

August 1, 2020 — Cook County Board and Forest Preserves of Cook County President Toni Preckwinkle and Forest Preserves General Superintendent Arnold Randall were joined today by state and local elected officials along with municipal leaders for a ribbon-cutting to celebrate the opening of a newly paved trail spur connecting Hoffman Estates homes to the Poplar Creek Trail System.

The project—completed thanks to a partnership between the Village of Hoffman Estates, the local lead agency on the project; Hoffman Estates Park District; and Forest Preserves of Cook County—provides walkers, runners and bicyclists from local communities easy access to an 8.8-mile paved loop and the Arthur L. Janura Forest Preserve complex, as well as other neighborhoods, retail and park district facilities.

"Like many improvements to our Forest Preserves, this project is another way to provide residents with easy access to amazing natural areas. Trails are an important resource for healthy living. During this pandemic, we have seen unprecedented interest in visiting a Forest Preserve," said President Preckwinkle. "And like many of these improvements, it could not have happened without great partners bringing resources, ideas and planning to the table."

The Village of Hoffman Estates partnered with the Forest Preserves of Cook County and the Hoffman Estates Park District on the project's grant, which funded the majority of the engineering and construction costs. In total, the project cost approximately \$470,000. The Village of Hoffman Estates secured 80 percent of the funding for the project—approximately \$376,000—through the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program. The remaining 20 percent of funding was shared by the Village, Hoffman Estates Park District and the Forest Preserves of Cook County.

"Our Recreational Master Plan is clear that trails are a highly rated recreational activity for the public, and a major focus of ours has been to expand and connect regional trails," said General Superintendent Randall. "I want to thank the Village and the Park District for their commitment and support for this project. Paving this trail spur means that local residents have an easy route to additional recreational opportunities, as well as access to a world of natural wonder to explore."

Within the 4,366-acre Arthur L. Janura Forest Preserve complex, visitors can go fishing in Bode Lake; see bobolinks, eastern meadowlarks and Henslow's sparrows at the Schaumburg Road



Pre-Construction



Pre-Construction



Mid-Construction



Post-Construction



Post-Construction

Congratulations and thank you to our partners

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