



Legislation Text

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PROPOSED ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF LAND VIA DONATION FROM SAVE THE PRAIRIE SOCIETY AND CREATING A FOREST PRESERVE NEAR WOLF ROAD PRAIRIE NATURE PRESERVE

AN ORDINANCE CREATING A FOREST PRESERVE in part of Section 30, Township 39 North, Range 12, East of the Third Principal Meridian, all in Cook County, Illinois near Wolf Road Prairie Nature Preserve in District 17.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois, pursuant to the statutes in such case made and provided, has from time to time acquired by purchase, condemnation, gift, grant, devise, or otherwise lands necessary and desirable for Forest Preserve purposes containing one or more natural forests or parts thereof, or lands connecting such forests or parts thereof, or lands capable of being reforested for the purpose of protecting and preserving the flora, fauna, and scenic beauties within the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois, and to restore, restock, protect, and preserve the natural forests and said lands together with their flora and fauna, as nearly as may be, in their natural state and condition, for the purpose of the education, pleasure, and recreation of the public; and

WHEREAS, the said Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois also has acquired in like manner lands for the consolidation of such preserves into unit areas of a size and form convenient and desirable for public use and economical maintenance and improvement, and lands for the purpose of connecting such preserves with forested ways or links in order to increase their accessibility, use, and enjoyment, and lands for improvement by forestation, roads, and pathways, and lands for the purpose of constructing, maintaining, and operating recreational facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois has in a like manner acquired lands along water courses or elsewhere which, in their judgment, were required to control drainage and water conditions and necessary for the preservation of forested areas acquired or to be acquired as preserves and lands for the purpose of extension of roads and forested ways around and by such preserves and for parking space for automobiles and other facilities not requiring forested areas but incidental to the use and protection thereof; and

WHEREAS, the lands hereinafter described, all of which are situated within the boundaries of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois, are necessary and desirable for the lawful uses and purposes of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois, as hereinabove set forth, and also are of the character and nature of the lands which the statutes of the State of Illinois authorizes and empowers it to acquire; and

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois recently reached an agreement with Save the Prairie Society, an Illinois not-for-profit corporation, to acquire a parcel of land located adjacent to Wolf Road Prairie Nature Preserve, consisting of approximately five acres ("Property") hereinafter described in Section 2 of this Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois as follows:

Section 1. That a unified Forest Preserve be and the same is hereby created within the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois (“District”), which shall contain and connect lands now owned and lands to be acquired in substantial accordance with the plat now on file in the office of the General Superintendent of the District, which by reference is hereby made a part hereof, and for the purposes of said Forest Preserve and for the carrying out of the statutory purposes more particularly set out in the preamble of this Ordinance, it is necessary and desirable for the District to own and it shall acquire property hereinafter described in Section 2 of this Ordinance, for the purpose of creating a Forest Preserve and for Forest Preserve District uses.

Section 2. That the Property referred to in Section 1 of this Ordinance is more particularly described as follows:

10 Hickory Lane, Hinsdale, Illinois 60521

THE SOUTH HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 39 NORTH, RANGE 12, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

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SAID PARCEL(S) CONTAINING 217,800 SQUARE FEET, OR 5 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

Section 3. The Board hereby determines that the acquisition of the Property from Save the Prairie Society is in the public interest. The Board hereby authorizes the acquisition of the Property from Save the Prairie Society, an Illinois not-for-profit corporation, for nominal consideration and closing costs not to exceed TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS and 00/100 CENTS (\$10,000.00), for the public purposes of preserving the existing land in an appropriate manner and as required by applicable laws and protecting and preserving the flora, fauna, and scenic beauties, in accordance with the District’s authority. Such acquisition shall be subject only to restrictions, covenants and easements shown of record and shall be “as-is” without warranties of any sort.

Section 4. The Board hereby authorizes the President or their designee to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the acquisitions described herein in accordance with customary terms and conditions, subject to this Ordinance.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.