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Summary: In October of 2013 the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) partnered with the University of Illinois’s Prairie Research Institute (“PRI”) for the purpose of developing a Natural and Cultural Resources Master Plan (the “Plan”) as part of the celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Forest Preserves. The Plan was designed to establish a logical framework to identify and prioritize management of the Forest Preserves’ natural and cultural resources. The Plan will help guide the allocation of resources and inform strategies to accomplish the ambitious goals set forth in the Next Century Conservation Plan, including the goal to restore 30,000 acres within 25 years. Moreover, the Plan provides targeted insight into the development of the rhetorical narrative needed to communicate the aforementioned goals to the people of Cook County and beyond.