

Features of the Revised Concept Plan

TRAILS

- The **Hutchinson Ravine Trail** has two new bridges and the conversion of the woodchip surface to asphalt. This improves accessibility and simplifies maintenance of the trail surface.
- The asphalt trail to the south on the **Parade Grounds** is extended to create a complete accessible loop around the perimeter.
- The temporary turf trail is transformed into a “**Birding Trail Loop**” with three new boardwalks, improved drainage, and turf durability.

SEATING AREAS with INTERPRETIVE EXHIBITS

- Three proposed seating areas will have new and relocated interpretive exhibits that would provide information about the cultural and natural history of the preserve. Information will be added on the significance of the Lake Michigan Flyway and the efforts that are taking place to restore the unique natural communities at the site.

NATURAL COMMUNITIES

- **Bluffs:** Plant with a rich diversity of species and protect rare plants from negative human impacts.
- **Upland and Woodlands:** Plant trees and shrubs to benefit bird species and the other plant and animal species that depend on forest habitat.
- **Lakeshore:** Increase populations of rare native species and protect from coastal erosion and negative human impacts.
- **Nearshore:** New breakwaters expand capacity for protection and restoration of habitat for fish and other aquatic species.
- **Grassland:** The center grassland area will be managed while maintaining a view to the lake.
- Eroded areas will be addressed by stabilizing the ravine slopes, and the hydrological connection to Lake Michigan will be reestablished to enhance fish habitat.

ENTRANCES and PARKING

- **Main Preserve Entrance** remains at Gilgare Lane. Parking lot capacity is set at 45 spaces including five accessible spaces. A new toilet is located near the parking lot.
- **North Entrance** remains the same with a 20-space parking lot that is shared by cemetery visitors and trail users. Parking lot includes 1 accessible space. A new toilet is located near the parking lot.
- The George Bell Road maintenance access will be removed, and the area will be restored with native trees, shrubs and plants.
- In the future, overflow parking could potentially be offered at the existing Lake Forest Metra commuter parking lot.