



The Preservation Foundation of the Lake County Forest Preserves, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, was founded in 2007 to provide meaningful ways for the community to partner in the mission of the Lake County Forest Preserve District.

Since 1958, the Lake County Forest Preserves have managed land and offered innovative educational, recreational and cultural opportunities for all ages. Visitors enjoy 28,000 acres of open space, over 140 miles of trails for a variety of outdoor recreation uses, fishing ponds and lakes, public access to the Fox River and Lake Michigan, award-winning nature and history education programs and events, and four public golf courses.

The Forest Preserves in partnership with the Preservation Foundation are working to preserve and restore the habitats that our native wildlife and plants need to survive and thrive. Lake County is home to more endangered and threatened species than any other county in Illinois. Eighty-percent of Forest Preserve land is in its natural state, and efforts are under way to restore this land to its pre-settlement state.



The Preservation Foundation is also helping to enhance the Forest Preserves' enlightening cultural and educational experiences for Lake County's residents, including programming at Ryerson Woods Forest Preserve, the Greenbelt Cultural Center and Lake County Discovery Museum.

Through generous donations, the Preservation Foundation has partnered with the Lake County Forest Preserves on projects such as:

- Restoration of more than 800 acres of land throughout Lake County.
- Construction of a trail and bridge to connect Cuba Marsh Forest Preserve and Barrington's Citizens Park.
- Offering *Science First* hands-on intensive educational program aimed at students who may have little access to such opportunities.
- Providing exhibitions and cultural programs at the Lake County Discovery Museum.

Donors' leadership commitments and planned gifts will help restore important tracts of lands, provide improvements to Preserves, and offer important programs for our community. For more information about how to make a contribution to the Preservation Foundation of the Lake County Forest Preserves, please contact:

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