Oriole Grove Forest Preserve:
Preliminary Master Plan

LEGEND

- Property Line
- Woodland
- Prairie
- Former Agricultural
- Planting Buffer
- Bridge
- Boardwalk
- Open Water
- Wetland
- Floodway
- River Corridor
- Railroad
- Underpass
- Overlook
- Proposed Crushed Stone Trail
- Existing Offsite Trail
- Skokie Valley Bike Path
- Lake Bluff/Lake Forest Openlands

SUMMARY

ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION of this preserve is of key importance to return it to a high quality mosaic of prairies, open wetlands and oak groves. The site has been divided into 7 restoration units based primarily on land use history and current conditions:

Unit A: Remnant Oak Savanna/Woodland and Prairie
- Clearing and control of invasive woody species
- Control of herbaceous invasive species
- Reforestation

Unit B: Jensen Pond
- Control of herbaceous invasive species
- Installation of aquatic and wetland plants

Unit C: Remnant Oak Savanna/Woodland
- Control of woody/herbaceous invasive species
- Replace deteriorating access bridge
- Reforestation

Unit D: Remnant Oak Woodland
- Clearing and control of invasive woody species
- Control of herbaceous invasive species
- Reforestation
- Installation of native seed

Unit E: Birch Prairie
- Control of woody/herbaceous invasive species

Unit F: Remaining Areas/Former Agriculture
- Clearing and control of invasive woody species
- Control of herbaceous invasive species
- Removal of draintiles
- Reforestation
- Installation of native seed and wetland plants

Unit G: Skokie River Corridor
- Clearing and control of invasive woody species
- Control of herbaceous invasive species
- Reforestation
- Installation of wetland plants and native seed

PUBLIC ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS for this preserve are being proposed for the first time and include:

Trails
- Reconfigure the trail network (1-mile loop trail and south river extention) with a new crushed stone surface
- Replace steel bridge over the Skokie River
- Add new timber boardwalks

Jensen Pond Overlook
- Create a scenic destination spot where visitors can experience the cultural history of the site
- Place a marker that acknowledges private donors

Underpass
- Restore the trail connection to Lake Forest Openlands

Maintenance Lane
- Provide access lane for District crews and contractors

Buffer Plantings
- Add woody plants to create a buffer at entrance and pond overlook

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