Answers to Trivia Trail
Greenbelt Forest Preserve
September 2020

1. **595 acres** per the LCFPD webpage and the Countywide Map & Guide: LCFPD.org/Greenbelt

2. A need for open space in a densely populated part of the county was the main reason for acquiring the land that became Greenbelt Forest Preserve. The name reflects this need for a “greenbelt” within an urbanized center. *Refer to Trivia Trail sign #1.*

3. The native Potawatomi referred to the Skokie River as “Chewab Skokie” or “big wet prairie” for its seasonal flooding: LCFPD.org/NativeAmericanPlaceNames

4. Prairie dock.

5. Green Bay Road (est. 1832) became the **first conduit for settlers to travel into the newly opened northeastern Illinois.** In 1836, the first stagecoach service began on the road carrying mail and passengers between Chicago, Illinois and Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

6. The first African American settler in Lake County, Illinois was **Amos Bennett** (the older brother of Alfred Bennett). Amos Bennett was born a freeman in Delhi, New York in 1797. Bennett settled in today’s Gurnee, Illinois in 1835: LCFPD.org/AmosBennett

7. In May 1837, John Dugdale (1787-1873) and his family settled on land in today’s Greenbelt Forest Preserve. The Dugdales were **Irish immigrants** from County Meath, Ireland. Dugdale Road along the east side of Greenbelt is named for this family, and Dugdale Lake is named after the road.

8. Greenbelt Cultural Center: LCFPD.org/GCC

9. Pulaski: LCFPD.org/Pulaski

10. Pulaski Lake and Casimir Pulaski Drive (south end of Greenbelt Forest Preserve) are named in honor of **Casimir Pulaski** (1745-1779) a Polish nobleman and military commander who was recruited by Benjamin Franklin (1706-1790) to assist Americans in their fight for independence. In 1777, Pulaski arrived in America and became a brigadier general in the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War. The Chicago area’s large ethnic Polish population takes pride in this important figure in American history.
11. **Two or three**, depending on how you read the trail map, on-line interactive (two times) or on-site (three times): [LCFPD.org/GreenbeltMap](https://LCFPD.org/GreenbeltMap)

12. Milkweed.

13. **OAKtober**: [LCFPD.org/OAKtoberSale](https://LCFPD.org/OAKtoberSale)

14. **Green Youth Farm**: [LCFPD.org/GYF](https://LCFPD.org/GYF)

15. **Lake Michigan**.

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