

Answers to Trivia Trail Greenbelt Forest Preserve September 2020

1. **595 acres** per the LCFPD webpage and the Countywide Map & Guide: [LCFPD.org/Greenbelt](https://www.lcfd.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](https://www.lcfd.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](https://www.lcfd.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](https://www.lcfd.org/GCC)
9. **Pulaski:** [LCFPD.org/Pulaski](https://www.lcfd.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://www.lcfd.org/GreenbeltMap)

12. Milkweed.

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

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

15. Lake Michigan.

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