



**Forest Preserve District
of DuPage County**

2024 REFERENDUM
TO MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE
WOODLANDS, WETLANDS, AND
PRAIRIES IN DUPAGE COUNTY

A bald eagle is shown in flight, its wings fully extended, flying over a body of water. The eagle's head is white, its beak is yellow, and its wings are dark brown with intricate feather patterns. The background is a blurred landscape of dry grasses and trees, suggesting a natural preserve.

*Herrick Lake Forest Preserve,
Wheaton*

DuPage County's 60 forest preserves contain 26,000 acres of woodlands, prairies, wetlands, and waterways — natural areas that contribute to cleaner air and water, help with flood control, create vital habitats for wildlife, and provide safe spaces where people can boost their physical and mental health.

On Nov. 5, DuPage County voters will have the opportunity to vote on a referendum on the Forest Preserve District tax levy, which would allow the District to maintain and create high-quality habitats, acquire land, and maintain and improve the recreational features that attract 5.5 million people annually.

*Warrenville Grove Forest Preserve,
Warrenville*



**Your DuPage
Forest Preserves**

5.5 Million Annual Visitors

26,000 Acres

60 Forest Preserves

175 Miles of Trails

31 Lakes

7 Education Centers

500 Educational Programs

What will be on the ballot?

On Nov. 5, the Forest Preserve District will ask voters to consider a referendum to increase the limiting rate of its tax levy.

Per state law, the Forest Preserve District can only increase this rate with voter approval.

The Forest Preserve District would use these additional funds to further support its mission.

- Preserve, restore, and maintain forests, other open spaces, and water quality
- Acquire lands to protect rivers, watersheds, and wildlife habitats
- Plant trees and enhance flood-control and drainage systems
- Maintain and improve woodlands, wetlands, and prairies
- Provide nature-education and outdoor opportunities for all ages
- Increase access and safety in the forest preserves
- Improve trails, campgrounds, and other recreational features



*Maple Grove Forest Preserve,
Downers Grove*

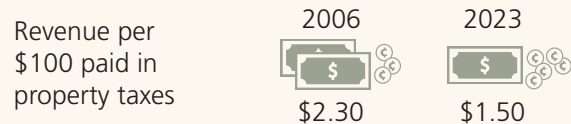
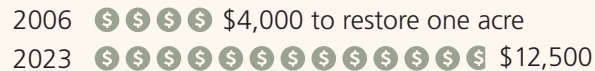
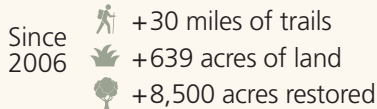


*Wood Dale Grove Forest Preserve,
Wood Dale*

Why is the referendum on the ballot?

Much has changed since 2006, when DuPage voters last approved a Forest Preserve District referendum.

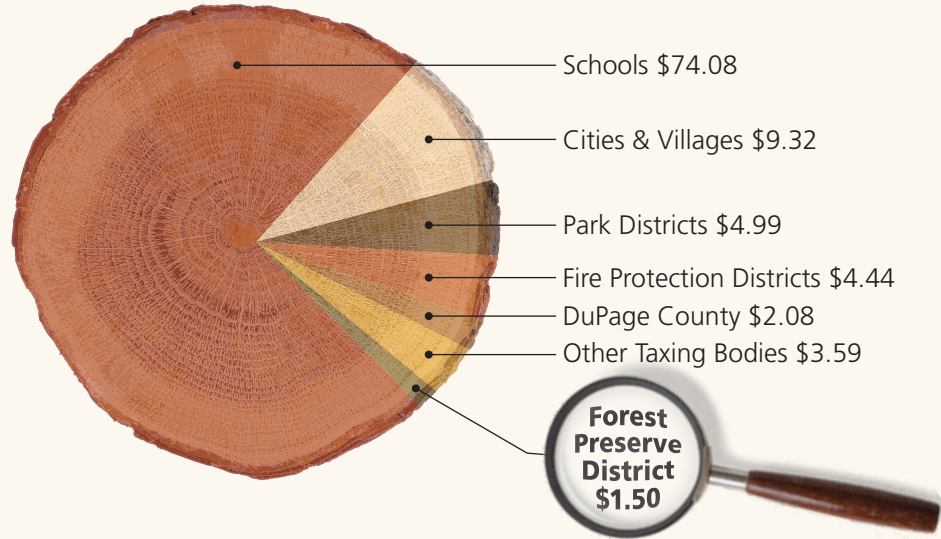
The current property tax levy rate does not provide enough annual revenue to support operations and additional land acquisitions.




If the referendum passes, revenue per \$100 paid in taxes would be \$1.90.

How much does the Forest Preserve District receive from property taxes?

For every \$100 paid in property taxes, \$1.50 goes to the Forest Preserve District.



*Fullersburg Woods
Forest Preserve,
Oak Brook*



How would the referendum affect me if it passes?

If you own property in DuPage County, you would pay \$11.67 more per year for every \$100,000 of its fair market value.

How would the Forest Preserve District use the additional funds?

The money would allow the Forest Preserve District to continue maintaining and creating high-quality habitats for wildlife, plants, and people in the preserves' woodlands, prairies, wetlands, and waterways and maintaining and improving its recreational amenities.

It would also allow the Forest Preserve District to purchase more than 250 acres of open space and to complete several planned projects over the next 10 years, including tree-planting and restoration projects, infrastructure improvements, and regional trail connections.

*Timber Ridge Forest Preserve,
West Chicago*