

Resources to Help You Get Started



Step One: Call President Toni Preckwinkle at 312-603-6400.

“Hi, my name is _____. I am calling to ask (Commissioner or President Preckwinkle) to please put the Forest Preserve Referendum on the March ballot. My address is (add your address, city).”

Leave a message if they don’t answer.

Step Two: Call or email your Commissioner. Find your Commissioner here: [Chicago](#) or [Suburbs](#).

District	Commissioner	Phone	Email
District 1	Brandon Johnson	312-603-4566	brandon.johnson@cookcountytill.gov
District 2	Dennis Deer	312-603-3019	dennis.deer@cookcountytill.gov
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District 11	John P. Daley	312-603-4400	john.daley@cookcountytill.gov
District 12	Bridget Degnen	312-603-6380	bridget.degnen@cookcountytill.gov
District 13	Larry Suffredin	312-603-6383	lsuffredin@cookcountytill.gov
District 14	Scott R. Britton	312-603-4932	scott.britton@cookcountytill.gov
District 15	Kevin B. Morrison	312-603-6388	kevin.morrison@cookcountytill.gov
District 16	Jeffrey R. Tobolski	312-603-4735	jeffrey.tobolski@cookcountytill.gov
District 17	Sean M. Morrison	312-603-4215	sean.morrison@cookcountytill.gov

Suggested Talking Points: Crafting your own personal message is the best way to express your support. To get you started, here are some reasons the Forest Preserves are an important resource to our communities. Or simply tell them why you enjoy the preserves, and that you want the opportunity to vote to increase support for them.

- **Clean Water:** The Forest Preserve District owns more than 15,000 acres of floodplain, which help keep river levels low and basements dry. Protecting both lands and waters within the forest preserves provides critical habitat for fish and wildlife and improves water quality for the residents of Cook County.
- **Healthy Playgrounds for Kids:** The forest preserves offer children the chance to get out and exercise, learn about nature, and participate in local jobs and education programs, birding, canoeing, camping, and more.
- **Valuable Natural Areas and Habitat:** The forest preserves support more than 100 endangered and rare species. Without proper management, diverse native communities could be displaced by a handful of aggressive, invasive species. Cook County serves as an important stopover habitat for migratory birds traveling from Central and South America to the Arctic and back every spring and fall. High quality natural habitat provided by the forest preserves are critical for them to make a successful journey.
- **Accessibility:** Investments will improve trails, access, and energy efficiency of facilities for all county residents and help us all better enjoy these valuable resources now and for generations to come.
- **Climate Change and Air Quality:** Nature is an important tool to combat the effects of climate change and we are fortunate to have these natural resources in our county. Woods and prairies improve air quality by absorbing and storing carbon dioxide and other harmful gases while also reflecting ultraviolet rays back into the atmosphere, keeping our region cooler on warm days.

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