

Preserving Open Space

Over the past 15 years, voters in the Chicago collar counties have approved 30 open space ballot measures totaling \$1.3 billion dollars. This money has helped protect about 35,000 acres of land.

The following messages have been tested by 15 polls conducted by American ViewPoint for The Conservation Foundation, 1997-2007.

Quality of Life: Preserving open space helps preserve our quality of life. People expect their homes to be good investments for their future. They value clean water, clean air and a healthy environment, and love to hike, bike, camp, fish and enjoy natural areas minutes from home.

Concern for Growth: More than any other issues, voters view growth and development issues as the most important threats to their quality of life. Voters also strongly agree that preserving open space can help control growth, thereby helping to preserve their quality of life.

Urgency: Voters also recognize the urgency of taking action now. Voters also agree, overwhelmingly, that the time to act to preserve open space is **now** before prices get any higher and the best lands are lost to development.

Proven Track Record: Open space agencies have a proven track record. The vast majority of voters have confidence they will spend these funds wisely and overwhelmingly approve of the intended uses for the funds especially protecting forests, protecting wildlife habitat, and protecting watersheds and drinking water sources.

Small Price to Pay: Voters understand that bond referenda for the preservation of open space are good investments in their future. The tax increases are a small price to pay to purchase and protect open space and natural lands in their communities. What's more, open space can help keep property taxes from going up because increased development leads to increased demand for government services.

Clean Water/Clean Air/Wildlife Habitat: Preserving open space protects watersheds and improves the water quality of rivers, lakes and streams. Open space also helps protect our drinking water. Protecting lands along streams and rivers preserves water quality and helps control flooding. Open space referendum monies are also used to preserve and restore critical wildlife habitat, protect forests and plant trees to improve air quality.



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Preserving Open Space and Green Infrastructure in the Built Environment

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Thursday, January 7, 2010
11:30 a.m. — 5:00 p.m.
Benedictine University
Krasa Center
5700 College Rd., Lisle



AGENDA

Are you a community or business leader, an elected official, a scientist, land planner, park and recreation professional, or an outdoor enthusiast? Are you concerned about the loss of open space in your community? Then this is an event you can't afford to miss!

The seventh annual DuPage Environmental Summit is an exciting mix of presentations by industry experts, professional exhibits, and networking opportunities. The Summit is free of charge and open to the public. Advanced registration is required.

"Green infrastructure" is strategically planned and managed networks of open spaces, natural areas and recreational sites that conserve ecosystem values and functions, and provide benefits to people. Most green infrastructure networks contain natural elements that work together as a whole to protect our natural resources and improve our quality of life.

Exhibits: Exhibit space is limited and reserved for local conservation groups, Summit sponsors, local companies specializing in open space-related services, and guest speaker companies. Exhibit space is limited. Contact Marie Piraino at 630-894-4444 for exhibit information. We encourage you to plan for time to view exhibits before or after the Summit.

- 11:30-1:00** Registration/Exhibits Open
(Exhibits Remain Open Until 5:00 p.m.)
- 1:00-1:15** Welcome
Robert J. Schillerstrom, DuPage County Board Chairman; Jeff Redick, DuPage County Board Environmental Committee; D. "Dewey" Pierotti, Forest Preserve District of DuPage County President
- 1:15-2:00** Management Challenges to Urban Open Space
Brent Manning, Executive Director Forest Preserve District of DuPage County
- 2:00-2:30** Open Space and Green Infrastructure Vision
Jeff Mengler, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service/Chicago Wilderness
- 2:30-3:00** Greenways: Connecting Land and People
Ders Anderson, Openlands
- 3:00-3:30** **Break—Exhibit Area Open**
- 3:30-4:00** Open Space Toolbox
Dan Lobbes, The Conservation Foundation
- 4:00-4:30** Green Infrastructure in Your Neighborhood
Jim Kleinwachter, The Conservation Foundation
- 4:30-4:45** Close
Dr. Jack Sheaffer, Chairman DuPage Environmental Commission
- 5:00** Exhibits Close

This year's Summit will once again be a "no waste, environmentally friendly" event. Here's how you can make a contribution to reducing your carbon footprint:

- Consider carpooling with friends or business associates
- Bring your own mug or cup for beverages
- Don't forget to bring a reusable bag to take home handouts

~ REGISTRATION ~

DuPage Environmental Summit

FREE of charge.

The courtesy of preregistration is requested.

Please list all attendees.

Name(s): _____

Organization Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER

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See you there!



DIRECTIONS

The Krasa Center at Benedictine University is located off of Maple Avenue/Chicago Avenue on the northwest side of campus next to the football stadium. For directions and a campus map, please visit www.ben.edu/about and click on the Campus Map. The Summit will be held on the second floor of the Krasa Center.

Lunch is available for \$6/person in the Krasa Center. Pay on your own in the cafeteria.