

**FOREST PRESERVE FOUNDATION, INC.**

**Financial Statements  
as of December 31, 2014 and 2013  
Together With Auditor's Report**



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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Directors  
Forest Preserve Foundation, Inc.  
Chicago, Illinois

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Forest Preserve Foundation, Inc. which comprise the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

### Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Forest Preserve Foundation, Inc. as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### Report on Summarized Comparative Information

We have previously audited the Forest Preserve Foundation, Inc.'s 2013 financial statements, and our report dated June 6, 2014, expressed an unmodified opinion on those audited financial statements. In our opinion, the summarized comparative information presented herein as of and for the year ended December 31, 2013, is consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements from which it has been derived.

*Kopczyk & Scott CPAs*  
KOPCZYK & SCOTT CPAs

Chicago, Illinois  
March 24, 2015

**FOREST PRESERVE FOUNDATION, INC.**  
**STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
**AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2014 AND 2013**

<b>ASSETS</b>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Cash - Unrestricted	\$ 268,830	\$ 214,837
Cash - Restricted	1,008	0
Grants Receivable	0	61,000
Prepaid Expenses	2,214	0
Equipment	651	651
Accumulated Depreciation	<u>&lt;234&gt;</u>	<u>&lt;18&gt;</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>\$ 272,469</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 276,470</u></b>
 <b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
Accounts Payable	\$ 2,500	\$ 3,125
Accrued Expenses	15,339	6,877
Grants Payable	<u>84,500</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b><u>\$ 102,339</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 10,002</u></b>
 <b>NET ASSETS</b>		
Unrestricted	\$ 169,122	\$ 266,468
Temporarily Restricted	<u>1,008</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<b><u>\$ 170,130</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 266,468</u></b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>	<b><u>\$ 272,469</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 276,470</u></b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

**FOREST PRESERVE FOUNDATION, INC.**

**STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES**

**YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014 AND 2013**

<b>CHANGES IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS</b>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
<b>REVENUES</b>		
Public Support:		
Corporations	\$ 57,828	\$ 80,100
Foundations	5,100	76,000
Government	3,000	149,000
Individuals	38,343	3,524
Fundraising Events (Net of Expenses of \$43,709 and \$39,666)	110,956	76,803
In-Kind Donations	24,400	5,275
Net Assets Released From Restrictions	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<u>\$ 239,627</u>	<u>\$ 390,702</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Program Services	\$ 202,757	\$ 102,994
Management and General	77,921	57,897
Fundraising	<u>56,295</u>	<u>10,676</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<u>\$ 336,973</u>	<u>\$ 171,567</u>
<b>CHANGE IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS</b>	<u>\$ &lt;97,346&gt;</u>	<u>\$ 219,135</u>
<b>CHANGES IN TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS</b>		
Contributions	\$ 1,008	\$ 0
Net Assets Released From Restrictions	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>CHANGE IN TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS</b>	<u>\$ 1,008</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>
<b>TOTAL CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</b>	<u>\$ &lt;96,338&gt;</u>	<u>\$ 219,135</u>
<b>NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	<u>266,468</u>	<u>47,333</u>
<b>NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<u>\$ 170,130</u>	<u>\$ 266,468</u>

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**FOREST PRESERVE FOUNDATION, INC.**

**STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES**

**YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014**

**With Comparative Totals for the Year Ended December 31, 2013**

	2014				2013
	<u>Program Services</u>	<u>Management and General</u>	<u>Fundraising</u>	<u>Total</u>	
Depreciation	\$ 0	\$ 216	\$ 0	\$ 216	\$ 18
Grants Paid Out	133,350	0	0	133,350	45,600
Insurance	936	936	837	2,709	0
Miscellaneous	0	443	652	1,095	486
Occupancy– In-Kind	8,434	8,434	7,532	24,400	1,525
Office Supplies	393	1,445	1,127	2,965	0
Payroll Taxes	3,802	3,803	3,395	11,000	2,522
Pension	311	309	319	939	0
Printing	1,133	1,132	0	2,265	1,632
Professional Fees:					
Accounting Fees	1,832	6,927	1,636	10,395	550
Consulting Fees	6,203	7,418	0	13,621	91,317
Legal In-Kind	0	0	0	0	3,750
Salaries	45,356	45,356	40,501	131,213	24,167
Travel / Meals	0	940	296	1,236	0
Utilities	1,007	562	0	1,569	0
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b><u>\$ 202,757</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 77,921</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 56,295</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 336,973</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 171,567</u></b>

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**FOREST PRESERVE FOUNDATION, INC.**

**STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**

**YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014 AND 2013**

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Change in Net Assets	\$ <96,338>	\$ 219,135
Adjustments to Reconcile Change in Net Assets to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:		
Depreciation	216	18
Grants Receivable	61,000	<61,000>
Prepaid Expenses	<2,214>	0
Accounts Payable	<625>	3,125
Accrued Expenses	8,462	6,877
Grants Payable	<u>84,500</u>	<u>0</u>
Net Cash Provided <Used> by Operating Activities	<u>\$ 55,001</u>	<u>\$ 168,155</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Equipment Purchased	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ &lt;651&gt;</u>
Net Cash Provided <Used> by Investing Activities	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ &lt;651&gt;</u>
Net Increase <Decrease> in Cash	\$ 55,001	\$ 167,504
Cash Balance – Beginning of Year	<u>214,837</u>	<u>47,333</u>
Cash Balance – End of Year	<u>\$ 269,838</u>	<u>\$ 214,837</u>

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# FOREST PRESERVE FOUNDATION, INC.

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### NOTE 1. NATURE OF ACTIVITIES

The mission of The Forest Preserve Foundation, Inc. is to support the protection and restoration of native habitats within the Forest Preserve District of Cook County and to connect all residents of Cook County with this great natural resource. As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, The Foundation raises funds to enable the Forest Preserve District to develop and implement programs and initiatives that are beyond the capacity of tax dollars. The Foundation was founded in November 2006.

### NOTE 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### Contributions

Contributions received are recorded as unrestricted, temporarily restricted, or permanently restricted support depending on the existence or nature of any donor restrictions. When a temporary restriction expires, temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets and reported in the statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions.

#### Basis of Accounting

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for not-for-profit foundations.

#### Functional Allocation of Expenses

The costs of providing the various programs and other activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the statement of activities. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the programs and supporting services benefited.

#### Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### Subsequent Events

The financial statement was available to be issued on March 24, 2015 with subsequent events being evaluated through this date.

# FOREST PRESERVE FOUNDATION, INC.

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### NOTE 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### Income Tax Status

Forest Preserve Foundation, Inc. is a not-for-profit foundation that is exempt from income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Foundation has also been classified as an entity that is not a private foundation within the meaning of Section 509(a) and qualifies for deductible contributions as provided in Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi). There was no unrelated business income nor unrecognized tax benefits for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013. Each of the Foundation's prior three years remains subject to examination by the Internal Revenue Service.

#### Cash Equivalents

Cash equivalents consist of short-term, highly liquid investments which are readily available for current use. Bank accounts are insured by the FDIC up to \$250,000. At December 31, 2014 and 2013, the Foundation had bank accounts whose cash balances exceeded the FDIC insured limit of \$19,838 and \$0, respectively.

#### Fixed Assets

The Foundation follows the practice of capitalizing, at cost, all expenditures for fixed assets in excess of \$1,000. Donated property and equipment is recorded at fair market value at the date of donation. Provisions for depreciation and amortization are made over the estimated useful lives of the assets on a straight line basis.

#### Comparative Totals for Prior Year

The functional expenses include certain prior-year summarized comparative information in total but not by functional allocation. Such information does not include sufficient detail to constitute a presentation in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Accordingly, such information should be read in conjunction with Forest Preserve Foundation, Inc.'s financial statements for the year ended, December 31, 2013, from which the summarized information was derived.

### NOTE 3. NET ASSETS RELEASED FROM RESTRICTIONS

Net assets are released from donor restrictions by incurring expenses satisfying the restricted purposes or by occurrence of other events specified by donors. Restricted contributions whose restrictions are met in the same accounting period as that in which they are received are reported as unrestricted support.

### NOTE 4. PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

There were no permanently restricted net assets or activity for 2014 or 2013.



**FOREST PRESERVE FOUNDATION INC.**

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**NOTE 5. OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS**

The Forest Preserve District of Cook County will provide free use of office space and furniture and equipment for the period of January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2019. The value of this in-kind donation for calendar years 2014 and 2013 was \$24,400 and \$1,525, respectively.

**NOTE 6. IN-KIND DONATIONS**

Revenue and corresponding expenses are recognized for in-kind donations, consisting of occupancy and legal fees. Valuations are provided by the donors based upon their standard rates. Total in-kind donations for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013 were \$0 and \$3,750, respectively.

Various individuals volunteer their time in connection with various foundation activities. No amounts have been reflected in the financial statements for these services.

**NOTE 7. GRANTS RECEIVABLE**

Grants receivable are all due within one year and deemed to be fully collectible.

**NOTE 8. PENSION PLAN**

The Foundation established a 403(B) tax sheltered annuity plan during 2014. Employees working 60% or more are eligible. The Foundation matches up to 5% of employee contributions. A total of \$939 was contributed in 2014.

**NOTE 9. TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS**

Temporarily restricted net assets available for specific purposes or time periods:

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Comcast Foundation	\$ <u>1,008</u>	\$ <u>0</u>