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## We are the Forest Preserve Foundation

The Forest Preserves of Cook County cover nearly 70,000 acres of ancient prairies, pristine wetlands and wide-open spaces. They are the largest forest preserves in the United States, teeming with wildlife and biodiversity that offer rich outdoor recreational and environmental education opportunities.

As the philanthropic partner to the Forest Preserves of Cook County, the Forest Preserve Foundation supports programs and activities that give everyone access to these natural treasures of Cook County. Through our fundraising, we help keep the Preserves ecologically healthy and inviting and connect people of all backgrounds to nature.

**OUR IMPACT:** Since 2012, the Foundation has granted more than **\$1.3 million** to the Preserves to support programs that conserve natural habitats, provide paid skills-building opportunities for young people, supplement recreation fees for families of modest means and assist with memorial tributes in the Preserves.

With your support, these efforts  
will make life better for us all.

### Programs the Foundation funds

**Conservation Corps:** Summer and year-round internships for teens and young adults to gain work experience and exposure to careers in conservation, while advancing restoration goals in the Forest Preserves of Cook County.

**Public Art and Nature Play:** Creative, educational and recreation areas designed to bring individuals into the Preserves for fun and interactive experiences.

**Family recreation:** To ensure that no family is prevented from experiencing camping due to financial challenges.

**Memorial Benches and Trees:** Opportunities for those who wish to honor a special person or occasion in the Preserves.