

PRIVATE LAND CONSERVATION IN ILLINOIS

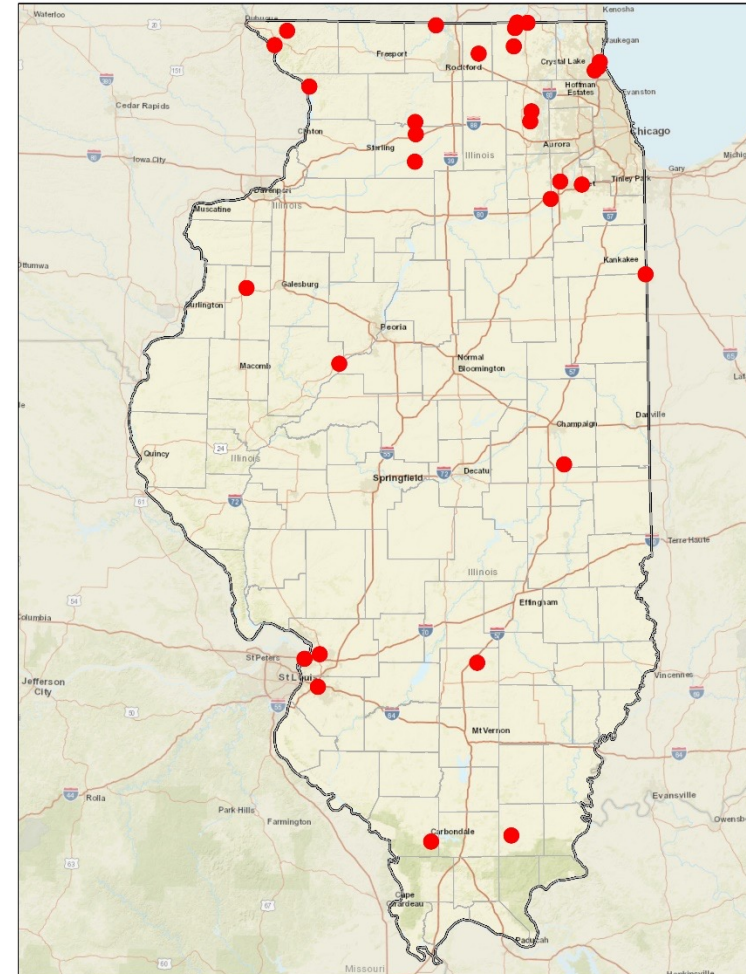
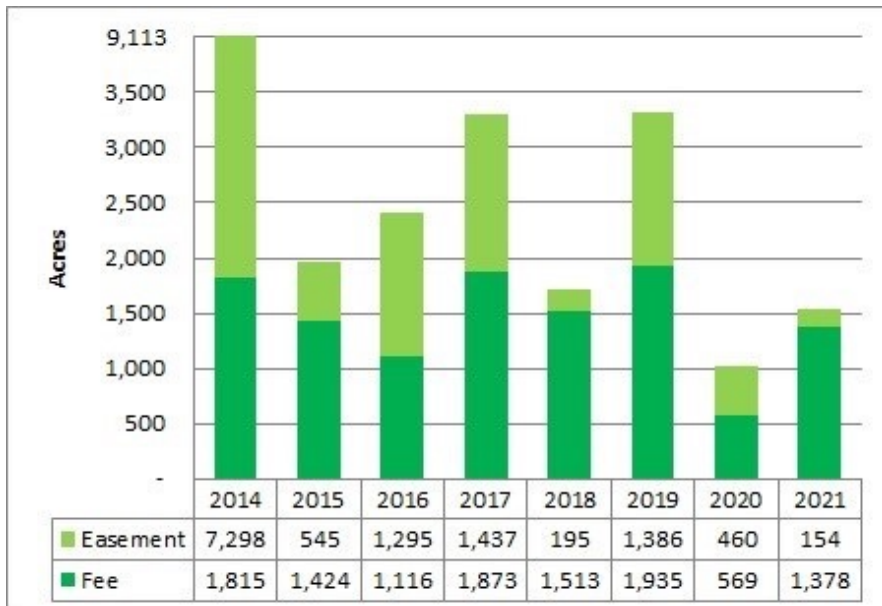
2021 YEAR IN REVIEW



Nonprofit Land Protection Projects - 2021

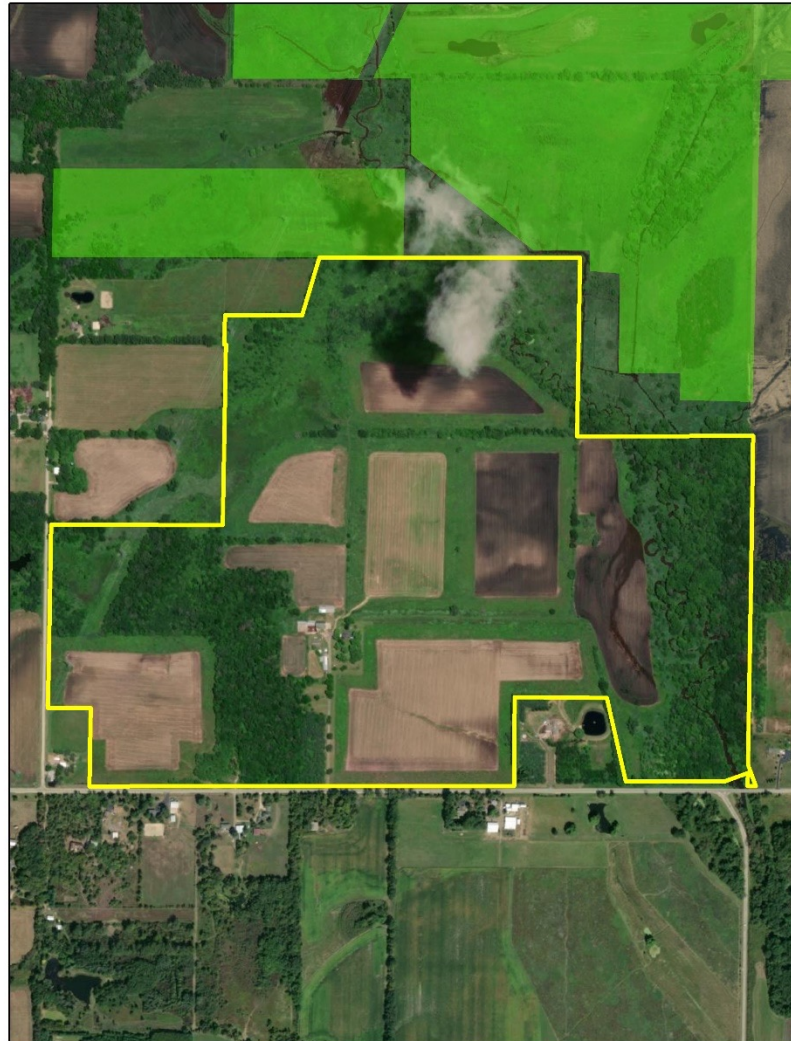
Projects by Size

< 10 acres:	14
10-50 acres:	1
50-100 acres:	6
100-150 acres:	4
150+ acres:	2



Looking Back

- Natural Land Institute
- Winnebago County
- 349.1 acres (net)



- Adjacent to existing 40-acre preserve
 - Which contains a fen
- Also next over 400 acres protected via NRCS easement
- 1.5 miles of un-channelized Raccoon Creek
- Will be restored to wetlands (in the east) and prairie (in the west)

Looking Back

- Heartlands Conservancy
- Madison County
- 9.6 acres



- Adds to an existing 6.6 acre preserve
- Adjacent to IDNR's 43 acre Sand Road Mitigation Area
- Home to the Illinois Chorus Frog
- Contains an active breeding pond

Looking Ahead

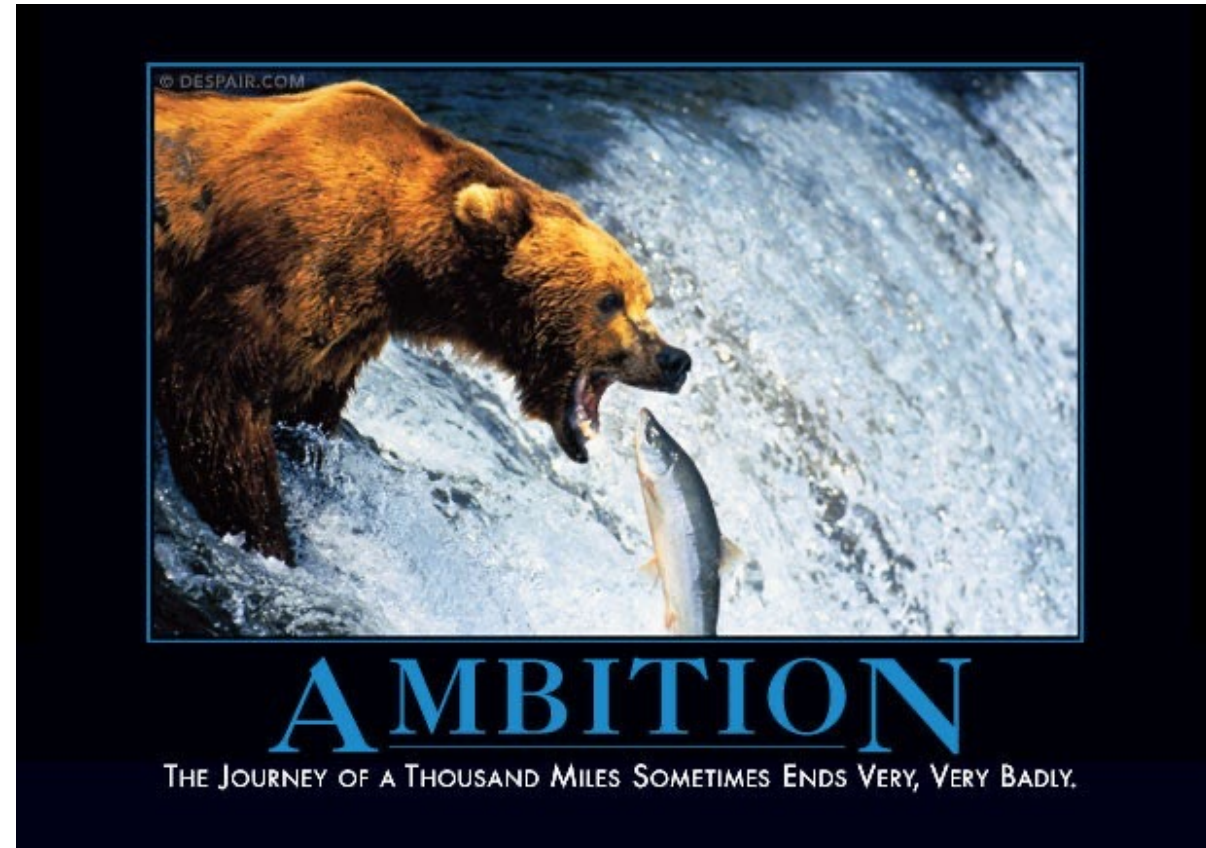
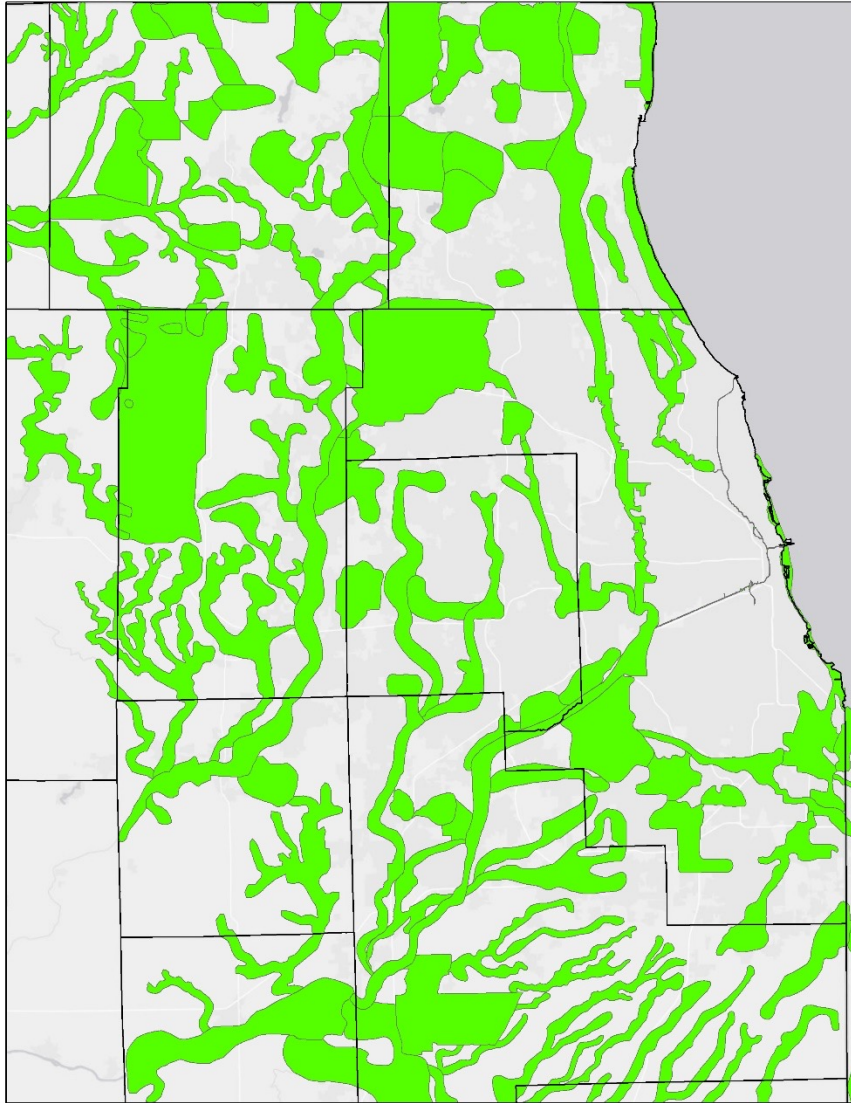
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Looking Forward (Forward). To Our Critically Critical Future

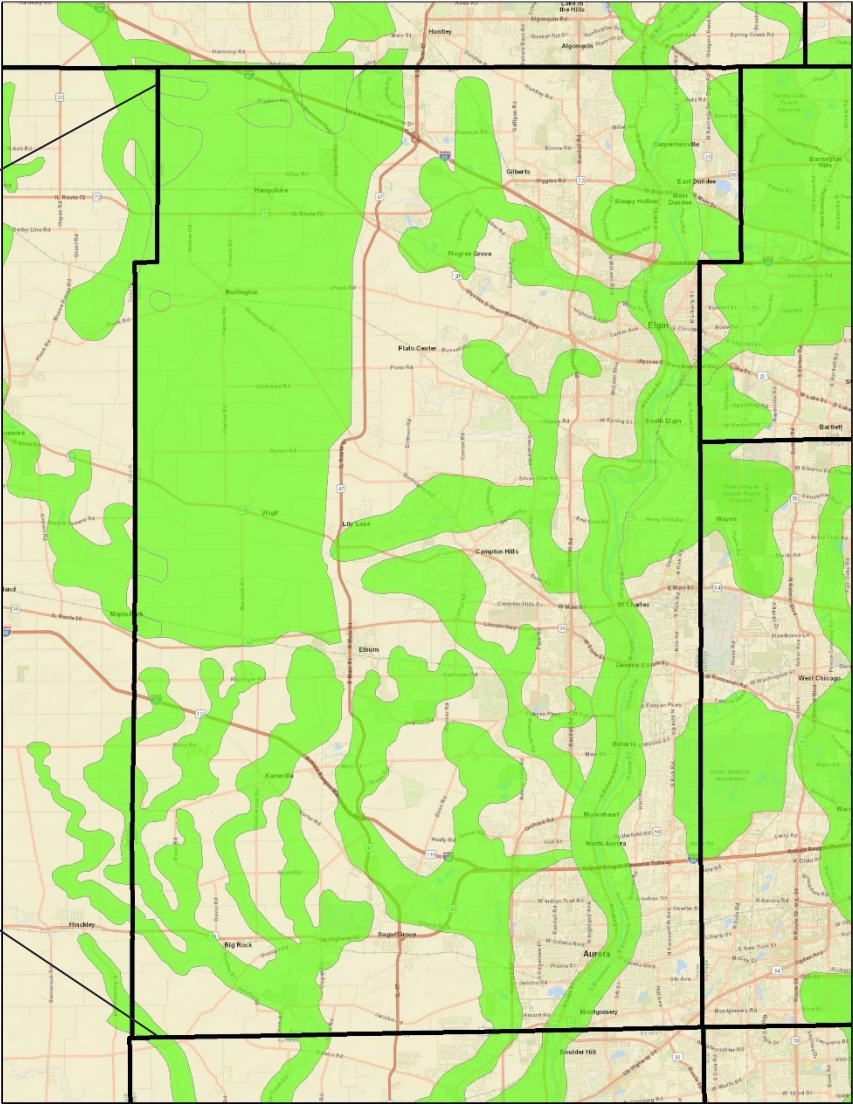
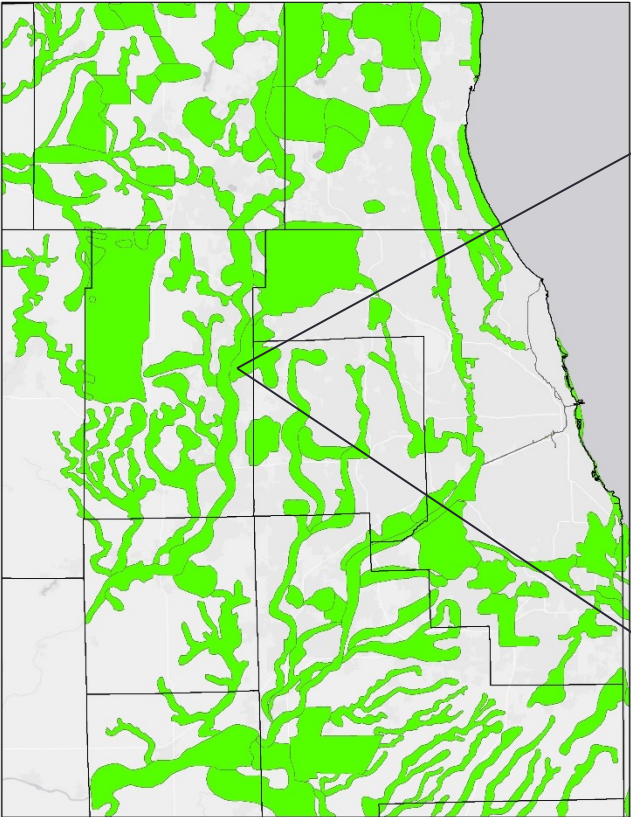
~~Excuses~~ Reasons Not to Focus Your Efforts

- We have great land protection criteria; there's no need for specific targets.
- This isn't about focusing. It's about limiting.
- Funders won't support a great project that isn't in the plan.

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Talking a Lot – Saying Little



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DATE: August 31, 2020
MEMO TO: John Wasik, Chair
Planning Committee
FROM: Randall L. Seebach
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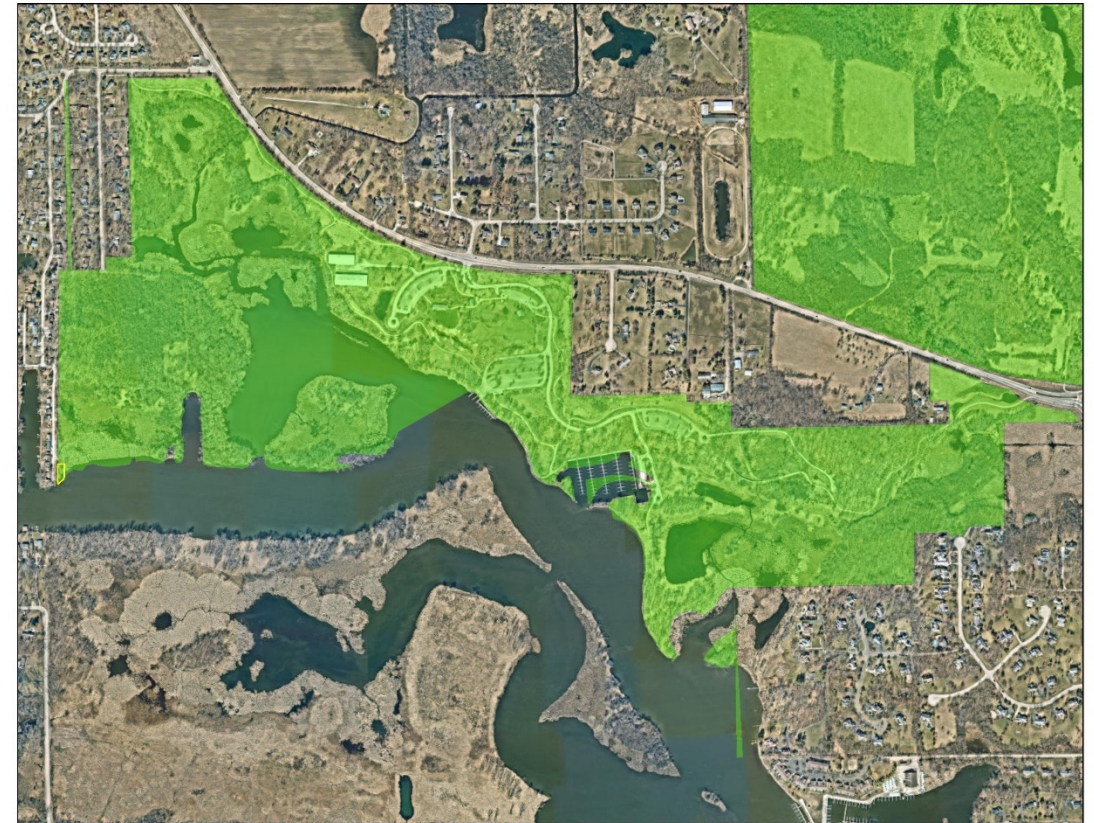
RECOMMENDATION: Recommend approval of a Resolution to purchase an approximately 0.16-acre property in Cuba Township, known as the County of Lake, Trustee property, for \$1.00 as an addition to Fox River Forest Preserve.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION SUPPORTED: Conservation.

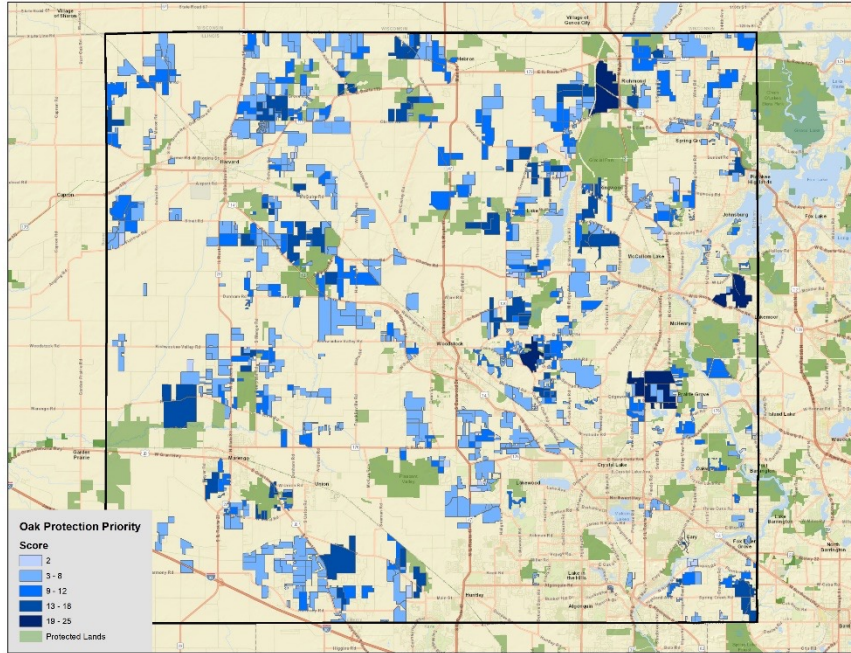
FINANCIAL DATA: The purchase price of the County of Lake, Trustee property is \$1.00, and will be funded from the 2008 Referendum Bonds, which are included in the adopted FY 2020 Budget (Series 2015A) account number 31314100-801000.

BACKGROUND: The County of Lake acquires certain tax delinquent properties via tax deeds and lists them for sale in its "Green Book." At the direction of the Planning Committee, District staff has reviewed the property described in the attached resolution, which was listed for sale in the Green Book, to determine its suitability for acquisition for District purposes. In staff's opinion, the acquisition, protection and management of this property will meet the District's adopted land acquisition goals of protecting wildlife habitat, preserving wetlands, prairies and forests, providing scenic vistas and open spaces, adding to existing preserves, and protecting existing Forest Preserve holdings. In addition, the property will serve as a visual, topographic and ecologic extension of adjoining District properties.

The property is located on Eastwood Avenue at its terminus adjacent to the Fox River, about 0.6 miles south of Center Street. The parcel is vacant.



Planning Done Right



2020 UPDATE to
A Lee County Natural Area Survey – 1970



Osprey (*Pandion haliaetus*)

at Amboy Marsh Nature Preserve

Photo by Bill Rogers



Welp, I'm out.
Later all!

