Oriole Grove Forest Preserve:
Master Plan

Forest Preserve Board Approved:
March 9, 2021

LEGEND

- Property Line
- Woodland
- Prairie
- Former Agricultural
- Planting Buffer
- Bridge
- Boardwalk
- Proposed Crushed Stone Trail
- Existing Offsite Trail
- Skokie Valley Bike Path
- Lake Bluff/Lake Forest Openlands
- Open Water
- Wetland
- Floodway
- River Corridor
- Railroad
- Underpass
- Overlook

SUMMARY

ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION of this preserve is of key importance to return it to a high quality mosaic of prairies, open wetlands and oak groves. The site has been divided into 7 restoration units based primarily on land use history and current conditions:

Unit A: Remnant Oak Savanna/Woodland and Prairie
  - Clearing and control of invasive woody species
  - Control of herbaceous invasive species
  - Reforestation
Unit B: Jensen Pond
  - Control of herbaceous invasive species
  - Installation of aquatic and wetland plants
Unit C: Remnant Oak Savanna/Woodland
  - Control of woody/herbaceous invasive species
  - Replace deteriorating access bridge
  - Reforestation
Unit D: Remnant Oak Woodland
  - Clearing and control of invasive woody species
  - Control of herbaceous invasive species
  - Reforestation
  - Installation of native seed
Unit E: Birch Prairie
  - Control of woody/herbaceous invasive species
Unit F: Remaining Areas/Former Agriculture
  - Clearing and control of invasive woody species
  - Control of herbaceous invasive species
  - Removal of draintiles
  - Reforestation
  - Installation of native seed and wetland plants
Unit G: Skokie River Corridor
  - Clearing and control of invasive woody species
  - Control of herbaceous invasive species
  - Reforestation
  - Installation of wetland plants and native seed

PUBLIC ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS for this preserve are being proposed for the first time and include:

Trails
  - Reconfigure the trail network (1-mile loop trail and south river extention) with a new crushed stone surface
  - Replace steel bridge over the Skokie River
  - Add new timber boardwalks
Jensen Pond Overlook
  - Create a scenic destination spot where visitors can experience the cultural history of the site
  - Place a marker that acknowledges private donors
Underpass
  - Restore the trail connection to Lake Forest Openlands
Maintenance Lane
  - Provide access lane for District crews and contractors
Buffer Plantings
  - Add woody plants to create a buffer at the overlook

Lake Bluff
Open Lands

W Witchwood Ln

MacLaren Ln

Unit A

Unit F

Unit B

Jensen
Pond

Unit G

Unit D

Unit E

Skokie River

Unit C

US HWY 41/ Skokie Valley Highway

Lake Forest
Open Lands

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Scale: 1" = 100'
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Feet

NORTH

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