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Preservation, Restoration, Education and Recreation

DATE: August 31, 2015

MEMO TO: Bonnie Thomson Carter, Chair
Planning and Restoration Committee

FROM: Randall L. Seebach, Director
Planning and Land Preservation

SUBJECT: Approve of Revised Concept Plan for Fort Sheridan Forest Preserve

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend approval of Revised Concept Plan for Fort Sheridan Forest Preserve, and permission to proceed with preparation of Final Master Plan.

BACKGROUND: In March, 2015, the Planning and Restoration Committee reviewed two concept plans that explored a wide range of ideas for public access and natural resource restoration improvements at Fort Sheridan Forest Preserve. After an extensive review and discussion, the Committee authorized staff to schedule the second Public Open House and provide the public with the opportunity to view and provide input on the Concept Plans. Approximately 240 people attended the Open House on April 8, 2015. In addition to the comments received from the Open House, the District continued to receive written comments via multiple written communication methods including an on-line forum, emails and letters. More than 500 public comments were received in response to the Concept Plans that were presented in March. All comments were compiled into a Public Involvement Booklet that was distributed to the Committee on July 6, 2015.

During the past few months, District staff has collected additional data on visitor and parking lot use patterns at Fort Sheridan Forest Preserve to assist with the development of a revised concept plan. After a thorough review of the additional survey data and comments received from the public, Commissioners, staff and partners, staff was able to prepare a revised concept plan that best represents the District's core mission and is consistent with the District's Strategic Plan.

Staff is seeking approval of the Revised Concept Plan and permission to proceed with the development of a Final Master Plan and cost estimate.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION: Committee approval is required in accordance with District policy.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: Executive Director, Chief Operations Officer

FINANCIAL DATA: No financial impact at this time.

PRESENTER: Randall L. Seebach

Recommend approval of Revised Concept Plan for Fort Sheridan Forest Preserve, and permission to proceed with preparation of Final Master Plan.

**PLANNING AND RESTORATION
COMMITTEE:**

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Visitor Use Study

Fort Sheridan Forest Preserve





One-on-one onsite surveys

June 27-Aug. 5, 2015

Two college students conducted 548 surveys

- 33 survey sessions: 20 weekend/ 13 weekday
- Various times: morning, afternoon, evening
- Represents 1,352 people
- Six multiple choice questions



Onsite survey questions

Responders were asked:

1. Where do you live (zip code)?
2. How did you travel here today?
3. What activities will you do here today?
4. How often do you visit this preserve?
5. How long will you visit today?
6. How many in your party?



One-on-one onsite surveys

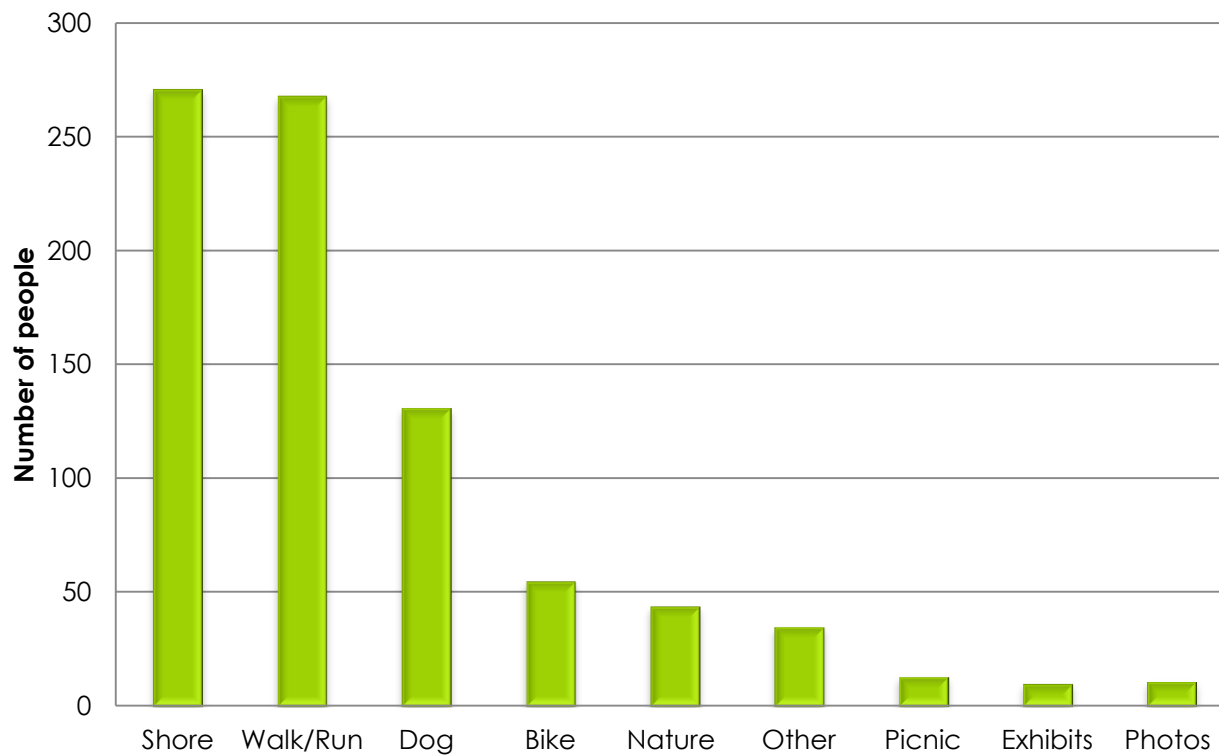
Where do you live?

	Number of visitors	HP/HW/LF	LC (not HP/HW/LF)	Illinois (outside LC)	Out-of-state
Total	1343	439	422	435	47
Weekend	804	251	270	253	30
Weekday	539	188	152	182	17



One-on-one onsite surveys

What activities will you do today?

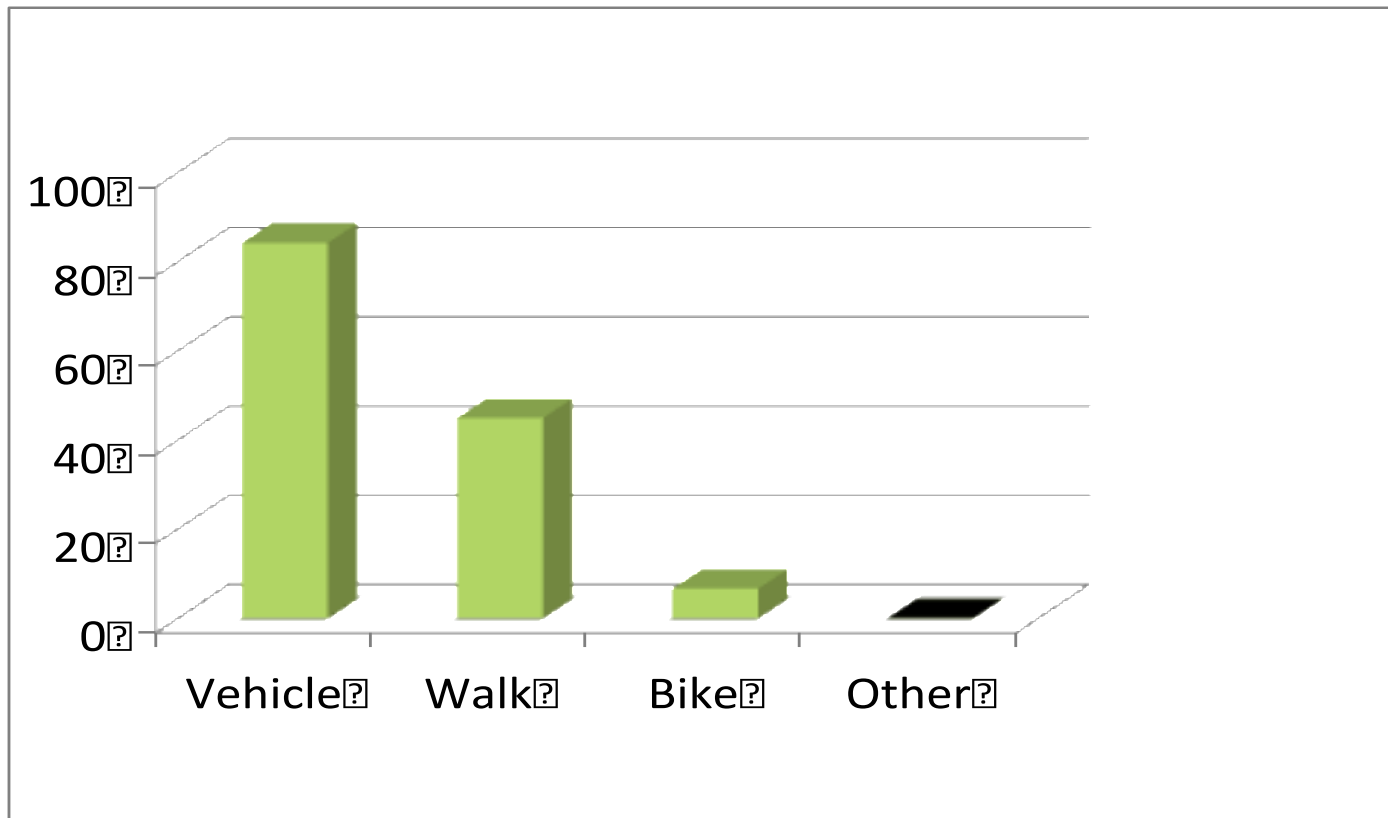


Respondents were asked to choose as many that apply.



One-on-one onsite surveys

How did you travel here?





Parking lot car count surveys

March 17-Aug. 17, 2015

Officers conducted surveys four times a day

- Times: 9 am, 12 pm, 3 pm, 6 pm
- Total # surveys: 616

Lots surveyed:

- Gilgare Lane, Forest Preserve's gravel lot
- North lot near cemetery and trail head (FP)
- Commuter lot operated by city of Lake Forest.

2015 Fort Sheridan Data Collection

Parking

	Date	Tu	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
Main Lot	3/17/2015	3/18/2015	3/19/2015	3/20/2015	3/21/2015	3/22/2015	3/23/2015	
9:00 a.m.	9	2	1	0	3	0	1	
12:00 p.m.	2	3	0	6	0	6	1	
3:00 p.m.	3	6	0	5	14	0	0	
6:00 p.m.	4	5	3	7	3	1	1	
Cemetery Lot								
9:00 a.m.	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	
12:00 p.m.	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	
3:00 p.m.	0	3	0	1	2	2	1	
6:00 p.m.	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	
Commuter Lot								
9:00 a.m.	30	33	29	26	0	0		
12:00 p.m.	30	37	27	27	0	1		
3:00 p.m.	0	35	24	24	0	1	33	
6:00 p.m.	1	16	10	15	1	1	18	
Lakefront users								
9:00 a.m.	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
12:00 p.m.	1	0	0	0	0	6	1	
3:00 p.m.	1	2	0	0	15	0	0	
6:00 p.m.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Daily Count								
Animals at large lakefront								
Citations	0	0		0	1	0	0	0
Written Warnings	0	0		0	1	0	0	0
Verbal Warnings	0	0		0	0	0	0	0
Courtesy Notices	0	0		0	0	0	0	0

Patrol Time

2 hrs

2015 Fort Sheridan Data Collection

Parking

	Date	THU	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON
	4/28/2015	4/29/2015	4/30/2015	5/1/2015	5/2/2015	5/3/2015	5/4/2015	5/5/2015
Main Lot								
9:00 a.m.	4	4	3	3	10	6	2	7
12:00 p.m.	4	9	1	8	24	26	6	
3:00 p.m.	3	4	3	7	39	43	6	
6:00 p.m.	7	5	2	8	14	2	10	
Cemetery Lot								
9:00 a.m.	1	4	0	0	4	1	1	11
12:00 p.m.	0	3	0	0	2	0	3	
3:00 p.m.	3	0	1	5	0	1	2	
6:00 p.m.	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	
Commuter Lot								
9:00 a.m.	41	30	26	24	1	9	29	11
12:00 p.m.	41	29	28	24	0	5	29	
3:00 p.m.	31	32	36	24	15	16	37	
6:00 p.m.	17	16	24	15	14	10	18	
Lakefront users								
9:00 a.m.	0	2	1	2	7	4	0	4
12:00 p.m.	2	7	0	6	17	21	7	
3:00 p.m.		1	0	4	32	56	1	
6:00 p.m.		1	0	3	23	0	0	
Daily Count								
Animals at large lakefront	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Citations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Written Warnings	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Verbal Warnings		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Courtesy Notices		0	0	0	0	0	0	0

2015 Fort Sheridan Data Collection

Parking

	Date	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
Main Lot	5/12/2015	5/13/2015	5/14/2015	5/15/2015	5/16/2015	5/17/2015	5/18/2015	
9:00 a.m.	4	0	3	3	6	4	11	
12:00 p.m.	11	10	5	5	17	9	16	
3:00 p.m.	2	4	3	7	15	18	15	
6:00 p.m.	6	2	9	8	11	15	17	
Cemetery Lot								
9:00 a.m.	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	
12:00 p.m.	2	2	3	3	1	1	6	
3:00 p.m.	2	1	0	0	4	0	2	
6:00 p.m.	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	
Commuter Lot								
9:00 a.m.	28	26	26	36	6	4	31	
12:00 p.m.	30	26	25	25	0	0	29	
3:00 p.m.	23	28	20	24	2	2	26	
6:00 p.m.	22	20	11	3	2	1	19	
Lakefront users								
9:00 a.m.	0	0	0	0	0	1	14	
12:00 p.m.	10	1	3	3	9	2	55	
3:00 p.m.	2	0	2	8	12	20	10	
6:00 p.m.	3	0	5	4	7	10	17	
Daily Count								
	D	N	D	N	D	N	D	N
Animals at large lakefront	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Citations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Written Warnings	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Verbal Warnings	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Courtesy Notices	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

2015 Fort Sheridan Data Collection

Parking

	Date	Tu	W	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo
Main Lot	5/19/2015	5/20/2015	5/21/2015	5/22/2015	5/23/2015	5/24/2015	5/25/2015	
9:00 a.m.		1	0	7	6	5	5	
12:00 p.m.	4	2	17	6	25	11	15	
3:00 p.m.	3	1	15	9	51	9	37	
6:00 p.m.	4	1	10	11	19	7	23	
	11	5	42	33	101	26	80	
Cemetery Lot								
9:00 a.m.	0	1	0	20 1	1	3	5	
12:00 p.m.	0	0	1	21 1	5	9	8	
3:00 p.m.	2	0	1	5	2	5	9	
6:00 p.m.	0	0	2	0	4	0	3	
	2	1	4	7	12	17	25	
Commuter Lot								
9:00 a.m.		28	27	23	6	5	2	
12:00 p.m.	31	16	25	22	1	0	2	
3:00 p.m.	17 OPEN	27	27	19	4	3	3	
6:00 p.m.	3 CARS	12	11	13	4	2	0	
	53	83	90	77	15	8	7	
Lakefront users								
9:00 a.m.		0	20 1	2	5	2	6	
12:00 p.m.	0	0	16	10	14	4	10	
3:00 p.m.	2	0	8	8	30	26	54	
6:00 p.m.	0	2	2	15	7	0	32	
	2	2	27	35	56	32	102	
Daily Count								
	D	N	D	N	D	N	D	N
Animals at large lakefront	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Citations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Written Warnings	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Verbal Warnings	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Courtesy Notices	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

2015 Fort Sheridan Data Collection

Parking

	Date		Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo			
	5/26/2015	5/27/2015	5/28/2015	5/29/2015	5/30/2015	5/31/2015	5/31/2015	5/31/2015	6/1/2015			
Main Lot												
9:00 a.m.	2	1	5	7	3	3		4				
12:00 p.m.	2	2	9	16	3	5		5				
3:00 p.m.		8	27	4	2	10		7				
6:00 p.m.		8	33	7	0	2		7				
	4	19	74	28	8	20		23				
Cemetery Lot												
9:00 a.m.	3	1	1	0	0	0		1				
12:00 p.m.	2	1	1	1	0	0		2				
3:00 p.m.		1	0	0	0	1		2				
6:00 p.m.		0	4	0	0	1		2				
	5	3	6	1	0	2		3				
Commuter Lot												
9:00 a.m.	25	25	31	27	2	2		35				
12:00 p.m.	26	25	29	29	1	0		34				
3:00 p.m.	25	25	31	23	1	0		27				
6:00 p.m.	10	8	17	10	1	0		19				
	86	85	108	89	5	2		115				
Lakefront users												
9:00 a.m.	4		2	1	0	0		0				
12:00 p.m.	0		7	2	0	0		0				
3:00 p.m.		12		4	0	7		6				
6:00 p.m.		4		8	1	0		3				
	4	16	9	21	1	7		9				
Daily Count												
	D	N	D	N	D	N	D	N	D	N	L	N
Animals at large lakefront	0		0	1	0		1	0	0	0		0
Citations	0		0	1	0		0	0	0	0		0
Written Warnings	0		0	0	1		1	0	0	0		0
Verbal Warnings	0		0	0	0		0	0	0	0		0
Courtesy Notices	0		0	0	0		0	0	0	0		0

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	Tu 06/02	We 06/03	Th 06/04	Fr 06/05	SA 06/06	SU 06/07	MO 06/08	TU 06/09				
MAIN												
9:00	22	15	3	2	2	0	3	27				
12:00	18	11	10	7	10	2	2	18				
3:00		11	13	9	22	9	2	23				
6:00		10	9	3	20	12	1	11				
	40	47	35	25	54	23	8	79				
CEMETERY												
9:00	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0				
12:00	0	1	0	0	2	0	2	0				
3:00		3	2	1	1	1	0	1				
6:00		0	0	0	0	2	0	1				
	0	5	2	1	4	3	3	2				
COMMUTER												
9:00	82	20	20	19	0	0	27	72				
12:00	74	24	19	19	2	4	17	60				
3:00		25	19	18	6	4	20	27				
6:00		11	14	4	5	2	10	22				
	156	80	72	60	13	10	74	181				
LAKEFRONT												
9:00	4	1	0	0	0	0	3	4				
12:00	6	2	0	0	3	0	7	8				
3:00		12	20	0	12	4	0					
6:00		11	5	0	10	17	0					
	10	26	25	0	25	21	10	12				
DAILY COUNT												
	D	N	D	N	D	N	D	N	D	N	D	N
ANIMALS @ LARGE	0		1		0		0	0	0		0	
CITATION	0		1		0		0	0	0		0	
WRITTEN	0				0	0	0		0		0	
VERBAL	0				0	0	0		0		0	
COURTESY	0				0	0	0		0		0	

2015 Fort Sheridan Data Collection

Parking

Main Lot

9:00 a.m.
12:00 p.m.
3:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m.

Cemetery Lot

9:00 a.m.
12:00 p.m.
3:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m.

Commuter Lot

9:00 a.m.
12:00 p.m.
3:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m.

Lakefront users

9:00 a.m.
12:00 p.m.
3:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m.

Daily Count

Animals at large lakefront

Citations

Written Warnings

Verbal Warnings

Courtesy Notices

Date	We 6/10	Th 6/11	Fr 6/12	Sa 6/13	Su 6/14	Mo 6/15	Tu 6/16	
9:00 a.m.	17	3	1	2	3	1	3	
12:00 p.m.	15	13	2	9	15	3	5	
3:00 p.m.	17	6	4	19	16	3	12	
6:00 p.m.	10	4	7	4	3	2	7	
	59	26	14	34	37	4		
9:00 a.m.	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	
12:00 p.m.	0	0	1	1	0	0	4	
3:00 p.m.	0	0 0	0	4	0	1	1	
6:00 p.m.	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	
	0	0	3	5	2	0		
9:00 a.m.	22	27	25	45	0	24	25	
12:00 p.m.	21	27	25	9	0	23	26	
3:00 p.m.	22	25	18	0	0	26 20	27	
6:00 p.m.	11	11	11	0	0	18 10	15	
	80	90	79	24	0	77		
9:00 a.m.	2	1	0	2	0	0	0	
12:00 p.m.	10	7	1	17	0	3	2	
3:00 p.m.	14	5	2	23	10	3	9	
6:00 p.m.	8	0	2	4	3	0	10	
	34	8	5	46	13	3		
	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
					0	0	0	
Animals at large lakefront	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Citations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Written Warnings	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Verbal Warnings	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Courtesy Notices	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

