

Oriole Grove Preserve Master Plan

An in-person open house for the Oriole Grove Forest Preserve Master Plan was held on September 22, 2020 at the Greenbelt Cultural Center. In addition, the planning committee held a Special Planning Committee Meeting virtually on October 26, 2020 to gather additional public comment. The purpose of the open house and the Special Planning Committee Meeting was to provide the public the opportunity to view and discuss Concept Alternatives A and B.



The District mailed over 735 invitations within a 0.75-mile radius of Oriole Grove Forest Preserve for the inperson open house including advertising the event information and the exhibits on the District's website. In addition, over 33 emailed invitations went out for the virtual meeting including a press release shared with the media, including an announcement on the Districts website, district commissioner's newsletters, and social media posts.

Approximately 21 people attended the in-person open house and 8 attended the virtual meeting, where members of staff and commissioners were available to share the draft master plan concepts and

gather feedback. Attendees were able to comment through several communication methods: written comment cards, digital comment cards, and emailed comments. A six-week public comment period followed the in-person open house through the virtual meeting and concluded on November 9, 2020. In total, the public submitted over 80 comments in response to the exhibits shared at the open house, virtual meeting and via the District's website.

PUBLIC COMMENT COUNTS	
#	Communication Method
8	Comment cards returned from in-person open house
4	Emailed or mailed comments received
50	Digital comment cards returned
20	Comment cards returned from local commissioner outreach

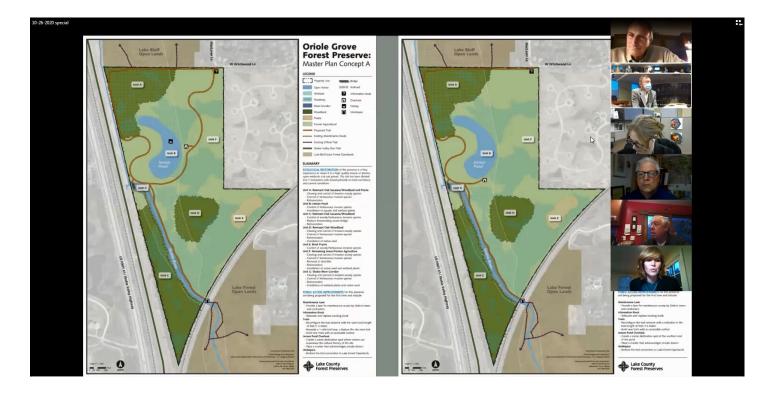




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During the open house, the virtual meeting and the on-line comment period members of the public were able to share their ideas through verbal discussion, written comment cards, digital comment cards and emails. The top seven comments noted most frequently through these communication methods were:

- Prefer Concept A loop trail (60 comments)
- Prefer Concept B out of respect for nature (9 comments)
- Relocate northeast portion of loop trail to align with Lake Bluff Open Lands existing east trail (7 comments)
- Liked the Jensen Pond overlook shown in Concept A (6 comments)
- Retain existing foot paths north and west of pond (5 comments)
- Retain public access trail on west side of river (4 comments)
- Add bike trail access and connection to the Skokie River Bike Path (4 comments)



The District also received limited comments on adding/not adding parking, concerns about the noise and user experience of the existing west trail and rebuilding the existing trail bridge that provides access west of the river.

No restrictions were placed on the number of times a person could submit a comment and there were no limits on the method of communications that a person could use. Therefore, the comments should not be considered a scientific opinion poll or a binding referendum on any plan or idea.