



# Forest Preserve District of DuPage County

## OUR PURPOSE

To **acquire, preserve, protect and restore** the natural resources in DuPage County while providing opportunities for people to connect with nature.



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of DuPage County

# By the Numbers



**4M**  
Visitors



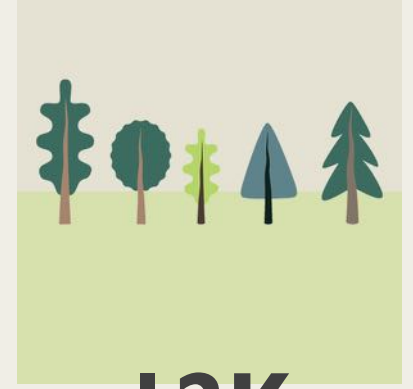
**+25K**  
Acres



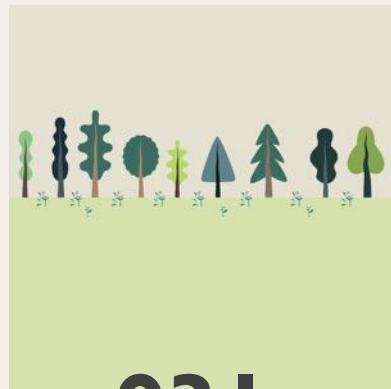
**145**  
Miles of Trails



**60**  
Forest Preserves



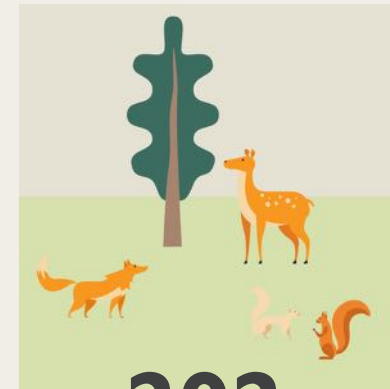
**12K**  
Trees Planted  
Annually



**931**  
Native Plant  
Species



**47**  
Miles of Rivers  
and Streams



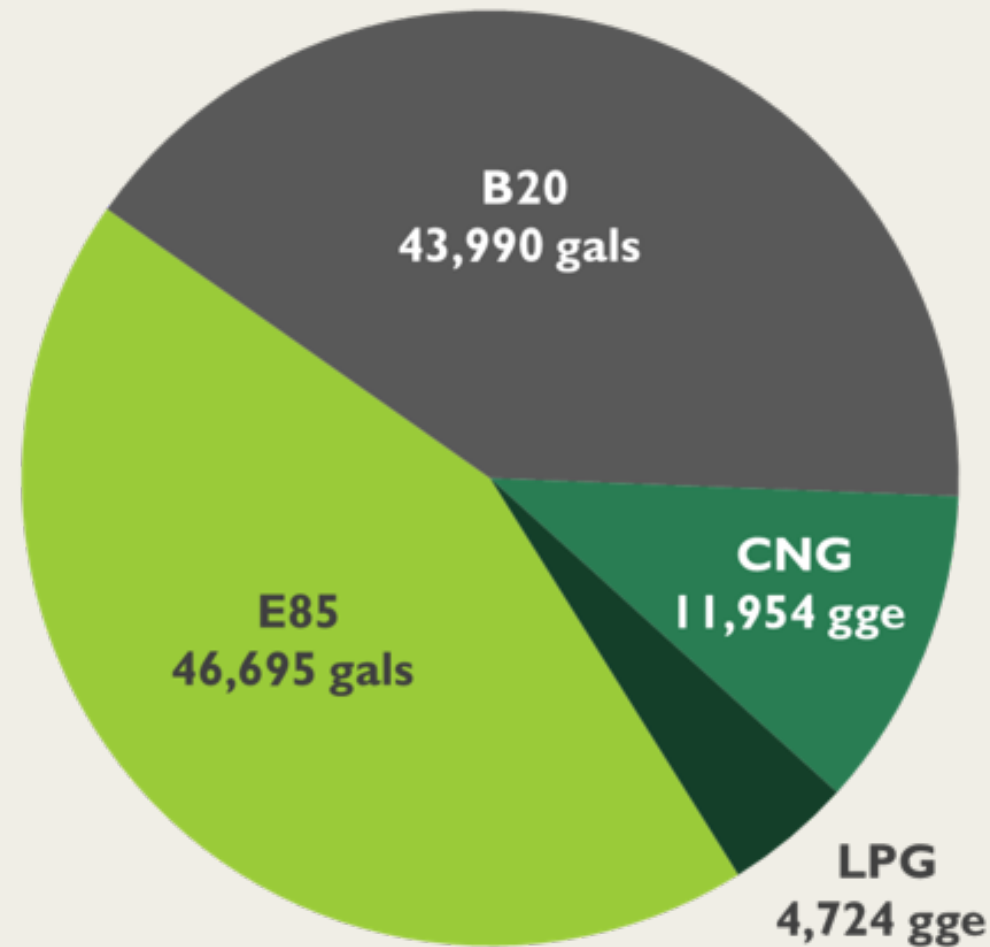
**292**  
Vertebrate Species





# Alternative Fuels

Fuel Gallons Used in 2018



## Conventional Fuel Displaced

65,167 gallons

579 metric tons CO2  
removed from air



# Fleet Building

Blackwell Forest Preserve

## Green & Energy-Efficient Characteristics

- Use of pre-engineered, insulated metal panels for walls and roof
- Use of recyclable materials
- Separate bays use three ventilation systems
- Air circulates by low-speed, high-velocity fans
- Windows provide natural light and support HVAC-system intake
- Use of LED lights in building and parking lot
- Building, pavement and stormwater BMPs protect natural area and resources



# Mowers

Propane- vs. Gas-Powered Mowers

## Benefits of Propane-Powered Mowers

- Lower operating costs
- Ease of fueling
- Lesser environmental impact
- Reliable performance





## Cart Building

The Preserve at Oak Meadows

### Solar & Energy-Efficient Characteristics

- Solar-power system installation
- Expected to provide 102% of building's power
- Eligible for ComEd's net-metering program and renewable energy certificates



# Collaboration

## Our Partnerships

### Intergovernmental Agreements

- City of Wheaton
- DuPage County
- DuPage County Stormwater Management, the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago and the DuPage River Salt Creek Work Group
- Forest Preserve Districts of Kane and Will Counties
- Illinois Department of Natural Resources
- Illinois Department of Transportation
- McHenry Conservation District
- Village of Glen Ellyn
- West Chicago Park District