



# AGENDA MEMORANDUM

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**DATE:** January 20, 2026

**TO:** Forest Preserve District Finance & Administration Committee

**FROM:** Jennifer Clough, Director of Human Resources  
Benjamin Haberthur, Executive Director

**SUBJECT:** Presentation and Approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Forest Preserve District of Kane County and the County of Kane for Volunteer Site Restoration Services at the Kane County Recycling Center.

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**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide the Committee with information to consider the approval of an intergovernmental agreement between the Forest Preserve District of Kane County and the County of Kane for Volunteer Site Restoration Services at Kane County Recycling Center (517 East Fabyan Parkway, Geneva, IL 60134), which borders the Fabyan Forest Preserve.

**BACKGROUND:**

The District has an established Volunteer Program for Natural Areas Management that performs substantial invasive and nuisance tree and brush removal on District land throughout the County, including adjacent to the Kane County Recycling Center at Fabyan Forest Preserve.

The Recycling Center, owned and operated by Kane County, contains an area of dense growth of invasive and nuisance trees and brush which the County desires to remove. The District shares this interest, both to protect the previously restored woodlands and prairie that border the property, as well as to provide a site conducive for hosting the Volunteer Program's annual "Battle of the Brushpiles" event, scheduled for March, 2026. This large-scale restoration effort is led by a trained and qualified site steward and invites local student volunteers to participate in brush clearing work.

The District has executed similar intergovernmental agreements with the County, including for streambank restoration work at Gunnar Anderson Forest Preserve and the Kane County Government Center. Consistent with the agreement, the District would recruit, train, and coordinate the Volunteers assigned to improve the site within the parameters established by the County, for the duration of one (1) year.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

Executing this intergovernmental agreement has no corresponding financial impact to the District.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the Committee approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Forest Preserve District of Kane County and the County of Kane for Volunteer Site Restoration Services at Kane County Recycling Center as presented.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

*Draft Intergovernmental Agreement*  
*Fabyan Site Location Map*