



# AGENDA MEMORANDUM

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**DATE:** August 26, 2025

**TO:** Forest Preserve District Land Acquisition Committee

**FROM:** Jennifer Rooks-Lopez, Director of Planning & Land Protection

**SUBJECT:** Presentation and Approval of a Request to Apply for an IDNR OSLAD Grant for Acquisition Funding Assistance to Purchase a Property in Dundee Township Adjacent to Schweitzer Woods Forest Preserve

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**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide the Committee with information to consider applying for an Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) Open Space Land Acquisitions & Development (OSLAD) Grant for acquisition funding assistance to purchase approximately 122.092 acres in Dundee Township adjacent to Schweitzer Woods Forest Preserve in West Dundee.

**BACKGROUND:**

In March 2025 the District entered into a lease agreement with the Conservation Foundation for the use and maintenance of approximately 122.092 acres of land in West Dundee adjacent to Schweitzer Woods Forest Preserve, locally known as the “Galvin” parcels. In May 2025, the District submitted an application for acquisition funding assistance through the IDNR, Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) for up to \$750,000.00. The IDNR ‘highly recommends’ acquisition applicants apply for both LWCF and OSLAD programs although only one program will be awarded.

Staff is requesting permission to apply for the IDNR OSLAD Grant to assist with funding the acquisition which, if awarded, would reimburse up to 50% (\$1,125,000.00 cap) for the purchase of the property.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

There are no expenses required to submit the grant application.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the Committee approve the request to apply for an IDNR OSLAD grant for acquisition funding assistance of approximately 122.092 acres of land adjacent to Schweitzer Woods Forest Preserve.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

*Schweitzer Woods Forest Preserve Location Map*

*Acquisition site plan*