



# Kane County

1996 S. Kirk Rd. Suite 320  
Geneva, IL 60134

## Forest Preserve District, Planning and Utilization Committee

### Agenda

Chair Cheryl Strathmann, President Christopher Kious, President Pro Tem, Mavis Bates,  
Executive Director Benjamin Haberthur  
Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Mike Kenyon, Anita Lewis, Mike Linder, Vern Tepe

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Thursday, June 27, 2024

9:30 AM

3rd Floor Board Room

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I. Call To Order

II. Approval of Minutes from May 30, 2024

III. Public Comment (Each Speaker is limited to three minutes)

IV. Bids and Proposals

[TMP-24-2510](#) Resolution Approving a Bid for Common Reed Control for Five (5)  
Forest Preserves

[TMP-24-2511](#) Resolution Approving a Bid for Natural Areas Vegetation  
Management at Settler's Hill Golf Course

V. New or Unfinished Business

VI. Closed Session to Discuss Land Acquisition, License Agreements, Potential  
Litigation and Personnel

VII. Communications

VIII. Chairman's Comments

IX. Adjournment

Adjournment until: Thursday, July 25, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. in person at the Forest  
Preserve District Administration Offices 1996 S. Kirk Road, Suite 320 Geneva,  
Illinois and via zoom

<https://zoom.us/j/6302325980?pwd=aURTSGJoRIVJNDRCcHJXd3dvaVVrUT09>  
Meeting ID: 630 232 5980 Password: 24680 The Request to Speak Form on the  
Districts' website must still be completed for guests to speak at the meeting.



APPROVED AND PASSED on this 9th day of July 2024.

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Christopher Kious  
President, Kane Forest Preserve  
Kane County, Illinois

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Myrna Molina  
Secretary, Kane Forest Preserve  
Kane County, Illinois



# AGENDA MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** June 27, 2024

**TO:** Forest Preserve District Planning and Utilization Committee

**FROM:** Patrick Chess, Director of Natural Resources  
Benjamin Haberthur, Executive Director

**VIA:** David Petschke, Chief Financial Officer

**SUBJECT:** Presentation and Approval of Bids for Control of Common Reed at Various Preserves

## PURPOSE:

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide the Committee with information to consider the approval of bids for the control of Common Reed at portions of five Kane County forest preserves.

## BACKGROUND:

The non-native, invasive plant Common Reed (*Phragmites australis*) is a tall (up to 15') perennial grass that infests many District wetlands. It produces some viable seed on the highly visible plumes it produces in late summer, but primarily propagates through lateral shoots called rhizomes. This vigorously growing plant quickly forms monotypic stands of itself, at the exclusion of native fauna. Its dense growth habit minimizes its utility to native wetland fauna; ducks cannot swim through mature stands, and its stalks fail to support the nests of native wetland songbirds.

Contractors were sought to bid on summer/fall 2024 control projects of multiple, separate infestations of Common Reed, across five different preserves.

The qualified, lowest bidder for each option is as follows:

Project	Preserve Name	Acres	Bid Amount	Bidder Name	Address
Project 1	Freeman Kame F.P.	39.9	\$10,794	RES Great Lakes	Chicago, IL
Project 2	Braeburn Marsh F.P.	35.1	\$8,032	Integrated Lakes Management	Waukegan, IL
Project 3	Great Western Trail, Campton Hills	2.1	\$3,756	Integrated Lakes Management	Waukegan, IL
Project 4	Great Western Trail, Elburn	33.6	\$9,934	Integrated Lakes Management	Waukegan, IL
Project 5	Binnie F.P.	51.7	\$14,908	Integrated Lakes Management	Waukegan, IL

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

Funds totaling \$140,000 were budgeted in this fiscal year for weed management. Sufficient funds totaling \$140,000 are available in Natural Resources Weed Management Account 01-31-31-7064 for all five projects totaling \$47,424.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the Committee approve the Common Reed-control bids by Integrated Lakes Management of Waukegan, Illinois for projects 2, 3, 4, and 5 at a total cost of \$36,630. Additionally, staff recommends the Committee approve the Common Reed-control bid by RES Great Lakes of Chicago, Illinois for project 1 at a cost of \$10,794.

The total project cost for all projects is \$47,424.

**ATTACHMENTS:**     *Abstract of Bid*  
                          *Project Area Maps*  
                          *Project Locator Map*

**ABSTRACT OF BIDS**  
**COMMON REED CONTROL for (5) FIVE PROJECTS**

**SB-FP-16-2324**

**COMMON REED CONTROL**

Bidders Name	Integrated Lakes Management, Inc.	HGS, LLC dba RES Environmental Operating Company, Inc.	Pizzo and Associates, LTD	Semper Fi Land Services , LLC	McGinty Bros., Inc.	Wildlife and Wetlands Solutions, LLC
City, State	Waukegan, IL	Chicago, IL	Leland, IL	Yorkville, IL	Long Grove, IL	South Boardman, MI
Project 1. 39.9 acres Freeman Kame Forest Preserve, Gilberts, IL	\$13,582.00	\$10,794.00	\$13,623.33	\$22,624.00	\$30,600.00	Non- Responsive
Project 2. 35.1 acres Braeburn Marsh Forest Preserve, Geneva, IL	\$8,032.00	\$10,990.00	\$13,623.33	\$22,624.00	\$36,720.00	Non- Responsive
Project 3. 2.1 acres of Great Western Trail, Campton Hills, IL	\$3,756.00	NO BID	\$6,935.00	\$6,377.60	\$6,120.00	Non- Responsive
Project 4. 33.6 acres of Great Western Trail, Elburn, IL	\$9,934.00	\$10,264.00	\$13,623.33	\$21,184.00	\$32,640.00	Non- Responsive
Project 5. 51.7 acres of Binnie Forest Preserve, Carpentersville, IL	\$14,908.00	\$28,906.00	\$29,530.00	\$29,225.60	NO BID	Non- Responsive

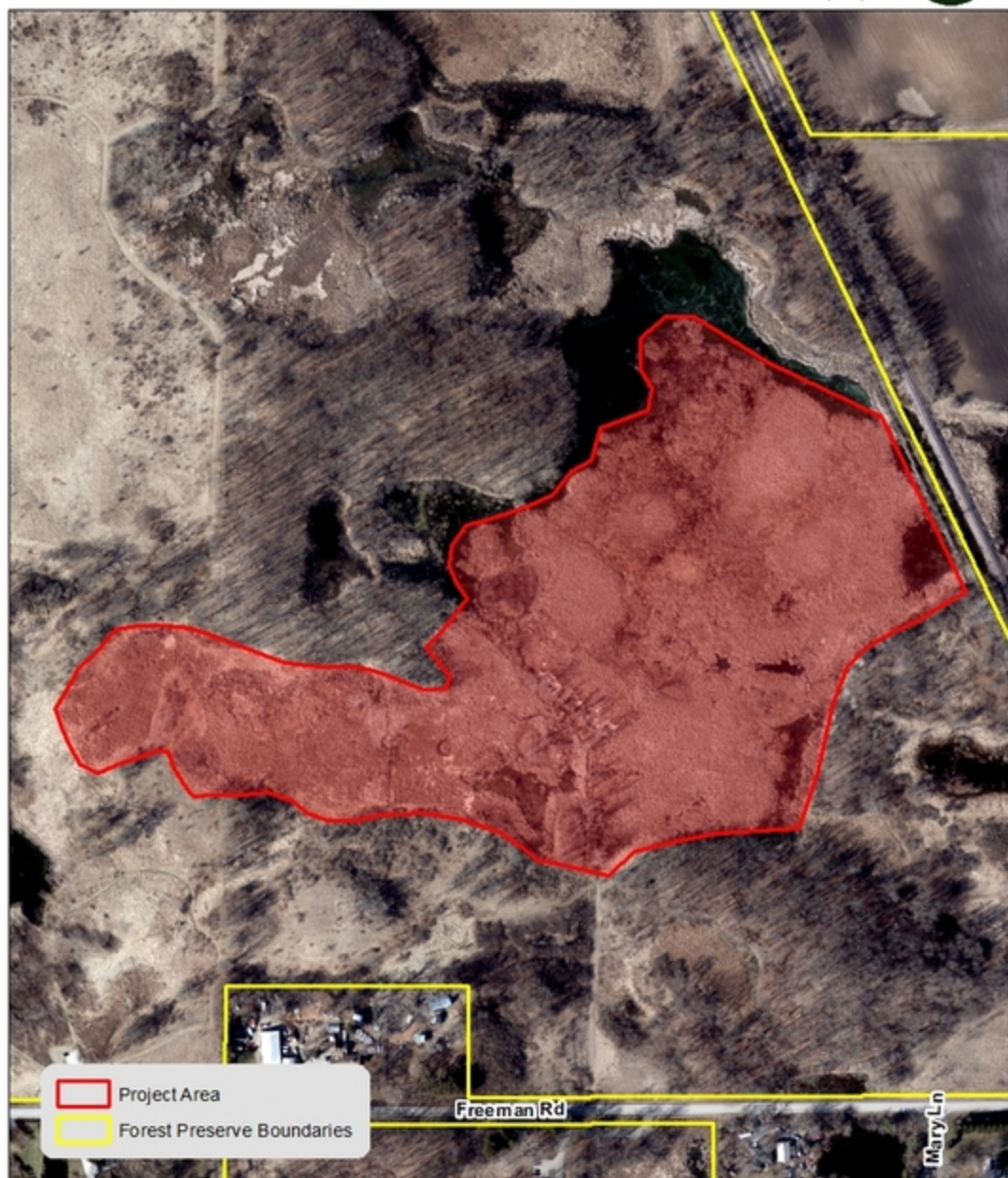
I have certified that I have opened, read and recorded all bids received in response to the invitation.



David Petschke, Chief Financial Officer

Common Reed Control  
Freeman Kame Forest Preserve

39.9 acres



0 195 390 780 Feet

Map Created May, 2024; 2023 Air Photo



# Common Reed Control Braeburn Marsh Forest Preserve

35.1 acres





Common Reed Control  
Great Western Trail - Brown Rd

2.1 acres

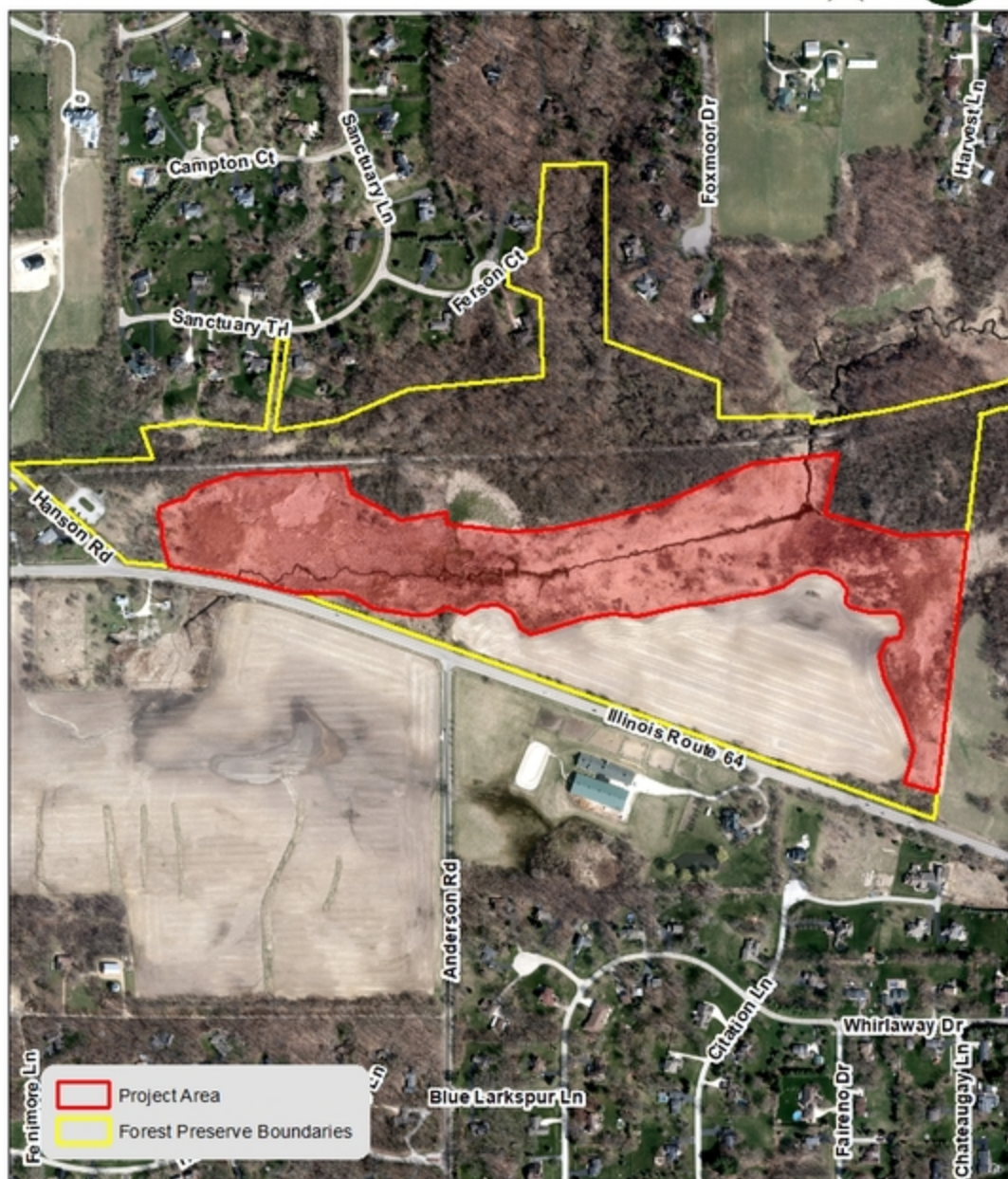


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Common Reed Control  
Great Western Trail - Hanson Rd

33.6 acres



0 285 570 1,140 Feet

Map Created May, 2024; 2023 Air Photo



# Common Reed Control Binnie Forest Preserve

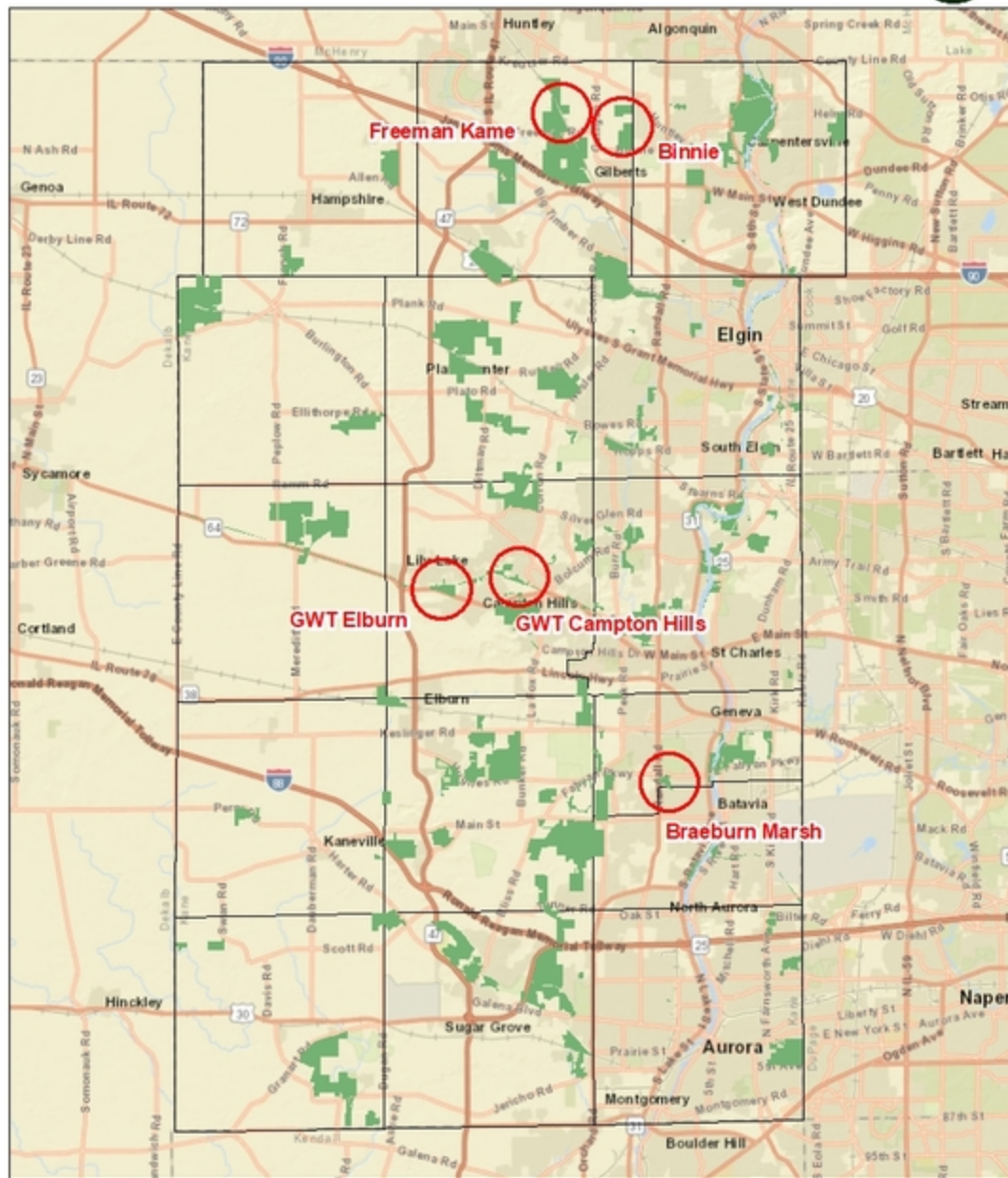
51.7 acres



0 200 400 800 Feet

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# Common Reed Control Kane County Locator Map



0 2 4 8 Miles

Map Created June, 2024; ESRI Base map







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**TO:** Forest Preserve District Planning and Utilization Committee

**FROM:** Patrick Chess, Director of Natural Resources  
Benjamin Haberthur, Executive Director

**VIA:** Dave Petschke, Chief Financial Officer

**SUBJECT:** Presentation and Approval of a Bid for Year (3) Three of Terrestrial Management at the Settler's Hill Golf Course

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## **PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide the Committee with information to consider the approval of a bid for the third year of terrestrial management at the Settler's Hill Golf Course in Batavia Township.

## **BACKGROUND:**

Settler's Hill Golf Course (224 acres) is located within Batavia Township, and is one of two golf courses owned by the District.

Bids were sought from qualified firms for one year of management and naturalization of terrestrial vegetation across the out of play areas of Settler's Hill Golf Course (approximately 100 acres). This third consecutive year of work will be conducted from September 2024 until June 30, 2025. The primary goal of this work will be to control invasive and non-native herbaceous species as well as invasive woody brush in the woodland areas and along the trail edges. Species to be controlled will include but not be limited to teasel (*Dipsacus laciniatus*), common reed (*Phragmites australis*), and bush honeysuckle (*Lonicera spp.*).

The qualified, lowest bid was received from Woods to Wetlands, LLC of Streamwood, Illinois, in the amount of \$89,300. Contractor oversight will be conducted by our Natural Resource Management department.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

Funds totaling \$280,000 were budgeted in the 24/25 fiscal year for terrestrial management at Settler's Hill Golf Course. Sufficient funds totaling \$100,100 are available in the Account #03-31-31-7060 (Project #21005) for this expense totaling \$89,300.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the Committee approve the bid from Woods to Wetlands, LLC of Streamwood, Illinois, for one year of terrestrial management at the Settler's Hill Golf Course, for a total contract cost of \$89,300.

**ATTACHMENTS:** *Bid Abstract*  
*County Locator Map*  
*Project Area Map*

**ABSTRACT OF BIDS**

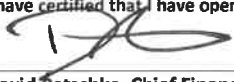
**ONE YEAR TERRESTRIAL MANAGEMENT AT SETTLER'S HILL GOLF COURSE**

SB-FP-15-2324

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<b>Bidders Name</b>	<b>WOODS TO WETLANDS, LLC</b>	<b>CARDINAL STATE, LLC</b>	<b>PIZZO and Associates, LTD.</b>	<b>SEMPER FI LAND SERVICES, INC.</b>
<b>CITY, STATE</b>	<b>Streamwood, IL</b>	<b>BARRINGTON HILLS, IL</b>	<b>LELAND, IL</b>	<b>YORKVILLE, IL</b>
<b>TOTAL COST</b>	<b>\$89,300.00</b>	<b>\$197,820.00</b>	<b>\$287,615.56</b>	<b>\$316,992.00</b>

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David Petschke, Chief Financial Officer

# Terrestrial Management Settler's Hill Golf Course

100 acres



0 300 600 1,200 Feet

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# Tree and Brush Removal Settler's Hill Golf Course

17.9 acres

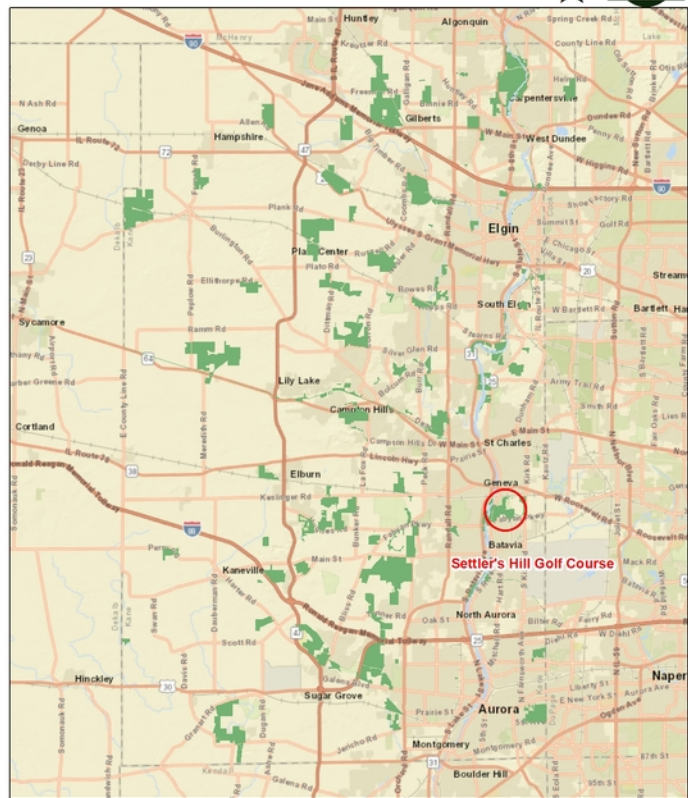


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# Terrestrial Management Settler's Hill Golf Course



0 2 4 8 Miles