



Welcome to the Forest Preserve District's Environmental Sustainability Team webpage. We take our job as environmental stewards seriously and wanted to share with the public some of the important work and successes the EST and District staff have achieved over the years. Below, you will find information about the committee and a list of some of the projects/improvements we have undertaken and maybe even get some ideas for your home or office.

District's motto - *Nature is Our Business*

#### Statement of Purpose

The Forest Preserve District of Kane County shall maintain an Environmental Sustainability Team for the purpose of evaluating and recommending environmental policies and actions throughout the District.

#### Mission

The mission of the Environmental Sustainability Team is to evaluate and recommend sound environmental policies, practices and educational opportunities for the employees and patrons of the Forest Preserve District of Kane County.

#### Team Members and Meetings

The Environmental Sustainability Team shall comprise members from the following departments: Planning and Operations, Human Resources, Natural Resource Management, Finance, and Community Affairs. Other departments may provide members as available.

*Environmental Sustainability Team and District-wide Accomplishments*

- Solar gates installed at every preserve
- Solar panels for lighting at preserves and Natural Resource office
- Solar powered water wells
- Lawn mowing reduction strategy involving Natural Resources and Operations
- Hybrid vehicle for Director of Natural Resources
- Diesel tractors and trucks have converted to biodiesel
- Plates, silverware and glasses at all offices to reduce paper plates and plastic cups
- “Don’t Suck, Save Energy” signs on every light switch at District offices
- Battery recycling program that has generated over 100 pounds of batteries
- Operations testing and using a propane powered lawn mowers
- Electronics recycling program that generated over 200 pounds of recyclables
- “Can That Be Recycled?” signs installed near garbage cans
- Switched to less harsh and more efficient chemicals at District maintenance shops
- Purchase of recycled copy paper for District offices
- Operations using eco-friendly liquid ice melt on sidewalks
- District using Bottle 2 Pen recycled water bottle pens in offices
- Developed an idling reduction program for field staff
- Geothermal heating systems installed at buildings
- Natural Resource shop installed ambient light skylights
- Single stream recycling signs on recycling bins
- Oil recycling at our Trades shop
- Carpooling among staff to District events
- Scrap metal recycling program
- Recycle fluorescent tube lightbulbs
- Donation of old office furniture to Goodwill
- Volunteers received solar phone/accessory charges as gift
- Conservation at Work program planting native prairie at HQ
- Motion detecting lights at shops and offices
- Purchase of electric power tools to replace gas powered models