

SPONSOR A TREE FOR THE NEXT CENTURY OF CONSERVATION

THE CENTENNIAL GROVE PROJECT AT JOHNSON'S MOUND FOREST PRESERVE

SPONSOR A TREE IN THE CENTENNIAL GROVE AT JOHNSON'S MOUND Launch the Next 100 Years of Conservation & Community

Johnson's Mound was the first property ever acquired by the Forest Preserve District of Kane County. As the Forest Preserve District celebrates its 100th anniversary in 2025, they're kicking off the next century of conservation — and the Kane Forest Preserve Foundation is asking you to be a part of it.

The mature forest at Johnson's Mound includes the very first trees planted in the Forest Preserve District. For a century, these trees here have stood tall, and offered shade, beauty and a sense of history. We invite you to be a part of this living legacy. By sponsoring one of 800 trees in the new Centennial Grove Project, you're supporting the District's next century of conservation, beginning at Johnson's Mound. The Centennial Grove Project features:



- 800 trees, mostly oaks, but also hickories and maples. These new trees will be planted adjacent to the very oldest trees in the Forest Preserve District. You also have the opportunity to plant your own!
- A new 23-acre prairie
- A public-art piece called *Guardians*, by renowned local artist Mike Baur
- Benches to rest and reflect
- An ADA-accessible limestone path to the new amenities, as well as a mowed trail
- Bronze plaques displayed on monuments, gratefully acknowledging our sponsors

These new amenities will be unveiled at our Centennial Celebration — June 8 at noon at Johnson's Mound Forest Preserve. With your sponsorship, you'll be planting more than just a tree — you're planting a future. Your name can be forever tied to a forest that will grow and thrive for the next 100 years, and provide beauty and shelter for future generations to enjoy. Sponsor a tree in the Centennial Grove Project, today.



THE CENTENNIAL GROVE PROJECT AT JOHNSON'S MOUND

Follow a path through mature forest at Johnson's Mound Forest Preserve to the Centennial site. First, you'll see the one-of-a-kind sculpture, *Guardians*, created specifically for the Centennial Grove by local artist Mike Baur.

Guardians is intended to capture the essence of the Midwest's natural cycles, inspired by the seasonal winds that sweep through the region's forests. As branches and trunks fall, they form intricate patterns that nourish the land and provide homes for wildlife. This two-part sculpture, a combination of concrete and steel, evokes the horizontal shapes and movements of downed wood, shaped by prairie winds. Standing as two monolithic figures, each is uniquely cast using molds fabricated from salvaged fallen trees. The sculpture embodies both the monumental and the intimate. Its design connects viewers with the forest, evoking the delicate balance between nature's power and our role within it. Commissioned as part of the Forest Preserve District of Kane County's 100-year celebration, *Guardians* is the District's first public art piece. It will serve as a focal point for visitors, and encourage a **deeper appreciation for the environment**.

Outside *Guardians* are limestone monuments containing bronze plaques, gratefully acknowledging supporters of the Centennial Grove Project.

Beyond the circle, you'll see the newly planted **23-acre prairie** to the south, and the new centennial grove tree-planting, made up of **800 oaks, hickories and maples**, to the north. Centennial Champion and Corporate Sponsors will have their trees planted prior to the Centennial Celebration, June 8. Heritage Partner Sponsors will have the opportunity to plant their 3-5-gallon tree during the Centennial Celebration.



NOTE: Monument rendering is conceptual and sponsorship-dependent. Final design, number of monuments and plaques, and appearance may change.

RECOGNITION OF YOUR SUPPORT WILL LAST FOR GENERATIONS

On the outside of the *Guardians* sculptures, you'll find limestone monuments featuring bronze-etched plaques. These plaques will feature sponsors of the Centennial Grove Project:

COMMUNITY SUPPORTERS

Names of **Centennial Champions (\$800 sponsorship)** will be displayed on a plaque in a prominent size. Larger, 1.5-inch caliper trees will be planted in their honor, with a year of tree care. Each Centennial Champion-level sponsor will receive the GPS location of their larger, pre-planted, 1.5-inch caliper tree, so they can come back and watch it grow and change over time. See the grid for additional benefits.

Names of **Heritage Partners (\$400 sponsorship)** will be displayed on a plaque in a smaller size. Heritage Partners have the opportunity to plant their 3-5-gallon tree at the event, otherwise, it will be planted for them. See the grid for additional benefits.

CORPORATE PARTNERS

Various corporate sponsorship opportunities are available. All include prominently featured names on the bronze plaque and large, 1.5-inch caliper trees with GPS location. See the grid for detailed benefits. These elegant monuments and plaques will serve as a lasting tribute to the generosity and support of those helping to preserve and enhance the Kane County forest preserves.

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Join us for the Centennial Celebration, when we'll unveil these new amenities and celebrate!
Sunday, June 8, 2025 at Noon — Johnson's Mound Forest Preserve, 41W600 Hughes Rd., Elburn.

CORPORATE PARTNER SPONSORSHIP BENEFITS

PLATINUM SPONSOR \$25,000

- 🌿 Exclusive sponsor feature on Centennial Grove plaque. Listed as Presenting Sponsor. PLUS all the benefits of the Gold Sponsor.

GOLD SPONSOR \$15,000

- 🌿 Prominent name and/or logo placement on a permanent monument near the Centennial Grove.
- 🌿 Opportunity for a speaking role at the event on June 8, 2025.
- 🌿 Opportunity to host a table during Centennial Celebration.
- 🌿 Special mention in press releases, social media promotions, event promotions, and the *TreeLine*.
- 🌿 Name recognition on Kane Forest Preserve Foundation website for one year.
- 🌿 Large 1 ½" caliper tree planted in the Centennial Grove.
- 🌿 GPS location of your tree planting.
- 🌿 One-year replant guarantee (*if deemed necessary by staff*).

SILVER SPONSOR \$10,000

- 🌿 Prominent name placement on a permanent monument near the Centennial Grove.
- 🌿 Special mention in press releases, social media promotions, and event promotions.
- 🌿 Name recognition on Kane Forest Preserve Foundation website for one year.
- 🌿 Large 1 ½" caliper tree planted in the Centennial Grove.
- 🌿 GPS location of your tree planting.
- 🌿 One-year replant guarantee (*if deemed necessary by staff*).

BRONZE SPONSOR \$5,000

- 🌿 Name placement on a permanent monument near the Centennial Grove.
- 🌿 Special mention in press releases.
- 🌿 Name recognition on Kane Forest Preserve Foundation website for one year.
- 🌿 Large 1 ½" caliper tree planted in the Centennial Grove.
- 🌿 GPS location of your tree planting.
- 🌿 One-year replant guarantee (*if deemed necessary by staff*).

CORPORATE PARTNER — SPONSORSHIP BENEFITS

At a Glance

Benefits	Platinum Sponsor \$25,000	Gold Sponsor \$15,000	Silver Sponsor \$10,000	Bronze Sponsor \$5,000
Exclusive Corporate Partner	●			
Listed as Presenting Sponsor	●			
Name & Logo on a Monument	●	●	●	
Prominent/Name on a Monument	●	●	●	●
Speaking role at the Event	●	●		
Host a Table at the Event	●	●		
Special Mention in Press Releases	●	●	●	●
Social Media Promotions	●	●	●	
Event Promotions	●	●	●	
Name recognition on Website	●	●	●	●
Large 1 1/2" Caliper Tree Planted	●	●	●	●
GPS Location of Tree Planting	●	●	●	●
One-year Replant Guarantee	●	●	●	●

SPONSOR TODAY!

Sponsorships are due **no later than March 1, 2025**, to ensure your name is engraved in time for the Centennial Celebration.

THREE WAYS TO ACCESS THE ONLINE SPONSORSHIP FORM:

ONLINE: Visit <https://bit.ly/fpdkc100>

SCAN: Scan the QR code at right

WEBSITE: Visit www.kaneforestpreservefoundation.org









OR MAIL YOUR FORM & CHECK NO LATER THAN FEB. 21, 2025, TO:

Kane Forest Preserve Foundation
 Attn.: Centennial Grove Project
 1996 S. Kirk Rd., Ste. 320
 Geneva, IL 60134






COMMUNITY SUPPORTER SPONSORSHIP BENEFITS


CENTENNIAL CHAMPION \$800

-  Prominent name placement on a permanent monument near the Centennial Grove.
-  Name recognition on the Kane Forest Preserve Foundation website for one year.
-  Name recognition in event email blasts.
-  Large 1 ½" caliper tree planted in the Centennial Grove.
-  GPS location of your tree planting.
-  One-year replant guarantee (*if deemed necessary by Forest Preserve staff*).

HERITAGE PARTNER \$400

-  Name placement on a permanent monument near the Centennial Grove.
-  Name recognition on the Kane Forest Preserve Foundation website for one year.
-  Small 3-5 gallon tree provided for planting during the Centennial Celebration.

FRIEND OF THE FOREST \$100

-  Name recognition on the Kane Forest Preserve Foundation website.

COMMUNITY SUPPORTER — SPONSORSHIP BENEFITS

At a Glance

Benefits	Centennial Champion \$800	Heritage Partner \$400	Friend of the Forest \$100
Prominent Name Placement on a Monument	●		
Name Recognition on Website	●	●	●
Name Recognition in the Event Email Blasts	●		
Large 1 1/2" Caliper Tree Planted	●		
GPS Location of Tree Planting	●		
One-year Replant Guarantee	●		
Small 3-5 Gallon Tree for Planting		●	
Name Placement on a Monument		●	

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ABOUT THE KANE FOREST PRESERVE FOUNDATION

The Kane Forest Preserve Foundation is raising funds to support the Centennial Grove Project. The Foundation supports the Forest Preserve District of Kane County through charitable efforts that advance the District's mission — including acquisition, preservation, restoration, education and recreation — for the greater good of the citizens of Kane County, Illinois. More information is available at www.kaneforestpreservefoundation.org.

QUESTIONS?

Contact Communications & Marketing Supervisor Brittany Kovach at KovachBrittany@kaneforest.com or call 630-277-2263.

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