

ELECT Shannon M. Burns

*General
Election:
November 6,
2012*

COMMISSIONER: FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF DUPAGE COUNTY, DISTRICT 6

As Commissioner of your District, I will work to make sure that the Forest Preserve Land we enjoy today remains open and safe for your use because I believe:

1. This land belongs to us, the tax paying public.
2. Commissioners serve at the pleasure of the public and must be accountable.
3. Political party affiliation and agendas have no place in land management.
4. Your tax dollars for the Forest Preserve should be spent primarily to maintain and restore natural areas.
5. A Commissioner who is involved in hands-on land restoration better understands the needs of the Forest Preserve.

No other candidate has my unique qualifications for this job!

NATURAL RESOURCE EDUCATION

Steward Supervisor: Morton Arboretum 2011
Midwest Ecological Prescription Burn Training 2010
Wetland Conservation & Management: Morton Arboretum 2010
Certified Woodland Steward: Morton Arboretum 2010

ACADEMIC EDUCATION

Doctor of Education: Adult Education 1999
Master of Business Administration 1986
Bachelor of Arts: Social Work (Community Organization) 1975

PERSONAL

I live near Blackwell Forest Preserve in unincorporated West Chicago with my husband Dave. I love to camp, hike, ride my bicycle, read about and study nature.



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Candidate for Commissioner
Forest Preserve District of DuPage County
District 6

**Visit my website for more information or email me with your comments.
I'd love to hear from you!**

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As taxpayers, our Forest Preserves belong to us. Consequently, we have a right to expect that our Forest Preserves are managed carefully. We also have a right to be informed of decisions made by the Forest Preserve Board as they manage our land. Finally, we have a right to expect that Forest Preserve money is spent primarily on the care of our Forest Preserves.

LAND MANAGEMENT

By dedicating 12% of its total land to Forest Preserves, DuPage County is a leader in making open space a priority for residents. Consequently, it is VITALLY IMPORTANT that the open space owned by the Forest Preserve be carefully managed to ensure environmental and financial security into the future. **Maintenance of Forest Preserve Land must be a first priority of District Board and staff.**

50%
*of Forest Preserve land
in DuPage County
is in District 6!*

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

The Forest Preserve District exists for the combined purpose of preserving the environment and for the enjoyment of the public. Therefore, **accountability to the public must be a priority for the Board.** The Commissioners must be responsive to citizens by proactively informing them of proposed projects, by promptly responding to emails and letters, and by promoting two-way discussion of topics presented to the Board during public comment. All activities of the Forest Preserve should be conducted transparently, in full view of the public.

FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

All funds at the Forest Preserve are derived from public sources. As an elected official, I pledge to remember that the land and the funds I manage are not my own. The Forest Preserve Board must be open about how funds are spent and conservative in approving expenditures. Whenever possible, the Forest Preserve should hire workers who live in DuPage County for projects within the District.



District 6 includes: Warrenville, Wayne, West Chicago, Winfield, and portions of Aurora, Batavia, Bartlett, Bloomingdale, Carol Stream, Glendale Heights, Hanover Park, Naperville, Roselle, St. Charles and Wheaton.

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