

Westfork Savanna

Lake Forest Open Lands Association (LFOLA) is pleased to announce the addition of an important conservation parcel to its portfolio of preserved natural areas and nature preserves. The 102-acre natural landscape, which is prominently sited on the north side of Half Day Road at Old Mill Road, had been proposed for a 265-unit mixed-use development. Now permanently protected, it is LFOLA's goal to restore the land and plan for a future public nature preserve for all to enjoy.

The site boasts an impressive matrix of high-quality wetland, sedge meadow and oak savanna habitat along the headwaters of the Westfork of the North Branch of the Chicago River. “We are thrilled to help preserve such a high-priority conservation parcel as



Westfork Savanna,” said Fred Wacker, board chair of Lake Forest Open Lands. “Due to the generosity and vision of the former landowner and our dedicated team, 102 acres of previously unprotected and inaccessible natural beauty will now be saved, restored, and accessible to the public forever. It’s a wonderful story and tribute.”