

Mr. Michael Formento  
DuPage Forest Preserve Commissioner, District 4  
3 South 580 Naperville Road  
Wheaton, IL

Dear Mr. Formento–

Ackerman Woods in Glen Ellyn is in danger of destruction this spring. I'm writing to request that the DuPage County Forest Preserve seek a way to cooperatively protect these woods with the Glen Ellyn Park District and the Village of Glen Ellyn. The cooperative agreement between the DuPage County Forest Preserve, the Downers Grove Park District and the Village of Downers Grove to preserve Lyman Woods benefits all parties involved. I believe something similar here in Glen Ellyn would be an excellent way to preserve our woods.

Experts from the Morton Arboretum and other organizations visited Ackerman Woods last week and they agreed that despite years of neglect and no maintenance, the woods have been largely, and surprisingly spared from invasives and non-natives. With wetlands bordering the north and south, this is unique property. A partnership to save Ackerman Woods would be an excellent addition to the forest preserve.

Thank you,

Melissa Creech  
Glen Ellyn, IL