

# Agenda

## October 30, 2007

### 1. Welcome/Introductions

### 2. Visioning discussion points

- a. Definition of open space?
  - Definition on screen is a starting point.
    - Areas devoid of buildings and structures, other than recreational and trail facilities and uses accessory thereto, that is in a natural or primarily natural state, contains significant environmental, ecological, aesthetic, or cultural features that warrant protection, and areas already permanently protected.
  - I believe this definition takes into account the varied types of open space, municipal & county, existing & proposed.
  - Seeking discussion and comments to agree on a definition today that will be used in the text of the plan.
- b. What does the Committee want to consider as open space?
  - Rivers? (w/ buffer?)
  - Floodplains? (w/ buffer?)
  - Streams? (w/ buffer?)
  - Wetlands? (w/ buffer?)
  - Illinois Natural Areas Inventory (INAI) sites?
  - Forested areas?
  - Burial grounds?
  - Endangered species?
  - Historical sites?
  - Grasslands?
- c. What qualifies as permanently protected/preserved open space?
  - Ownership by public agency
  - Conservation easement
  - Open Space from subdivision developments
    - Do we show? Minimum acres to show?
    - Deed restrictions aren't typically perpetual, so not permanently protected

### 3. Map discussion (break into small groups & go through & discuss)

- a. Review of draft map
  - How it was created
  - Information included, to date
  - What we're still working on
- b. Major map categories would be. Here are the ideas:
  - Existing Open Space (preserved, public)
  - Existing Open Space (preserved, **private**) – such as conservation easements
  - Open Space Opportunities (as defined by government plans)
  - Additional Open Space Opportunities (ones recognized by Committee, where a government entity has not yet identified it)
    - How can we be a bit more ambitious than the plans already adopted
- c. Additional Open Space Opportunities

4. **Next Meeting?** - November 20<sup>th</sup>?

5. **Adjourn**