

Forest Preserves of Cook County Existing Characteristics and Conditions

Figure 1. Survey results as of 2012 (University of Illinois, Office of Recreation and Park Resources)

Ecosystem characteristics		Acres
Natural lands, total		55,000
Natural lands under active restoration management		21,000
Natural lands not currently under active management		34,000
Prairie		1,000
Forest		6,700
Wetland		2,800
Woodland		13,200
Grassland		5,000
Altered natural areas (reforested areas, hayfields, etc.)		24,000
Lakes/ponds (estimated)		2,000
Number of rivers/creeks	13	
Number of lakes/ponds	40	

Figure 2. Chart by Audubon. In [The 2007-08 Cook County Land Audit: Results and Summary to Date](#). Chicago: The Habitat Project, 2010, 3.

Priority Conservation Areas

Current health of their intact native plant systems

