

FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF DUPAGE COUNTY
BLACKWELL FOREST PRESERVE
URBAN STREAM RESEARCH CENTER/
RECREATION AND ARCHERY COMPLEX
PUBLIC INFORMATION AND INPUT MEETING OF AUGUST 6, 2009

<u>Audience Question/Comment</u>	<u>Forest Preserve Response</u>
Where will you be restocking the river?	We have not decided those types of things yet. We are now looking at habitat we created, and in such assessment we understand and choose niche habitat where releases should take place. Mussels and fish move around. Tributaries are utilized. We will be stocking areas throughout the West Branch of the DuPage River as we do additional research.
After all the Superfund remediation, will the river be altered again to better habitat these new fish?	No, it is unlikely. Those areas have been restored and are healing. Streams move sediment. Raw materials are put out there, and the stream is moving them where they are supposed to be. However, other projects will be starting up to restore other stretches of the river.
From 1996 to 2008, we, as homeowners, experienced increased stormwater coming in our house measuring levels of up to 2 feet. Who is paying for this project? Are you raising the taxes? This should be undertaken by a university, not a forest preserve district. Your mission should be to have a forest. You now have more excuses to buy more equipment and hire more people on our local nickel. We are going through the same thing regarding the maintenance facility you want to build in Warrenville.	The National Oceanic Atmospheric Association (NOAA) has provided a grant to fund 100% of the project. The aquatic research facility is being run on no tax dollars. I believe we can run this research center on donations.
Did I read in the newspaper that we received a \$3 million grant to build this research center?	It was a \$10 million grant, which goes back to the Superfund project. Dennis Hastert secured a grant to provide to DuPage County. This is a proposal of the Forest Preserve District.
Why do the drawings show a dotted line on the west elevation of the building?	That is for future expansion for educational work with local schools when the facility gets up and running, and is not part of this project. We did not have enough money to do all of our objectives, and first wanted to see how vested people were in working with aquatic restoration.

	Research facilities at Loyola and the University of Illinois expressed an interest in this project, and have a potential interest in paying for space in this facility. It is through these means that we intend to keep operating.
Do your plans call for a 6-inch domestic water line and a 3-inch natural gas line?	The gas line measures 2 inches. We are utilizing and tying into the present facility. Electric service will be three-phase. The 6-inch water main is necessary because it is a public facility that must be sprinkled.
How much do you anticipate pumping from a well, and will it affect other wells in the area? What will be the depth of your well?	We do not think it will affect other wells in the area. Capacity is 7,500 gallons, which means 1,500 gallons per week would have to be recharged. That amounts to 200 gallons per day; the average house uses 150 gallons. The well depth has not yet been determined.
I resided at the Cenacle for 15 years. At one point the water was so bad that we had it tested and it was found to contain toxic materials from Mt. Hoy, so we had to get City water.	The Forest Preserve and consultants have done monitoring around Mt. Hoy, and no contamination was found. The wells were recently tested and found to be acceptable.
I watched Springbrook Creek deteriorate in the 1960's to the point where it was dry during the summertime. Last year it was 20 feet wide, with erosion, and it had silt and green gook in it. I watched the mussels disappear. I am happy to see what you are doing. Are you doing anything to shore up the brook to keep from further erosion?	The general public can be involved. We are looking for people that want to be a part of restoring this community. That is how we chose Springbrook Creek as a source of water. It provides us with a basis for testing an aggressive chemistry. We have discovered medicines and hormones in it, which have deleterious effects.
What do you estimate as the cost of construction? How many acres have you acquired in the Cenacle property? How much of that space will the facility comprise? How much impervious surface will exist onsite?	The project will cost \$2.5 million. Acquisition of the Cenacle property adds 41 acres to the Forest Preserve. The research center footprint measures 6,000 square feet. A little over ½ acre will be impervious surface.
What are your plans for future development?	We plan to demolish the Cenacle building and make trail improvements to connect Rockwell with the Regional Trail along the river.
Will you preserve the prayer labyrinth?	We will take that into consideration.
How will you get utilities to the area?	We will access by directional boring under Springbrook Creek, with two portholes.
With a \$10 million grant and the Stimulus Plan, why haven't you given more consideration to building a green-friendly building, using more recycled materials? If	We have budgetary constraints. This is one project of many that was approved. Green concepts are integrated into the design, in the event we have additional money. We feel we have arrived at a good price for

<p>Hubble Middle School can do it, when is the Forest Preserve going to start going green? You are missing a golden opportunity to utilize rebates, solar energy, wind generators, permeable pavers in the parking lot, and teaching the public in general.</p>	<p>this project, and for it to function, and have tried to incorporate many LEED-type applications.</p>
<p>Dennis Hastert has been out of office for 2-1/2 years. You have had all of such time, and you couldn't get any green recovery for this building?</p>	<p>We have written eight proposals and have been funded on none of them. We do not have a grant-writing department.</p>
<p>Regarding the 100-year flood data, is that information current? Do you anticipate that in the future something may change?</p>	<p>We will stand behind the statement that the restoration that was done did not contribute to the flooding. The fact is that we have received an inordinate amount of water. We have a great relationship with the treatment plant.</p>