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Advertisement for Quotes

The Forest Preserve District of Will County will receive quotes until 4:00 p.m. Central Time. on July 25, 2025, for the following project:

2025 Hay management project

This project generally includes an opportunity to submit a quote on two (2) separate hay areas in Channahon and DuPage Townships of Will County.

For information and to register and download the Request for Quote documents, please visit our website at www.ReconnectWithNature.org. Participants must register in full to be eligible to receive addenda.

Quotes must be submitted in accordance with the Request for Quote, which may be obtained beginning July 8, 2025, by contacting the Project Manager, Judith Wallace, at (815) 722-9372 or jwallace@fpdwc.org.



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Request for Quote

Project: Late Hay Management Project at McKinley Woods Preserve: McDonald Farm
 3-year Project, 2025-2027

Date: July 7, 2025

Contact: Judith Wallace

Phone, E-mail: 815-722-9372, jwallace@fpdwc.org, 815-722-3609 (Fax)

The Forest Preserve District of Will County requests a quote from your company to complete the following grassland management project at McKinley Woods Preserve: McDonald Farm property. The successful contractor will be required to provide proof of liability insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000, and the Forest Preserve District of Will County must be listed as additionally insured. Please provide your quote total as a sum of the activities described below. Carefully read the attached Technical Specifications for the details of this management project and the quote instructions.

Potential winning quotes will be selected based on the following criteria: 1) best total bid amount, 2) past compliance with the Forest Preserve’s contracts, hay contracts or farm license agreements (e.g., compliance with project specifications, timely payments, etc.), and 3) if tied quotes are received, the order of receiving the quotes. Payment is due to the Forest Preserve before July 30 of each year. If payment is not received by that date, the project may be awarded to another contractor.

Item	Description	Qty	Unit price per Year	Total
1	McKinley Woods Preserve: McDonald Farm, 45 acres	3 years: 2025-2027	/Yr.	
Quote Total (you pay FPDWC)				

Please Return Via Fax or E-mail by July 25, 2025 to the contact noted above.

Work shall be completed by December 31, 2025

Company _____

Contact Person _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Address _____

Phone _____ FAX _____ E-mail _____

Please check here if you are unable to quote at this time but wish to be contacted in the future for similar work.

Technical Specifications for Late Hay Management, 2025-2027

McKinley Woods Preserve: McDonald Farm

1. Bidders shall be familiar with the project area and local conditions affecting the work including project site and surrounding area, means of access, potential obstacles, and vegetation composition. Constructive knowledge of the project area by visiting the site is strongly recommended prior to preparing a bid. A map of the areas is included in this quote document. The Forest Preserve will not be responsible for any change in anticipated profits resulting from such failure or neglect.
2. This management project is primarily for the cutting and baling of grass hay. Annual haying shall be done **after August 15**. Cutting after this date will minimize the impact on grassland birds. A second cutting must be approved by the Forest Preserve. The contractor shall only hay the areas indicated by the Forest Preserve. If the contractor fails to adhere to the hay area maps and directives, the contractor shall be considered out of compliance. If the contractor has a challenge remaining in compliance with the Hay Management project, they must contact the project manager at the Forest Preserve immediately
3. Bales may remain on-site for a maximum of 30 days. If bales are left on site for more than 30 days, the contractor shall be considered out of compliance. Bales left on site shall be considered abandoned and property of the Forest Preserve. If the contractor has a challenge remaining in compliance with the Hay Management project as described in the quote documents, they must contact the project manager at the Forest Preserve immediately.
4. All the designated hay management areas must be hayed or mowed at least once per year, **after August 15**. Areas with small woody vegetation that are unable to be hayed, shall be brush mowed to a height of 6 inches to 9 inches in height.
5. The tractor, mower deck, rake and other equipment used in the hay management areas shall be washed with a soapy solution until clean before being brought onto Forest Preserve property to reduce the introduction of undesirable seeds, diseases, and plant materials. Mower blades must be sharp enough to cut vegetation cleanly.
6. Work shall not be done when wet soil conditions cause rutting to occur. Any ruts greater than 3" deep must be leveled.
7. Contractors may not conduct seeding, nutrient, or pesticide applications in the management area, except as approved in advance by a Forest Preserve representative.

Instructions for completing the quote form

1. The Unit Price is the annual amount you are offering, and that is the amount due annually, for three years. The Total is the Unit Price multiplied by 3 (3-year project.)
2. Annual payments are due by **July 30th**. Payment shall be sent to:

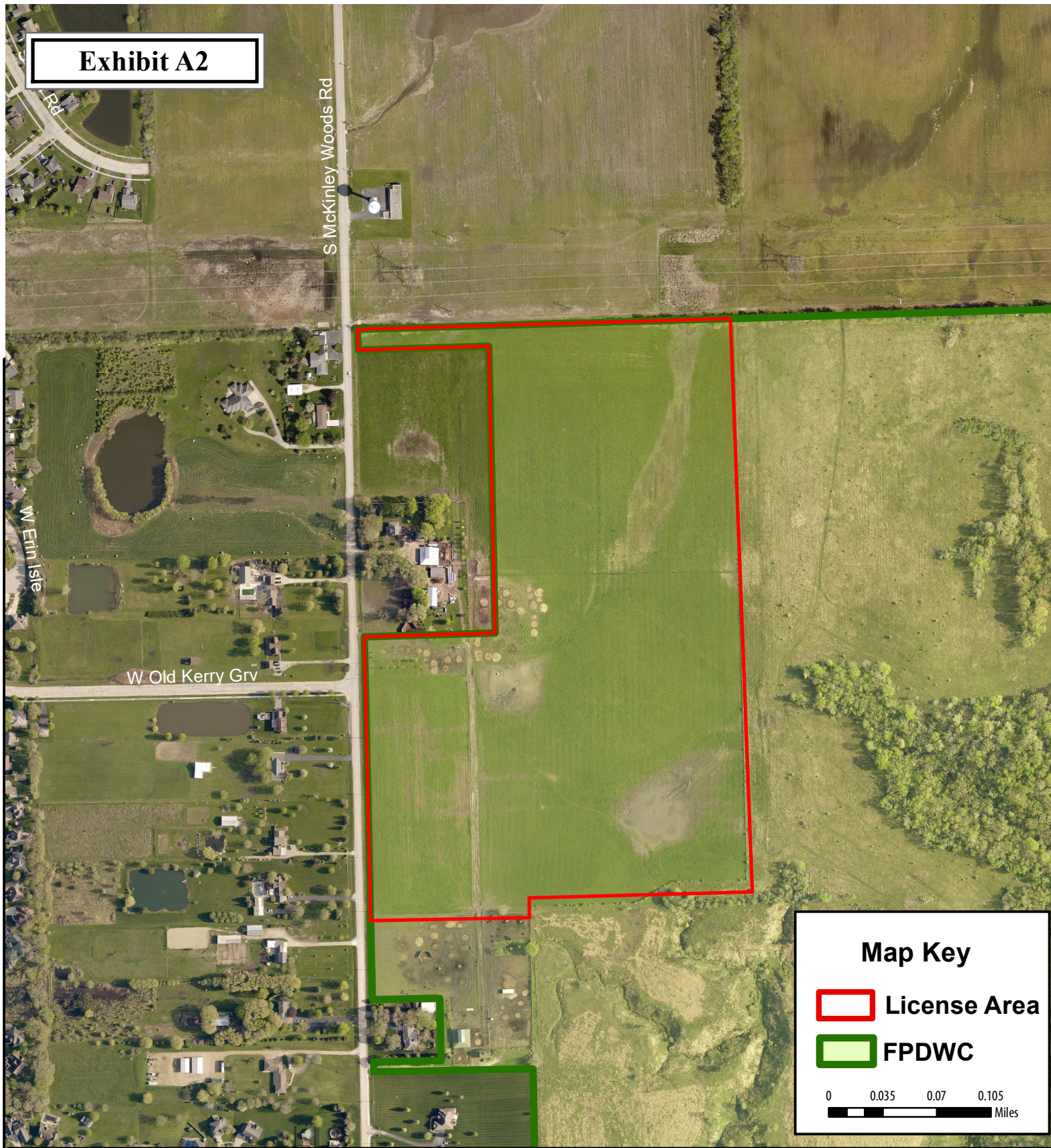
Sugar Creek Administrative Center
17540 W Laraway Rd.
Joliet, IL 60433
Attn: Judith Wallace

The Forest Preserve District of Will County is not responsible for misinterpretation of the Late Hay Management Project at McKinley Woods Preserve, 3-year Project, 2025-2027.



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Exhibit A2



Map Key

-  License Area
-  FPDWC

0 0.035 0.07 0.105 Miles



**McKinley Woods Preserve:
McDonald Farm Hay License Map**

45 Acres / Late Hay
2025-2027 License Term

Forest Preserve District of Will County

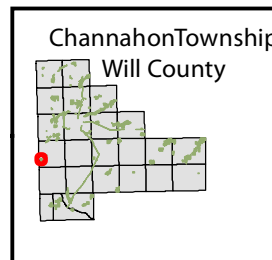


Exhibit A1



Map Key

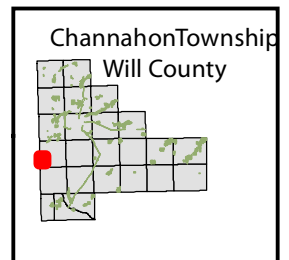
 License Area

 FPDWC

0 0.09 0.18 0.27 Miles



McKinley Woods Preserve:
McDonald Farm Hay Location Map
45 Acres / Late Hay
2025-2027 License Term
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Project: Late Hay Management Project at DuPage River Confluence Preserve, East:
 3-year Project, 2025-2027

Date: July 7, 2025

Contact: Judith Wallace

Phone, E-mail, Fax: 815-722-9372, jwallace@fpdwc.org, 815-722-3609 (Fax)

The Forest Preserve District of Will County requests a quote from your company to complete the following grassland management project at DuPage River Confluence Preserve East. The successful contractor will be required to provide proof of liability insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000, and the Forest Preserve District of Will County must be listed as additionally insured. Please provide your quote total as a sum of the activities described below. Each late hay site shall be awarded individually. Carefully read the attached Technical Specifications for the details on this management project and the quote instructions.

Potential winning quotes will be selected based on the following criteria: 1) best total bid amount, 2) past compliance with the Forest Preserve’s contracts, hay contracts or farm license agreements (e.g., compliance with project specifications, timely payments, etc.), and 3) if tied quotes are received, the order of receiving the quotes. Payment is due to the Forest Preserve before **July 30** of each year. If payment is not received by that date, the project may be awarded to another contractor.

Item	Description	Qty	Unit price	Total
1	DuPage River Confluence Preserve East, 71 acres	3 years: 2025-2027	/ Yr.	
Quote Total (you pay FPDWC)				

Please Return Via Fax or E-mail by **July 25, 2025** to the contact noted above.

Work shall be completed by **December 31, 2025**

Company _____

Contact Person _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Address _____

Phone _____ FAX _____ E-mail _____

Please check here if you are unable to quote at this time but wish to be contacted in the future for similar work.

Technical Specifications for Late Hay Management, 2025-2027

DuPage River Confluence Preserve East

1. Bidder shall be familiar with the project area and local conditions affecting the work including project site and surrounding area, means of access, potential obstacles, and vegetation composition. Constructive knowledge of the project area by visiting the site is strongly recommended prior to preparing a bid. A map of the areas is included in this quote document. The Forest Preserve will not be responsible for any change in anticipated profits resulting from such failure or neglect.
2. This management project is primarily for the cutting and baling of grass hay. Annual haying shall be done **after August 15**. A second cutting must be approved by the Forest Preserve. The contractor shall only hay the areas indicated by the Forest Preserve. If the contractor fails to adhere to the hay area maps and directives, the contractor shall be considered out of compliance. If the contractor has a challenge remaining in compliance with the Hay Management project, they must contact the project manager at the Forest Preserve immediately
3. Bales may remain on-site for a maximum of 30 days. If bales are left on site more than 30 days, the contractor shall be considered out of compliance. Bales left on site shall be considered abandoned and property of the Forest Preserve. If the contractor has a challenge remaining in compliance with the Hay Management project as described in the quote documents, they must contact the project manager at the Forest Preserve immediately.
4. All the designated hay management areas must be hayed or mowed at least once per year, **after August 15**. Areas with small woody vegetation that are unable to be hayed, shall be brush mowed to a height of 6 inches to 9 inches in height.
5. The tractor, mower deck, rake and other equipment used in the hay management areas shall be washed with a soapy solution until clean before being brought onto Forest Preserve property to reduce the introduction of undesirable seeds, diseases, and plant materials. Mower blades must be sharp enough to cut vegetation cleanly.
6. Work shall not be done when wet soil conditions cause rutting to occur. Any ruts greater than 3" deep must be leveled.
7. Contractor may not conduct seeding, nutrient, or pesticide applications in the management area, except as approved in advance by a Forest Preserve representative.

Instructions for completing the quote form

1. Quotes will be accepted for one or both locations. Each hay site (line item) shall be awarded individually. The Unit Price is the annual amount you are offering, and that is the amount due annually, for three years. The Total is the Unit Price multiplied by 3 (3-year project.)

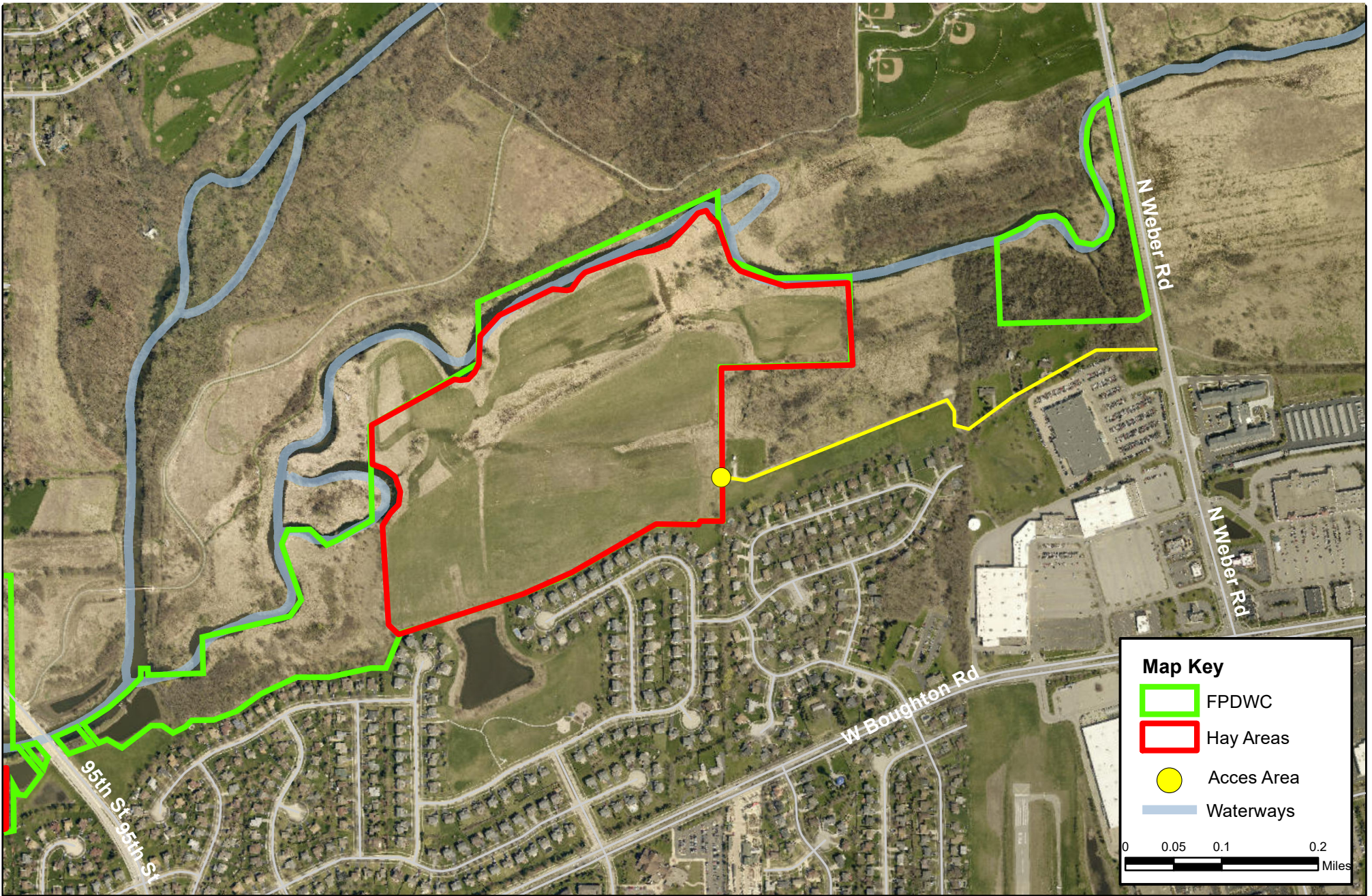
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DuPage River Confluence Preserve, East

2025 Hay Field Location - Late Hay

Forest Preserve District of Will County

