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The purpose of this letter is to encourage the DuPage County Forest Preserve Board members to vote to postpone proceeding further with plans to construct a Fleet Maintenance Facility at the current proposed site on Mack Rd. We understand that this issue is up for vote at the December 21, 2010 Board meeting.

The League of Women Voters has defined state and national positions on specific issues. Some positions directly apply to the Forest Preserve's proposed construction of a maintenance facility at Blackwell/McKee Marsh. Specifically:

- Public participation in decision making as an essential element of responsible management of natural resources;
- Resource conservation and long-range planning that is shared by all levels of government;
- Orderly growth, while preserving the environment... at every stage, allowing for citizens input; and
- Conservation of natural resources must be the established policy...

Based on these positions, the undersigned local Leagues have concerns about the construction of a Fleet Maintenance Facility at Blackwell/McKee Marsh. Consequently, we request that you delay action on this issue until there has been time for further public participation. We understand that a request has been made for a small group two-way discussion of citizen concerns. We encourage you to arrange such a discussion and to postpone further action on this issue until this discussion has occurred.

We understand that the Forest Preserve District is exempt from County zoning regulations but we do not believe that this exempts the District from being good neighbors. The proposed Mack Rd site is in an area zoned residential; no business would be allowed to build such a building in this location. As you review citizen concerns, we ask that you consider building this facility on a site that is zoned for business use.

The League of Women Voters of Glen Ellyn, Naperville and Wheaton value our extensive network of Forest Preserve land. We appreciate the work of this Board in preserving this valuable open space for public use. We also understand the need for updated fleet maintenance facilities. We sincerely hope that this Board



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can create a win-win situation by postponing a final decision until public concerns can be reviewed and other sites assessed before final plans are made to proceed with this project.

Sincerely,

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