

**RESOLUTION ENDORSING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
KENDALL COUNTY OPEN SPACE AND NATURAL AREAS PLAN**

WHEREAS, a Steering Committee comprised of a wide range of public and private partners, including representatives from Kendall County, collaborated to form a unified vision for the protection of open space and natural areas in Kendall County; and

WHEREAS, this vision known as the Kendall County Open Space and Natural Areas Plan has been reviewed by the public during five different Public Information Meetings held in January 2006 and in traveling displays in several libraries throughout the county in February 2006; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Kendall County overwhelmingly support protecting open space and natural areas in the community, as evidenced by passage of an open space referendum in 2002; and

WHEREAS, polling in 2005 with Protect Kendall Now's public awareness campaign shows even greater public support and agreement that open space is an urgent issue; and

WHEREAS, more open space will result in many environmental benefits for the community including stormwater runoff and flooding abatement, better water quality and groundwater recharge, continued wildlife habitat, and higher air quality; and

WHEREAS, more open space can improve the health of the community's residents; and

WHEREAS, more open space can enhance property values, tourism, provide water quality protection and erosion prevention, and result in fewer public expenditures for engineered stormwater management and flooding control; and


WHEREAS, a unified plan developed through consensus will result in better and more cost effective open space protection for Kendall County residents; and

WHEREAS, Kendall County regulates development and can increase the success of this Plan's implementation;

WHEREAS, it would be advantageous for Kendall County and The Conservation Foundation and other not-for-profit land conservation organizations to work to implement this Plan;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Kendall County endorses this vision for their community and agrees to work cooperatively on the implementation of the Kendall County Open Space and Natural Areas Plan.

Passed by Kendall County on May 16, 2006.



John Church
County Board Chairman



Clerk

Vote:

YES 10

NO 0

ABSTENTIONS 0