

Sandra Hart

Lake County Board and Forest Preserve Board Commissioner

List of Board Achievements, 2013-present

Lake County Board

- Vice-Chair, Health & Community Services; Vice-Chair, Ethics; Member, Planning, Building, and Development; Member, Law & Judicial; Member, Rules Committee
- Additional appointment and representation: Member of Stormwater Management Commission; Housing & Community Development Commission; Lake County Opioid Initiative; Behavioral Health Treatment Court Collaborative; Sexual Assault Coordinating Council; SWALCO (alternate)
- I led the successful effort to televise Finance Committee meetings
- I am the appointed Lake County representative on the White House's task force on jail diversion for persons living with mental illness
- Increased shared services agreements to save money and collaborate with other local government bodies
- Promoting increased communication and transparency connection with citizens.
- Privatization of Winchester that eliminates cost to taxpayers while sustaining our mission.
- Pushed back on unfunded state mandates that would have negatively impacted taxpayers
- Promoted environmental sustainability and protection of Great Lakes.
- Working with justice partners to promote a unified and effective strategy in the treatment of mental illness
- Partnered with Shields, Libertyville, and Fremont Townships, providing transportation for disabled and senior residents
- Hiring of Sustainability Coordinator for Lake County
- Creation of the 2015-2019 Consolidated Action Plan for Housing Community Development Commission
- Updated zoning ordinances to reflect increased interest in local food opportunities and sustainability
- I voted against bringing video gaming to the unincorporated areas of Lake County
- I led the effort to stop the inhumane sideshow of the Banana Derby at the Lake County Fair

Lake County Forest Preserve District

- Chair of Ethics; Member of Finance; Member of Planning & Restoration
- Completed the Des Plaines River Trail after 54 years, a 31 mile trail winding through 12 forest preserves
- Establishing 100 year Strategic Plan and capital improvement planning for 10 year horizon.
- Acquisition of over 800 acres of additional Forest Preserve property for a total of 30,800 acres protected!

- Hired New Executive Director to restructure and model government for sustainability within new economic reality.
- Protecting public access to the lakefront at Fort Sheridan Forest Preserve
- Continued focus on improving public access to preserves through trail connections, tunnels, and restoration
- Partnering with other organizations to protect and monitor threatened and endangered species
- Partnership with Army Corps of Engineers for the restoration of lakefront habitat at Fort Sheridan
- Partnering with private and public groups to expand oak habitat and eradicate buckthorn throughout Lake County
- Trimming capital assets, lowering maintenance costs and increasing efficiency
- Reorganizing museum to increase sustainability and consolidate offerings

Outreach

- Sixteen Open Office Hours across the county
- Six seminars on how to appeal property assessments
- Presentations on non-motorized transportation and bike paths in Lake County
- Stormwater presentation at CLCJAWA
- Veteran support with Lake County Veteran & Family Services
- Working with colleagues on the Point-in-Time Count towards our goal of zero chronic homelessness by 2016