

EGGERS WOODS
FOREST PRESERVE

The woodlands, savannas and wetlands of Eggers Woods are among the highest quality natural areas found within the Calumet Open Space Reserve **1 2 3 4**. The presence of existing natural areas, with basic native species intact, is a boon to this region where there are great quantities of open space but most are in degraded condition.

In presettlement times, Eggers Woods consisted of black oak savanna on the west side, oak-dominated woodland to the east, and a great amount of marshland. This is one of the few remaining marshes in the entire Chicago metropolitan region where yellow-headed blackbirds and Virginia rails nest. Its varied natural areas make it attractive for migrating birds as well.

Eggers Woods' ecological significance is increased by its neighbor to the south, the William Powers Conservation Area (site 88, p. 127) owned by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. These two areas are separated by only a short distance of a few blocks from the Powderhorn Lake, Marsh and Prairie complex (site 64, p. 104) farther south, making a large block of almost-contiguous green space.

The Burnham Greenway runs along the west border of Eggers Woods Forest Preserve. On the other side of the greenway lies the Eggers Woods Water Pocket **5**. Found east of the dead-end of 118th Street, this property would protect a small pocket of wetland and increase the size of the overall protected area.



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ADDRESS 11200 S Avenue E
OWNER City of Chicago (acquisition underway), Forest Preserve District of Cook County
ACREAGE 205.13

HABITATS
1 Forest/Woodland
2 3 4 5 Wetland
6 Potential Habitat

DIRECTIONS Entrance to Eggers Woods is off of 112th Street by the Burnham Greenway. The access road and parking lots wind south through the preserve.

