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Discover the Rich History of the I & M Canal at “Learn from the Experts” Lecture Series

GENEVA, IL — The Forest Preserve District of Kane County invites you to “Learn from the Experts” at “The I & M Canal - Connecting Illinois Farms to the Nation and the World,” on Saturday, Aug. 23, from 9:30 - 11:00 a.m., at the Barbara Belding Lodge in St. Charles.

Join Dr. Norm Moline, a historical geographer with experience in historic preservation, as he recounts the history of the Illinois and Michigan Canal, and its designation in 1984 as the nation’s first National Heritage Area — a program of the National Park Service.

The I & M Canal opened in 1848, and helped spur the development of Illinois. Connecting the Illinois River and Mississippi River watersheds with the Great Lakes, the canal transported products to distant places and dramatically expanded the link between farms and cities. Discover unique facts and leave with a newfound appreciation of Illinois’ national heritage.

Learn from the Experts (LFE) programs are classes about local ecology, sponsored by the Forest Preserve District of Kane County, the St. Charles Park District and the Geneva Park District. Taught by agency staff, or other top experts, LFEs offer insightful information about topics that impact Kane County.

This program is for ages 18 and above. The fee is \$10/person. Advance registration is required. To register, visit www.kaneforest.com/register, call 630-444-3190 or email programs@kaneforest.com.

The Barbara Belding Lodge is located within Brewster Creek Forest Preserve at 6N921 IL Rte. 25, St. Charles. For more information, visit www.kaneforest.com or find us on social by searching @forestpreserve.