



**FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF COOK COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**Cook County Building, Board Room,
118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois**

BOARD AGENDA

Tuesday, April 25, 2023, 10:00 AM

CONSENT CALENDAR

Pursuant to Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code, the Secretary to the Board of Commissioners hereby transmits Consent Calendar Resolutions for your consideration. The Consent Calendar Resolutions shall be published in the Journal of Proceedings as prepared by the Secretary of the Board.

23-0310

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), JOHN P. DALEY, BILL LOWRY, BRIDGET GAINER, STANLEY MOORE, SEAN M. MORRISON, DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, SCOTT R. BRITTON, ALMA E. ANAYA, KEVIN B. MORRISON, DONNA MILLER, FRANK J. AGUILAR, JOSINA MORITA, MONICA GORDON, ANTHONY J. QUEZADA and MAGGIE TREVOR, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION**HONORING COMMISSIONER BRANDON JOHNSON**

WHEREAS, Commissioner Brandon Johnson will vacate his seat on the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners to become the fifty-seventh mayor of the City of Chicago in the near future after over 4 years of service as a Forest Preserves of Cook County Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, it is the mission of the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") "to acquire, restore and manage lands for the purpose of protecting and preserving public open space with its natural wonders, significant prairies, forests, wetlands, rivers, streams, and other landscapes with all of its associated wildlife, in a natural state for the education, pleasure and recreation of the public now and in the future"; and

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserves was founded over one hundred years ago, currently spans almost seventy thousand acres across Cook County making it one of the largest urban open space organizations in the nation experiencing millions of visits annually, and contributes immeasurably to the quality of life of residents of Cook County, and scientific research and conservation; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Johnson has led as the Vice-Chair of the Committee on Labor, Vice-Chair of the Committee on Capital Development & Ecological Restoration, and Vice-Chair of the Committee on Recreation & Engagement; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Johnson has also served on the Committees on Finance, Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations, Real Estate, Law Enforcement, the Botanic Garden, Contract Compliance, Pension, and on the Subcommittee on Litigation where his contributions and insights have aided the Forest Preserves in advancement of its mission and improved the quality of life for Cook County residents and Forest Preserves visitors; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Johnson, a dedicated public servant, made his mark on the Forest Preserves

for generations to come in many ways including sponsoring Resolution 21-0532. The resolution placed the Clear Air, Clean Water, and Wildlife Habitat Protection question on all Cook County voters' ballots in November 2022, a measure that passed with 69% of the vote; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Johnson is a fierce champion for equity, who ceaselessly advocates for marginalized and disenfranchised communities. He is not only extremely responsive to constituents' requests, but also actively seeks to make the Forest Preserves more inclusive of communities that often face obstacles with accessibility; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Johnson approaches policy decisions with a holistic and equitable lens resulting in well-reasoned and sound public policy that advocates for communities that have experienced historic racialized disinvestment; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Johnson leads by his example, using practices with his family that protect the land, including bicycling and public transportation, respect for nature and wildlife, energy efficient electricity use, composting, recycling, and water conservation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that President, Toni Preckwinkle and members of the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby extend their sincere and grateful appreciation to Commissioner Brandon Johnson for his exemplary service on the Board and wish him the best for continued success, happiness, and good health in the years to come; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and a suitable copy of the same be tendered to Commissioner Brandon Johnson.

23-0309

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), JOHN P. DALEY, BILL LOWRY, BRIDGET GAINER, STANLEY MOORE, SEAN M. MORRISON, DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGENEN, SCOTT R. BRITTON, BRANDON JOHNSON, ALMA E. ANAYA, KEVIN B. MORRISON, DONNA MILLER, FRANK J. AGUILAR, JOSINA MORITA, MONICA GORDON, ANTHONY J. QUEZADA and MAGGIE TREVOR, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING THE CAREER AND HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF STEPHEN HUGHES

WHEREAS, Stephen has provided over 40 years of public service in local government agencies including as the Managing Deputy Comptroller for the City of Chicago, the Chief Financial Officer for the Chicago Park District, the Deputy Director of Cook County's Enterprise Resource Planning Department, and most recently the Chief Financial Officer of the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves"); and

WHEREAS, in his role with the Forest Preserves, Stephen was responsible for managing all financial

affairs and administrative functions related to personnel, purchasing, risk management and financial accounting; and

WHEREAS, soon after arriving at the Forest Preserves, he discovered a substantial pension and structural budget deficit, and spent the next several years helping to identify and analyze over fifty initiatives and options to reduce costs and raise revenues, ultimately advocating to find a sustainable source of revenue to avoid reducing programs and services; and

WHEREAS, Stephen was instrumental in making the case for a tax referendum, which voters approved in 2022, providing critical funds to care for nature, improve outdoor recreation amenities, maintain infrastructure, and stabilize the Forest Preserves' pension fund; and

WHEREAS, his focus on fiscal responsibility, transparency, and accountability helped build the case that the Forest Preserves could be trusted to spend taxpayer funds efficiently and effectively; and

WHEREAS, Stephen has a Master's Degree in Business Administration from the University of Illinois at Chicago and a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Illinois State University. He serves as a Trustee and Board Secretary for the Cook County and Forest Preserve Annuity and Benefit Funds. He is also a member of the Cook County and Forest Preserve Deferred Compensation Committee and has previously served on the Board of the Chicago Municipal Credit Union; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career Stephen has helped ensure taxpayer funds were spent efficiently by effectively managing budgets, outsourcing government operations where appropriate, and overseeing complex operations and functions, including procurement, accounting, information technology and budgeting; and

WHEREAS, Stephen is an avid and accomplished runner and has completed four (4) marathons, two (2) half marathons and one (1) half triathlon. In his retirement, he will continue running and looks forward to spending time with his family, including his wife, children and grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, in the words of General Superintendent, Arnold Randall, "Steve is not only a highly competent professional; he is a quiet, hardworking, honest and decent man who served the public for forty years. I am deeply grateful for his service and wish him a long and happy retirement."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that President, Toni Preckwinkle, along with the members of the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners, and on behalf of all citizens of Cook County, do hereby congratulate Stephen Hughes on a long career of public service and thank him for his many contributions to the Forest Preserves of Cook County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be tendered to Stephen Hughes in recognition of his career, contributions to the Forest Preserves of Cook County and his passion for public service.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Authorization as a public speaker shall only be granted to those individuals who have registered, with the Secretary, to speak 24 hours in advance of the meeting. To register as a public speaker, go to the meeting details page for this meeting at <https://fpdcc.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx> to find a registration link. Duly authorized public speakers may speak live from the County Board Room at 118 N. Clark Street, 5th Floor, Chicago, IL or be sent a link to virtually attend the meeting and will be called upon to deliver testimony at a time specified in the meeting agenda. Authorized public speakers who are not present during the specified time for public testimony will forfeit their allotted time to speak at the meeting. Public testimony must not exceed three minutes; the Secretary will keep track of the time and advise when the time for public testimony has expired. After each virtual speaker has completed their statement, they will be removed from the meeting. Once removed, you will still be able to follow the proceedings for that day at:

<https://www.cookcountyil.gov/service/watch-live-board-proceedings> or in a viewing area at 69 W. Washington Street, 22nd Floor Conference Room F, Chicago, IL. Persons authorized to provide public testimony shall not use vulgar, abusive, discriminatory, profane, or otherwise inappropriate language when addressing the Board; failure to act appropriately; or failure to adhere to the time requirements may result in expulsion from the meeting and/or disqualify the person from providing future testimony. Written comments will not be read aloud at the meeting, but will be posted on the meeting page and made a part of the meeting record.

PRESIDENT**23-0301****Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent**PROPOSED APPOINTMENT****Appointee(s):** Damon Howell**Position:** Acting Treasurer**Department/Board/Commission:** Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves")**Effective date:** May 1, 2023**Expiration date:** Upon the appointment of a permanent Treasurer

Per the Forest Preserves Code of Ordinances, Section 1-6-3-A, the Treasurer is considered the Chief Financial Officer of the Forest Preserves.

[23-0298](#)

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZED SIGNATORIES

WHEREAS, the FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF COOK COUNTY (the “Forest Preserves”) has authorized various banks as depositories of its accounts; and

WHEREAS, from time to time, the Forest Preserves may also seek to open lines of credit or purchase appeal bonds from various insurers, bond companies or other institutions to cover the costs of judgments against the Forest Preserves in the event the Forest Preserves, upon Board approval, decides to appeal such judgments; and

WHEREAS, the various banks that serve as depositories of the Forest Preserves’ accounts require the manual or facsimile signature of duly elected or appointed Officers of the Forest Preserves for the warrants, checks drafts or other orders on these accounts; and

WHEREAS, the various insurers, bond companies and other institutions with whom the Forest Preserves may seek to open a line of credit, or from whom the Forest Preserves may seek to purchase an appeal bond, may require the manual or facsimile signatures of duly elected or appointed Officers of the Forest Preserves in order to allow the Forest Preserves to establish lines of credit or purchase appeals bonds; and

WHEREAS, from time to time, based on changes in Forest Preserves personnel, it is necessary to advise banks, insurers, bond companies and other institutions of changes to the list of elected or appointed Officers of the Forest Preserves who are authorized to sign on behalf of the Forest Preserves in order to allow the Forest Preserves to issue checks, warrants or other orders with respect to Forest Preserves bank accounts; establish lines of credit; or purchase appeals bonds; and

WHEREAS, upon approval, this Resolution shall supersede the prior Resolution, Item No. 14-0438, which was approved by the Forest Preserves Board of Commissioners on September 9, 2014 regarding authorized signatures.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes, effective May 1, 2023, that the manual or facsimile signatures of any three of the following officers shall appear on all lines of credit opened; appeal bonds purchased; or warrants, checks, drafts or other orders drawn on the bank accounts or other accounts of the Forest Preserves:

PRESIDENT, TONI PRECKWINKLE

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT, ARNOLD RANDALL
 INTERIM CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, DAMON HOWELL
 ACTING TREASURER, DAMON HOWELL

provided, however, that one signature must be that of either the Acting Treasurer or the Interim Chief Financial Officer; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the banks, insurers, bond companies, sureties or other institutions authorized as lenders, depositories, or sureties of the Forest Preserves shall be entitled to honor and to charge the Forest Preserves, for such lines of credit, appeal bonds, warrants, checks, drafts or other orders whenever such documents shall be signed manually or by facsimile by any three of the following officers of the Forest Preserves:

PRESIDENT, TONI PRECKWINKLE
 GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT, ARNOLD RANDALL
 INTERIM CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, DAMON HOWELL
 ACTING TREASURER, DAMON HOWELL

provided, however, that one signature is that of the Acting Treasurer or Interim Chief Financial Officer.

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

23-0308

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

PROPOSED RESOLUTION FOR AN INFRASTRUCTURE BENEFICIARY GRANT FROM COOK COUNTY TO THE FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF COOK COUNTY, CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN, AND BROOKFIELD ZOO TO BE PAID FROM ARPA REVENUE LOSS ALLOCATION

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2021, the federal government authorized the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (“ARPA”), which includes \$1.9 trillion in federal stimulus funds to hasten the United States’ recovery from the economic and health effects caused by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, specifically, the federal government has authorized and allocated a federal award of approximately \$1,000,372,385 of ARPA funding to Cook County (“County”) to assist the County in its recovery from the economic and health effects of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on June 24, 2021, the County’s American Rescue Plan Act Framework (the “ARPA Framework”) was presented to the Cook County Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Board of Commissioners via Resolution 21-3654 accepted the ARPA federal award to assist the County in its recovery from the economic and health effects of COVID-19 in the amount of approximately \$1,000,372,385.00; and

WHEREAS, the County to date has allocated up to \$300,000,000 from its ARPA federal award for revenue loss; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to its home rule powers and in accordance with U.S. Department of Treasury ARPA guidance, the County desires to allocate \$25M of its ARPA revenue loss allocation to the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (“FPDCC”), the Chicago Horticultural Society (“Garden”), and the Chicago Zoological Society (“Zoo”) to fund various capital projects in furtherance of Cook County’s Policy Roadmap Goals and the County’s commitment to improved health and wellness, government services, and public infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 22-0637 provided that any grants issued regarding ARPA programs in an amount over \$1M shall require the approval of the Cook County Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the County is expected to seek approval to issue the above-referenced grants from the Cook County Board of Commissioners on April 27, 2023 (Cook County Board Item No. 23-2282); and

WHEREAS, the County desires to award \$10M to the FPDCC, \$10M to the Zoo, and \$5M to the Garden in the form of a Beneficiary Grant Agreement for capital projects for each entity; and

WHEREAS, the nature of the capital projects will vary based on the site, but the capital projects will improve the experience and public health of surrounding community members and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the FPDCC will institute general maintenance and upgrades to public facilities (including HVAC replacements), and build new comfort stations and rehabilitate up to 40 existing comfort stations throughout the forest preserve system; the Garden will facilitate roof replacement(s) at the Garden; and the Zoo will institute HVAC upgrades, roof repairs, and animal exhibit upgrades at the Zoo; and/or, in the case of each of the FPDCC, Garden and Zoo, such other projects as approved by the County through the County’s Bureau of Finance; and

WHEREAS, the Garden and the Zoo are not governmental entities; the property and buildings that host their programming are assets of the FPDCC, and due to the nature of these sites offering green space to the public as well as the community programming offered by these entities (governmental or otherwise), the rehabilitation of these sites falls within the scope of traditional government services and the County’s home rule powers; and

WHEREAS, the capital projects identified will be completed by year end 2026 and the completion of such projects will be monitored by the County through the Bureau of Finance and the FPDCC.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that President, Toni Preckwinkle and the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the FPDCC to accept as a sub-recipient the proposed \$10M grant designated for the FPDCC and to enter the three (3) Beneficiary Agreements described below, subject to approval of the same by the Cook County Board of Commissioners:

1. Enter into a Beneficiary Agreement with the **Zoo and the County** under which the County will grant \$10M to the Zoo to fund HVAC, roof, and animal exhibit upgrades, and/or such other project(s) at the Zoo as approved by the County through the Bureau of Finance and FPDCC. The FPDCC will monitor the use of the grant award by the Zoo and report on the completion of the identified capital projects in accordance with the Beneficiary Agreement.
2. Enter into a Beneficiary Agreement with the **Garden and the County** under which the County will grant \$5M to the Garden to facilitate roof replacement(s), and/or such other project(s) at the Garden as approved by the County through the Bureau of Finance and FPDCC. The FPDCC will monitor the use of the grant award by the Garden and report on the completion of the identified capital projects in accordance with the Beneficiary Agreement.
3. Enter into a Beneficiary Agreement with **the County** under which the County will grant \$10M to FPDCC to institute general maintenance and upgrades to public facilities (including HVAC replacements), build new comfort stations and rehabilitate up to 40 existing comfort stations, and/or such other project(s) as approved by the County through the Bureau of Finance. The Bureau of Finance will monitor the use of the grant award by the FPDCC and report on the completion of the identified capital projects in accordance with the Beneficiary Agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the capital projects included in the above-referenced Beneficiary Agreements shall be completed by year-end 2026.

23-0299

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Department: Department of Planning and Development

Other Part(ies): Public Building Commission of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois

Request: Authorization to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the Public Building Commission (“PBC”)

Goods or Services: Planning, design and construction of various building and site improvement projects on public land and facilities owned by the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”).

Agreement Number(s): N/A

Agreement Period: 4/25/2023 - 12/31/2028

Fiscal Impact: Not to exceed \$25,000,000.00. Estimated impact: FY2023 \$1,227,188.00, FY2024 \$4,956,938.00, FY2025 \$6,204,938.00, FY2026 \$6,204,938.00, FY2027 \$939,750.00, FY2028: \$799,000.00

Accounts: Professional Services 51009.520830, 51010.520830, 51027.520830, 51028.520830, 51030.520830, 51031.520830, 51033.520830; Land Improvements 51009.560019, 51010.560019, 51028.560019, 51030.560019, 51031.560019, 51033.560019; Property Maintenance and Operations 51009.560105, 51010.560105, 51027.560105, 51028.560105, 51030.560105, 51031.560105, 51033.560105; and future Construction and Development and Capital bond accounts

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: The PBC was created by Illinois state legislation in 1956 for the purpose, among others, of facilitating the development, construction, operation and maintenance of public buildings, improvements, and facilities for use by local public agencies in the furnishing of essential governmental services. Of the PBC's ten commissioners, one each is appointed by the Chicago Board of Education, the Chicago Park District, Cook County, the Forest Preserves of Cook County, and the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago.

The Forest Preserves is seeking assistance from the PBC to manage and deliver certain capital improvement projects that are being advanced in the 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan due to increased revenue from grants and the passage of the referendum. Additional support from the PBC is needed to deliver these capital improvement projects quickly without adding staff, subject to available funding. A portfolio of four (4) initial projects include: 1. a new comfort station building at the Beaubien Woods Boat Launch; 2. rehabilitation of up to sixty (60) comfort stations or indoor restrooms; 3. lighting upgrades at up to forty-five (45) locations; and 4. three (3) new metal vehicle and boat storage buildings at maintenance and resource management field locations. Additional projects may be added in the future with notice to the PBC up to the \$25 million cap, however, preliminary Forest Preserves cost estimates for the four priority projects with contingency is \$24.2 million. The PBC will coordinate with the Forest Preserves on goals for participation on Forest Preserves projects by minority and women owned businesses. Final agreement is subject to legal review and approval.

23-0019

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED GRANT AWARD

Department: Department of Planning and Development

Grantee: Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”)

Grantor: Commonwealth Edison Company (“ComEd”), Oak Brook, Illinois

Request: Authorization to accept grant

Purpose: Grant award for the construction of a new very high efficiency heating, ventilating and air conditions system for the Forest Preserves’ General Headquarters located in River Forest, Illinois.

Grant Amount: \$300,000.00

Grant Period: Date of Execution to one (1) year after completion of construction under proposed contract described in related Board Item No. 23-0018

Fiscal Impact: N/A (Revenue Generating)

Accounts: Property Maintenance & Operations Grant 51010.560105

Concurrences: The Chief Financial Officer has approved this item. Final grant agreement is subject to legal review and approval.

District(s): 9

Summary: ComEd is seeking to support the use of very high efficiency Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) systems through its Emerging Technologies grant program. The \$300,000.00 proposed grant to the Forest Preserves will support the Forest Preserves’ replacement of existing gas-fired boilers and inefficient mechanical systems at the Forest Preserves’ General Headquarters with all-electric heating, ventilating, and cooling system (see related Board Item No. 23-0018). The Forest Preserves will also be addressing building envelope deficiencies to reduce the amount of energy needed. The new system will advance the Forest Preserves’ Sustainability and Climate Resiliency Plan by reducing the Forest Preserves impact on the effects of global climate change. ComEd will provide half the grant funds upon execution of the agreement and disburse the second half upon completion of construction. The Forest Preserves will provide ComEd with energy performance data produced by the new system. The new system is designed to the requirements of ComEd’s subcontractor, the Institute for

Market Transformation (IMT), and will be monitored by IMT per the Memorandum of Understanding approved by the Board November 2, 2021 (Board Item No. 21-0479). Separate purchases of equipment for the installation were approved by the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners on March 14, 2023 (Board Item Nos. 23-0212 and 23-0213).

23-0289

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED GRANT AWARD

Department: Department of Planning and Development

Grantee: Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”)

Grantor: Illinois Department of Natural Resources

Request: Authorization to accept grant

Purpose: Authorization is sought for the Forest Preserves of Cook County to accept and enter into an agreement with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) for Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grant funding for the acquisition of three (3) parcels of land located near other recent acquisitions in Glenwood, Illinois

Grant Amount: \$946,000.00

Grant Period: 4/25/2023 - 3/31/2025

Fiscal Impact: Up to \$946,000.00 in match

Accounts: Real Estate and Land Acquisition Fund 51006.560010; and Grant Fund 51010.56010

Concurrences: The Chief Financial Officer has approved this item. Final grant agreement is subject to legal review and approval.

District(s): 5

Summary: The Forest Preserves has been awarded an LWCF grant that will support the acquisition of three (3) parcels comprising approximately 86-acres along the Deer Creek Corridor, in southeast Cook

County, Illinois. The acquisition would serve as a buffer to Deer Creek, help to improve water quality and habitat, provide flood control benefits, and provide much needed outdoor recreation opportunities in an area that lacks sufficient access to public outdoor space and nature. The proposed acquisitions advance the Forest Preserves' 2019 Southeast Cook County Land Acquisition Plan, 2012 Land Acquisition Plan, as well as its 2014 Next Century Conservation Plan.

Once the parcels have been acquired, the Forest Preserves will begin restoration and development of the sites to ensure public access, including adding parking spaces.

23-0296

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED GRANT AWARD

Department: Department of Planning and Development

Grantee: Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves")

Grantor: Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Springfield, Illinois

Request: Authorization to accept grant

Purpose: Authorization is sought for the Forest Preserves to accept and enter into an agreement with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) for Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) grant funding for acquisition of a 14.3-acre parcel in Orland Park, Illinois in Cook County.

Grant Amount: \$428,800.00

Grant Period: 5/1/2023 - 4/30/2025

Fiscal Impact: Not to Exceed \$857,600.00 in match

Accounts: Real Estate and Land Acquisition Fund 51006.560010; and Grant Fund 51010.560010

Concurrences: The Chief Financial Officer has approved this item. Final grant agreement is subject to legal review and approval.

District(s): 17

Summary: The Forest Preserves has been awarded an OSLAD grant that will support the acquisition of a 14.3-acre parcel just north of the 960-acre Orland Grassland preserve, in southwest Cook County, Illinois. The acquisition would serve as a buffer to the existing preserve, protect a portion of Marley Creek and adjacent wetlands and provide opportunities for nature exploration. The proposed acquisition advances the Forest Preserves' 2012 Land Acquisition Plan and 2014 Next Century Conservation Plan and will protect Orland Grassland - a designated Illinois Land & Water Reserve - from impacts should adjacent sites be developed as the Village of Orland Park continues to grow.

The Forest Preserves obtained a waiver of retroactivity from IDNR and acquired the parcel on December 14, 2022.

The Forest Preserves will begin restoration and development of the site to ensure public access, including adding parking spaces and an ADA-compliant path to an overlook with interpretive signage.

23-0283

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED AGREEMENT

Vendor: Chicago River Canoe & Kayak, Evanston, Illinois

Request: Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") to enter into an agreement

Reason: To provide canoe and kayak rentals at Skokie Lagoons. The Forest Preserves requested proposals through its online bidding process. The selected vendor, Chicago River Canoe & Kayak, was deemed the most responsive and responsible of two (2) respondents to operate the Skokie Lagoons boating facility, which will offer canoe and kayak rentals along with lessons to the public. Chicago River Canoe & Kayak has operated the Skokie Lagoons boating facility since 2009 and presented the strongest financial package and management plan for the coming term.

Chicago River Canoe & Kayak has agreed to pay the Forest Preserves an annual fee per year of \$21,000 in addition to 5% of gross sales.

Contract Period: Thirty-six (36) months. The initial Term of this Agreement shall be for a three (3) year initial contract with two (2) optional two-year extensions to be exercised at the discretion of the General Superintendent

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$63,000.00 + 5% of gross sales (revenue generating)

Account(s): N/A (Revenue Generating)

Contract Number(s): #74000012169

Concurrence(s): The Chief Financial Officer has approved this item. Final agreement is subject to legal review and approval.

District(s): 13

23-0270

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Department of Facilities and Fleet

Vendor: Metropolitan Industries Inc., Romeoville, Illinois

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") to enter into and execute

Good(s) or Service(s): Supply of hydromatic pumps

Contract Value: \$150,000.00

Contract Period: 4/25/2023 - 4/24/2026

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2023 \$29,000.00, FY 2024 \$50,000.00, FY 2025 \$50,000.00, FY 2026 \$21,000.00

Accounts: Property Maintenance and Operations 51001.540350, Construction and Development 51033.520830, and future Construction and Development and Capital accounts

Contract Number(s): #74000012159

Concurrences: The Chief Financial Officer has approved this item. Final contract is subject to legal review and approval.

The contract-specific Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprise goal for this contract was set to zero.

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: Metropolitan Industries is the sole Cook County authorized distributor of the Pentair

hydromatic pump, proprietary brackets, and proprietary rail system that the Forest Preserves uses in its comfort stations. No other pumps and supplied proprietary brackets will fit the rail and discharge system for the Forest Preserves comfort stations. After researching the cost and process to redesign these stations, the Forest Preserves concluded a sole source contract is the most cost-effective option.

23-0302

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Department of Planning and Development

Vendor: Hey and Associates, Inc., Volo, Illinois

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") to enter into and execute

Good(s) or Service(s): Professional civil engineering services for design and feasibility studies of canoe and kayak launches at various locations.

Contract Value: \$449,745.00

Contract Period: 4/25/2023 - 4/24/2027

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2023 \$199,745.00, FY 2024 \$125,000.00, FY 2025 \$125,000.00

Accounts: Professional Services 51009.520830, 51028.520830, 51030.520830, 51031.520830, 51033.520830; and future Construction & Development accounts

Contract Number(s): #74000012185 issued under Request for Proposals No. 23-80-25, Solicitation #23-80-008950

Concurrences: The Chief Financial Officer has approved this item. Final contract is subject to legal review and approval.

The Vendor has met the Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Ordinance provisions via direct participation.

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: The Forest Preserves is seeking professional engineering design services to develop concept plans and cost estimates for accessibility improvements and other improvements to two existing canoe and kayak launches (at Linne Woods on the North Branch of the Chicago River and the Little Calumet River

Boat Launch) and eight (8) proposed new launches at various locations. These locations include Willow Road Dam, Blue Star Memorial Woods and Bunker Hill (on the Skokie or North Branch of the Chicago River), Potawatomi Woods, Dam No. 1 Woods - East and Maywood Grove (on the Des Plaines River), Twenty-Sixth Street-West on Salt Creek and River Oaks Golf Course on the Little Calumet River. The proposed contract would also include final engineering services for Maywood Grove in 2023 and additional engineering services to advance others in 2024 and 2025 after completing initial feasibility studies. A map of the Forest Preserves' seventeen existing canoe and kayak launches is available on the Forest Preserves' web site.

The consultant team, led by Hey and Associates, Inc., was selected by a committee of the Department of Planning and Development staff in response to a request for proposals (RFP No. 23-80-25). Three (3) teams submitted proposals in response to the request.

23-0275

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Office of the General Superintendent

Vendor: Silk Screen Express, Inc, Tinley Park, Illinois

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") to extend and increase contract.

Good(s) or Service(s): Districtwide Apparel

Original Contract Period: 1/1/2018 - 12/31/2022; Administrative Extension 1/1/2023 - 5/31/2023

Proposed Contract Period Extension: 6/1/2023 - 12/31/2023

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$137,500.00

Original Approval: 11/14/2017, \$125,000.00

Previous Increase(s): Administrative increase 2/6/2023, \$12,500.00

This Increase Requested: \$25,000.00

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2023, \$25,000.00

Accounts: Professional Service 51001.520840, 51001.530267, 51001.521314, 51001.520635, 51001.520350, 51001.530130, 51001.530267, 51001.530271, 51001.530189, and 51001.520835

Contract Number(s): #74000004276 issued under Project #17-31-110R

Concurrences: The Chief Financial Officer has approved this item. Final contract amendment is subject to legal review and approval.

Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprise goals are not applicable to the contract as the original contract value per year was equal to or less than \$25,000.00.

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: The current apparel agreement with Silk Screen Express, Inc consists of the manufacture and distribution of a variety of Forest Preserves logoed silkscreened and embroidered apparel for use by staff and will be ending 5/31/2023. We respectfully request an increase of \$25,000.00 and extension through 12/31/2023, to allow staff to prepare an RFP to solicit proposers that can provide these types of products which is projected to be posted on our website this spring or summer and awarded this fall or winter, for a multiyear contract. The benefit of logoed apparel is to have our staff, particularly those in public facing roles, identified easily by wearing Forest Preserves logoed apparel. This contract is managed by the General Office and utilized by all Forest Preserves departments to consolidate and centralize districtwide apparel purchasing.

23-0278

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Department of Finance and Administration

Vendor: Insight Public Sector, Inc., Tempe, Arizona

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") to increase contract

Good(s) or Service(s): Computer Hardware Products

Original Contract Period: 10/22/2019 - 9/8/2024, with three (3) one-year renewal options

Proposed Contract Period Extension: N/A

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$660,000.00

Original Approval: 10/22/2019, \$600,000.00

Previous Increase(s): Administrative increase 2/7/2023, \$60,000.00

This Increase Requested: \$275,000.00

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2023 \$140,000.00, FY 2024 \$135,000.00

Accounts: Computer Supplies and Services 51001.530635

Contract Number(s): #74000006761

Concurrences: The Chief Financial Officer has approved this item. Final contract amendment is subject to legal review and approval.

The contract specific Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprise goal for this contract was set at zero.

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: The Forest Preserves is presently utilizing a contract that is piggybacked from a Cook County contract for IT hardware and services (Cook County Board Item Nos. 19-4551 and 19-5255). As a result of increased capital development and staffing made possible by the successful referendum in November 2022, the Forest Preserves' IT resources/hardware and services must be increased to meet the demands of the expanding work.

The Forest Preserves' Finance and Administration Department is requesting an amendment to increase the spending amount with the current vendor. In FY 2023 and FY 2024, there are eight (8) anticipated capital projects, including the complete reconstruction of the Forest Preserves Police Command Center. The proposed increase will ensure that the new staff have computer-technology resources required to achieve the Forest Preserves' mission.

Used desktop and laptop computers will be donated to 'PCs for People', a Cook County partner in addressing Digital Divide challenges.

23-0291

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Department of Landscape Maintenance

Vendor: Service Sanitation, Inc., Homewood, Illinois

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to amend the Placement and Servicing of Portable Toilets in Region 1 (Northwest Region) by exercising our third cleaning option during peak season (May 1st through September 30th) for the Service Sanitation, Inc. contract.

Good(s) or Service(s): Placement and Servicing of portable toilets in Region 1 (Northwest Region)

Original Contract Period: 11/1/2021 - 10/31/2024; three (3) year contract with two (2) one-year renewal options

Proposed Contract Period Extension: N/A

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$312,420.00

Original Approval: 9/21/2021, \$312,420.00

Previous Increase(s): N/A

This Increase Requested: \$89,000.00

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2023 \$44,000.00, FY 2024 \$45,000.00

Accounts: Professional Services 51001.520840; Operations and Maintenance 51001.540380; Supplies and Materials 51001.530267; Special or Co-op Programs 51001.521448; Grant and Mitigation 51010.521444; Resource Ecology 51001.521449; Special Events 51001.520635; and Property Maintenance and Operations 51051.560105

Contract Number(s): #74000009626 issued under Project #21-52-101 (Rebid)

Concurrences: The Chief Financial Officer has approved this item. Final contract amendment is subject

to legal review and approval.

The contract-specific Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprise goals for this contract was set to zero.

District(s): 1, 9, 14, 15, 16, 17

Summary: The peak of patron use at the Forest Preserves is during spring and summer months. During the peak season (May 1st through September 30th), our Portable Toilets are cleaned two (2) times a week in Region 1. In our strategic effort to increase patronage and improve the cleanliness, sanitation, and aesthetics of our groves and public areas, the Forest Preserves would like to exercise its option to increase the amount of weekly cleaning of Portable Toilets from two (2) times per week to three (3) times a week during this season.

23-0292

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Department of Landscape Maintenance

Vendor: Service Sanitation, Inc., Homewood, Illinois

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") to amend the Placement and Servicing of Portable Toilets in Region 2 (North Region) by exercising our third cleaning option during peak season (May 1st through September 30th) for the Service Sanitation, Inc. contract.

Good(s) or Service(s): Placement and Servicing of Portable Toilets in Region 2 (North Region)

Original Contract Period: 11/1/2021 - 10/31/2024; three (3) year contract with two (2) one-year renewal options

Proposed Contract Period Extension: N/A

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$281,100.00

Original Approval: 9/21/2021, \$281,100.00

Previous Increase(s): N/A

This Increase Requested: \$88,000.00

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2023 \$43,000.00, FY 2024 \$45,000.00

Accounts: Professional Services 51001.520840; Operations and Maintenance 51001.540380; Supplies and Materials 51001.530267; Special or Co-op Programs 51001.521448; Grant and Mitigation 51010.521444; Resource Ecology 51001.521449; Special Events 51001.520635; and Property Maintenance and Operations 51051.560105

Contract Number(s): #74000009627 issued under Project #21-52-102 (Rebid)

Concurrences: The Chief Financial Officer has approved this item. Final contract amendment is subject to legal review and approval.

The contract-specific Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprise goals for this contract was set to zero.

District(s): 1, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17

Summary: The peak of patron use at the Forest Preserves is during spring and summer months. During the peak season (May 1st through September 30th), our Portable Toilets are cleaned two (2) times a week in Region 2. In our strategic effort to increase patronage and improve the cleanliness, sanitation, and aesthetics of our groves and public areas, the Forest Preserves would like to exercise its option to increase the amount of weekly cleaning of Portable Toilets from two (2) times per week to three (3) times per week during this season.

23-0293

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Department of Landscape Maintenance

Vendor: Service Sanitation, Inc., Homewood, Illinois

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") to amend the Placement and Servicing of Portable Toilets in Region 3 (Southwest Region) by exercising our third cleaning option during peak season (May 1st through September 30th) for the Service Sanitation, Inc. contract.

Good(s) or Service(s): Placement and Servicing of Portable Toilets in Region 3 (Southwest Region)

Original Contract Period: 11/1/2021 - 10/31/2024; three (3) year contract with two (2) one-year renewal options

Proposed Contract Period Extension: N/A

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$300,900.00

Original Approval: 9/21/2021, \$300,900.00

Previous Increase(s): N/A

This Increase Requested: \$130,000.00

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2023 \$64,000.00, FY 2024 \$66,000.00

Accounts: Professional Services 51001.520840; Operations and Maintenance 51001.540380; Supplies and Materials 51001.530267; Special or Co-op Programs 51001.521448; Grant and Mitigation 51010.521444; Resource Ecology 51001.521449; Special Events 51001.520635; and Property Maintenance and Operations 51051.560105

Contract Number(s): #74000009628 issued under Project #21-52-103 (Rebid)

Concurrences: The Chief Financial Officer has approved this item. Final contract amendment is subject to legal review and approval.

The contract-specific Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprise goals for this contract was set to zero.

District(s): 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 11, 16, 17

Summary: The peak of patron use at the Forest Preserves is during spring and summer months. During the peak season (May 1st through September 30th), our Portable Toilets are cleaned two (2) times a week in Region 3. In our strategic effort to increase patronage and improve the cleanliness, sanitation, and aesthetics of our groves and public areas, the Forest Preserves would like to exercise its option to increase the amount of weekly cleaning of Portable Toilets from two (2) times per week to three (3) times per week during this season.

23-0294**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent**PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT****Department(s):** Department of Landscape Maintenance**Vendor:** Service Sanitation, Inc., Homewood, Illinois

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") to amend the Placement and Servicing of Portable Toilets in Region 4 (Southeast Region) by exercising our third cleaning option during peak season (May 1st through September 30th) for the Service Sanitation, Inc. contract.

Good(s) or Service(s): Placement and servicing of portable toilets in Region 4 (Southeast Region)**Original Contract Period:** 11/1/2021 - 10/31/2024; three (3) year contract with two (2) one-year renewal options**Proposed Contract Period Extension:** N/A**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$222,780.00**Original Approval:** 9/21/2021, \$222,780.00**Previous Increase(s):** N/A**This Increase Requested:** \$92,000.00**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** FY 2023 \$45,000.00, FY 2024 \$47,000.00

Accounts: Professional Services 51001.520840; Operations and Maintenance 51001.540380; Supplies and Materials 51001.530267; Special or Co-op Programs 51001.521448; Grant and Mitigation 51010.521444; Resource Ecology 51001.521449; Special Events 51001.520635; and Property Maintenance and Operations 51051.560105

Contract Number(s): #74000009629 issued under Project #21-52-104 (Rebid)

Concurrences: The Chief Financial Officer has approved this item. Final contract amendment is subject to legal review and approval.

The contract-specific Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprise goals for this contract was set to zero.

District(s): 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 11

Summary: The peak of patron use at the Forest Preserves is during spring and summer months. During the peak season, our Portable Toilets are cleaned two (2) times a week. In our strategic effort to increase patronage and improve the cleanliness, sanitation, and aesthetics of our groves and public areas, the Forest Preserves would like to exercise its option to increase the amount of weekly cleaning of Portable Toilets from two (2) times per week to three (3) times a week during this season.

23-0295

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ITEM AMENDMENT

Department: Office of the General Superintendent

Request: Changing the location of the May 23, 2023 Board meeting to Sagawau Environmental Learning Center

Item Number: 22-0448

Fiscal Impact: N/A

Account(s): N/A

Original Text of Item with Edits:

2023 BOARD AGENDA MEETING ANNUAL CALENDAR DATES AND LOCATIONS

WHEREAS, in accordance with Title 1, Chapter 5, Section 4-1(a) of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code of Ordinances, the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners shall hold regular meetings pursuant to an annual calendar adopted by resolution of the Board; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 2.03 of the Illinois Open Meetings Act, every public body shall

give public notice of the schedule of regular meetings at the beginning of each calendar or fiscal year and shall state the regular dates, times and places of such meetings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by President Toni Preckwinkle and the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners (the “Board”):

1. That the Board shall hold its regular meetings of the Board on the following dates during 2023, the time for holding the specified meetings is 10:00 a.m., local time:

- Tuesday, January 24
- Tuesday, February 7
- Tuesday, March 14
- Tuesday, April 25
- Tuesday, May 23
- Tuesday, June 27
- Tuesday, July 18
- Tuesday, September 19
- Tuesday, October 17
- Tuesday, November 14
- Tuesday, December 12

2. That Board meetings may be conducted remotely by video and/or teleconferencing in accordance with public health authority guidelines and applicable provisions of the Illinois Open Meetings Act, the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code of Ordinances, and executive orders related to a proclamation of disaster by the Governor of the State of Illinois. Otherwise, the place of Board meetings is Room 569 of the Cook County Building, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, except for the following three meeting dates stated below in Sections 3, 4 and 5 below.

3. That the Board shall hold a regular meeting of the Board on Tuesday, May 23rd at Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, 12545 West 111th Street, Lemont. ~~the Sand Ridge Nature Center located at 15891 Paxton Avenue, South Holland.~~

4. That the Board shall hold a regular meeting of the Board on Tuesday, July 18th at the Brookfield Zoo, 8400 W 31st Street, Brookfield.

5. That the Board shall hold a regular meeting of the Board on Tuesday, September 19th at the Crabtree Nature Center, 3 Stover Road, Barrington Hills.

That the same dates and locations listed here will be used to schedule the following standing committee meetings, set to begin at 9:30 a.m., local time: Subcommittee on Workers’ Compensation; Committee on Rules; Committee on Finance; and Committee on Real Estate.

23-0281

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Department of Law Enforcement

Request: Refer to Law Enforcement Committee

Report Title: Model Policing

Report Period: January 1, 2023, through March 31, 2023

Summary: Report on the status to achieve the goal of a Model Forest Preserves Police Department.

[23-0288](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Department of Finance and Administration

Request: Refer to Contract Compliance Committee

Report Title: Forest Preserves of Cook County Annual Business Diversity Report FY 2022

Report Period: 1/1/2022 - 12/31/2022

Summary: In July 2012, state legislation authorized the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to establish provisions to address the underuse of minority and women-owned businesses with respect to procurement contracts. An ordinance establishing the program’s parameters and guidelines was passed by the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners in September 2012. This initiative is significantly benefiting the residents of Cook County by increasing the pool of qualified minority and women-owned businesses that have the opportunity to be selected for contracts awarded by the Forest Preserves each year.

To remedy historic inequity and to facilitate greater inclusion, the Forest Preserves established aspirational contract goals for the participation of minority and women-owned businesses as set forth under the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code of Ordinances.

The Minority and Women-Owned Businesses program accomplishments in FY 2022 include 60% of awarded contracts; and 51% of contract payments were made to minority and women-owned businesses either as prime contractors or sub-contractors.

The Forest Preserves participated in eleven (11) outreach and workshop conferences, many in collaboration with various government entities.

23-0290

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Department of Finance and Administration

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Forest Preserves of Cook County Annual Fee Waiver and Discount Report FY 2022

Report Period: 1/1/2022 - 12/31/2022

Summary: Under the Forest Preserves of Cook County Code of Ordinances certain discounts are granted to veteran or non-profit organizations with respect to recreational use of Forest Preserves of Cook County property or amenities. Additional discounts may be offered at the discretion of the General Superintendent. The Forest Preserves of Cook County implemented a Fee Waiver Policy (Policy Number: 02.30.00) establishing the process for when discounts or waivers would be granted. The policy requires an annual report to the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners on discounts and waivers for the sake of transparency. The Fee Waiver and Discount Report describes specific discount categories and various passes issued pursuant to Forest Preserves of Cook County Board Approved Resolution, 16-0314, dated July 12, 2016.

In 2022, the Forest Preserves of Cook County issued a total of \$57,505.00 in fee waiver permit discounts to various groups. In addition, a total of three thousand, seven hundred sixty-six (3,766) passes with an estimated value of \$76,993.00 were distributed across various programs, partners and/or events.

[23-0287](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Department of Finance and Administration

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Procurement and Disbursements Report

Report Period: 2/1/2023 - 2/28/2023

Summary: Submitting the Procurement and Disbursements Report for the period of February 2023. The report is to be received and filed in compliance with Section 1-8-2 (BB) of the District's Code of Ordinances.

23-0306

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Departments of Legal and Finance

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Workers' Compensation Report - February 2023

Report Period: 2/1/2023 - 2/28/2023

Summary: The Forest Preserves of Cook County Departments of Legal and Finance are submitting Workers' Compensation Claim Payments for the month of February 2023. Payments total \$134,893.45 for February 2023.

23-0300

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Department: Department of Conservation and Experiential Programming

Summary: Forest Preserves of Cook County Calendar: 4/25/2023 - 5/23/2023

Please check the Forest Preserves of Cook County's website for updates and changes.

Wednesday, 4/26; 5pm - 7pm

Family Pond Paddle, Thatcher Glen Pond, River Forest

Families, enjoy an evening out paddling. *Instruction, equipment, and kayaks provided. Registration required.*

Friday, 4/28; 7:30pm

Nature at Night, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Explore the world of nature after the sun sets. *\$3 per person. Registration required by 4/26.*

Sunday, 4/29; 10am

Waterfowl Watch, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs

Walking with brief stops to observe the birds that frequent waterways. *Registration required.*

Saturday, 4/29; 10am - 12pm

Arbor Day Celebration, Papoose Lake, Palos Park

Celebrate the grandeur of trees and why they are vital to our community with plantings and walks. *Drop-in.*

Saturday, 4/29; 7pm - 8:30pm

Starry Night Walk, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Come for a guided walk and night sky observations as we admire the constellations and learn about astronomy. *Registration required.*

Saturday, 4/29; 10am - 2pm

Teen Exploration Day - Working with Wildlife, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Learn about the behind-the-scenes care of nature center animals. *Registration required. Ages 13-18.*

Saturday, 4/29 - Sunday, 4/30

Camping Leadership Immersion Course, Camp Sullivan, Oak Forest

CLIC is an overnight training at Camp Sullivan in Oak Forest designed to give participants the skills and experience to plan and lead camping trips at Camp Sullivan. The overnight training course covers camping safety, day-hiking, tent and stove-set up, teambuilding and leadership skills. Educational offerings and will help familiarize you with the reservation process. By completing the CLIC training, leaders gain access to the CLIC gear library (onsite) and designated group site at Camp Sullivan. *Must be at least 18 years old and be affiliated with an organization to participate. Fee is \$25 per person and includes food and camping gear for the night. Register at experience.camping@cookcountyil.gov. For more info go to visit the Forest Preserves website.*

Sunday, 4/30; 1pm - 3pm

Garlic Mustard Pull, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington

Help us improve the quality of our woodlands by removing this invasive species. Sturdy shoes, gloves, long sleeves, and long pants recommended. *Children welcome with adult.*

Saturday, 5/6; 10am - 1pm**Forest Tea Party, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Join us for a woodland tea party with unstructured free play, stories, and engage with natural materials. *Light refreshments will be available. Registration required.*

Saturday, 5/6; 1pm - 3pm**Flower Festival, Bunker Hill, Niles**

Celebrate Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month with various arts, storytelling, and crafts. *Drop-in.*

Saturday, 5/6; 11:30am**Day Hiking Leadership Training, Bemis Woods, Westchester**

Calling all teachers, group leaders & youth educators! Our Day Hiking Leadership Training program gets youth and groups of all ages outside by empowering teachers and group leaders with the skills and resources they need to lead safe and fun outdoor experiences. We will focus on: thoughtful trip planning, risk management practices, memorable outdoor activities, outdoor ethics, hiking best practices, appropriate gear and more. Training will include two mandatory portions: an online portion available starting two weeks prior, consisting of classroom work and an in-person portion on Saturday, March 26. In-person portion will include a group day hike, gear inventory and lending processes. Online portion must be complete prior to the in-person portion. *Participants must be at least 18 years or older, be affiliated with institution, and be present on hiking trips when borrowing gear. If interested, please email experience.camping@cookcountyil.gov with name and organization.*

Sunday, 5/7; 12pm - 3pm**Spring Festival, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Celebrate springtime at Thatcher Woods Forest Preserve! Enjoy interactive programs, kids' tree climb, guided wildflower walks, bird banding, kid's nature crafts and much more!

Tuesday, 5/9; 5pm - 7pm**World Mental Health Month Celebration, Swallow Cliff Woods, Palos Park**

Exercise and time in nature are proven ways to improve your mental health. Climb the stairs, join a guided walk, and explore mental health resources. *In partnership with Advocate Aurora Health.*

Wednesday, 5/10; 12pm - 2pm**Dia de las Madres Walk, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Calling all mothers for a 1-mile walk on our trails followed by coffee and pan dulce (Mexican pastries). *In English and Spanish. Registration required.*

Saturday, 5/13; 10am - 12pm**World Migratory Bird Day Big Sit, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington**

Drop-in to join us for a bird watch from a fixed location to see who is winging in and who is migrating through.

Saturday, 5/13; 9am - 2pm

World Migratory Bird Day, Sagawau Nature Center, Lemont

Celebrate bird migration by learning how water affects bird life. Learn simple steps you can do to preserve water and protect birds.

Saturday, 5/13; 9am - 12pm

Chicago River Day, Beaubien Woods, Chicago

Celebrate the 31st anniversary of Chicago River Day. Do your part to clean and restore our waterways and the land around it. *For more info and registration, visit chicagoriver.org.*

Saturday, 5/13; 12pm - 4pm

“Check-Out” Nature, Wolf Road Woods, Willow Springs

Explore nature by checking out some gear for the afternoon including field guides, binoculars, scavenger hunt and litter pick-up materials available to check out for free! We will be on site to answer questions, give trail recommendations, provide maps and more.

Sunday, 5/14; 10:30am or 1:30pm

Wildflower Walk, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Learn about spring woodland wildflowers on a casual walk. *Registration required.*

Sunday, 5/14; 10:30am

Wildflower Sketching Workshop, Trailside Museum, River Forest

Join in a short nature walk to sketch blooming wildflowers. *Registration required. For all skill levels. Materials provided. Ages 13 and up.*

Saturday, 5/20; 9am - 3pm

Foster Parent Recruitment Picnic, Thatcher Woods Pavilion, River Forest

In partnership with Chicagoland Foster Care Collective, prospective foster parents and their friends can learn about becoming a foster parent and enjoy food, raffles, and activities.

Saturday, 5/20; 1pm

Wildflower Walk, Sagawau Nature Center, Lemont

Spend your weekend enjoying wildflowers. Join us for a wildflower walk. *Registration required.*

Saturday, 5/20; 11am - 3pm

Nature Block Party, Eggers Grove, Chicago

Learn and try all the fun things you can do outdoors. Explore nature, create art, and discover the wonder of nature.

Sunday, 5/21; 8am

Des Plaines Canoe and Kayak Marathon, Oak Springs

Join the second oldest continual canoe race in the United States! Race begins at Oak Springs Road in Libertyville and ends at Dam 2. *Registration required. Register at www.canoemarathon.com.*

Sunday, 5/21; 1pm

Wildflower Art, Sagawau Nature Center, Lemont

Learn to artistically capture the beauty and details of plants with drawing and painting techniques. *Registration required. Ages 12 and up.*

Sunday, 5/21; 1pm

Did You Hear That? Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington

Explore the Giant's Hollow trail in a different way by using sound journaling. *Intended for families.*

COMMITTEE ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

**CONTRACT COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE
MEETING OF APRIL 25, 2023**

23-0220 PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT Minority – and Women – Owned Business Enterprises

**FINANCE COMMITTEE
MEETING OF APRIL 25, 2023**

23-0304 RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (LITIGATION) Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Litigation – 04/25/2023

23-0305 RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (WORKERS' COMPENSATION) Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Workers' Compensation – 04/25/2023

23-0018 BID RECOMMENDATION Department of Planning and Development

23-0234 REPORT Department of Permits, Rentals and Concessions, Report Title: Forest Preserves of Cook County Annual Concessions Report FY 2022, Report Period: 1/1/2022-12/31/2022

23-0246 REPORT Department of Facilities and Fleet, Report Title: Annual Energy Expense Report, Report Period: 1/1/2022-12/31/2022

23-0286 REPORT Department of Finance and Administration, Report Title: Corporate Fund Analysis of Revenue and Expenditures, Report Period: 1/1/2023-2/28/2023

**RULES COMMITTEE
MEETING OF APRIL 25, 2023**

23-0318 JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS Regular meeting held on 03/14/2023

23-0172 PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT Code of Ethical Conduct – Calendars

**REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE
MEETING OF APRIL 25, 2023**

23-0272 REPORT Equity, Cultural Sensitivity, and Inclusion Site Name Task Force, Report Title: Equity, Cultural Sensitivity, and Inclusion Site Name Task Force Final Report, Report Period: September 2021-February 2023

23-0224 PROPOSED ORDINANCE Authorizing the Acquisition of Land via Donation from Save the Prairie Society and Creating a Forest Preserve Near Wolf Road Prairie Nature Preserve in District 17

**LEGISLATION AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE
MEETING OF APRIL 25, 2023**

23-0230 PROPOSED RESOLUTION Creating the Decennial Committee

23-0274 PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT Cook County Land Acknowledgement
