



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

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

BOARD NOTICE AND AGENDA

Tuesday, November 19, 2024, 10:00 AM

Issued On: 11/14/2024

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.

There are no Consent items for this agenda

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, Illinois 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, Illinois. 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

[24-0409](#)

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), BRIDGET DEGNEN, JOHN P. DALEY, SCOTT R. BRITTON and MONICA GORDON, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

SUSTAINABLE PURCHASING

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Title I

- Administrative, Chapter 8 - District Finances, Section 2 - Contracts and Purchases, Subsection F - Recycled Product Procurement Policy of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as Follows:

F. *Sustainable Product Procurement Policy:*

1. Purpose.
2. Policies.
3. Definitions.
4. Designated Products and Sustainable Products.
5. Requirements for Purchasing Contracts.
6. Rules and Regulations for Procurement of Sustainable Products.
7. Responsibilities of the Purchasing Department.
8. Exemptions.
9. Severability.
10. Third Party Rights.

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Effective date: This ordinance amendment shall be in effect January 1, 2025.

[24-0459](#)

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), BRIDGET DEGNEN, JOHN P. DALEY, SCOTT R. BRITTON and MONICA GORDON, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

REPEAL OUTDATED RECYCLING ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Title 1 (Administrative), Chapter 15 (Reduction of Waste) of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code of Ordinances is hereby repealed in its entirety:

~~**1-15-1: REDUCTION OF WASTE THROUGH REFUSE AND RECYCLING.**~~

~~The Forest Preserve District shall develop and implement a plan to reduce and reuse material, and to recycle material from all Forest Preserve facilities.~~

~~Such plan will be calculated for the purpose of achieving a district wide goal of 25 percent waste~~

~~diversion and an accompanying 25 percent waste disposal cost reduction.~~

Effective date: This ordinance amendment shall be in effect on January 1, 2025.

[24-0476](#)

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

PROPOSED APPOINTMENT

Appointee(s): Kim Ruffin, Ph.D.

Position: Council Member

Department/Board/Commission: Conservation and Policy Council

Effective Date: 1/1/2025

Expiration Date: 12/31/2027

The Council Nominating Committee recommends the appointment of Kim Ruffin to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Maria Pesqueira.

Dr. Kim Ruffin is an Associate Professor and Program Director of English at Roosevelt University. Her scholarly monograph, *Black on Earth: African-American Ecoliterary Traditions*, put African-American writers on the map of U.S. nature writing. She is also a certified nature and forest therapy guide and a creative writer. Her audio-guided forest therapy walks (hosted by Emergence Magazine, the Denver Museum of Art, and the Forest Preserves of Cook County) have been enjoyed by thousands of local, national, and global listeners. Her current book project has been supported by a Kalliopeia Foundation grant, an Aldo and Estella Leopold Writing Program Residency, and a nonfiction workshop at the Bread Loaf Environmental Writers' Conference. In this forthcoming book, she recovers overlooked environmental testimony of the formerly enslaved from a federal archive. This project will offer a ceremony of environmental homecoming that both returns African-American voices to the American nature story and illuminates a pathway forward in our time of ecological upheaval. Dr. Kim Ruffin's range of work supports her efforts to celebrate the opportunities and tackle the challenges of living on Earth.

[24-0477](#)

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

PROPOSED REAPPOINTMENT

Appointee(s): Alan Bell, Jacqueline Samuel, Ph.D.

Position: Council Members

Department/Board/Commission: Conservation and Policy Council

Effective Date: 1/1/2025

Expiration Date: 12/31/2027

Summary: The terms for Conservation and Policy Council members Alan Bell, Jacqueline Samuel, and Michael DeSantiago expire on December 31, 2024. Alan and Jacqueline are able and willing to serve an additional term. Michael DeSantiago, who has served on the Council for ten years, is stepping down. In December we will be submitting a resolution to honor and thank Michael for his service.

The Council Nominating Committee recommends that Alan Bell and Jacqueline Samuel be appointed to a new term beginning January 1, 2025.

Alan Bell is a partner at the law firm of Charity & Associates, P.C., focusing on municipal finance and real estate finance. He is also the founder and president of The Elements Group, which focuses on nature-oriented development projects. He serves on the boards of Openlands, the Land Trust Alliance, the Garfield Park Conservatory Alliance and the Black Ensemble Theater, and is a member of the National Association of Bond Lawyers. He enjoys bike riding along Chicago's lakefront and hiking trails throughout the Forest Preserves.

Jacqueline Samuel is the Program Director of the Master of Public Administration at National Louis University. Previously, Dr. Samuel served as the Project Manager for the Housing Authority of Cook County, South Suburban Safe and Thriving Communities Program. She also facilitated and developed quality-of-life programs for 10 years in the South Chicago Area. She has served on the Health and Healing Committee/ Mayor's Commission for a Safer Chicago, the Mayor's Kitchen Cabinet Commercial Development Advisory, Advocate Trinity Hospital Community Health Council, the Community Advisory Review Council for the Institute for Translational Medicine (CARC) and the

Illinois ACE's Response Collaborative. Her most recent awards include the National Louis University REACH Award, the Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital Courage Award and the Chicago Police Department CAPS Award for the 4th District. Jacqueline was born and raised in Chicago. She has a love for the arts and has performed in numerous plays and films based in Chicago.

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

[24-0467](#)

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Department: Department of Planning and Development

Other Part(ies): Illinois Department of Transportation ("IDOT")

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement regarding emergency repairs to the Big Bend Lake Spillway in Des Plaines

Goods or Services: The Forest Preserves and IDOT would like to cooperate in the planning, design, construction and maintenance of emergency repair of the Big Bend Lake Spillway.

Agreement Number(s): IGA #24-0467

Agreement Period: Five (5) years or completion of construction, whichever comes first

Fiscal Impact: Not to exceed \$165,000.00 to be fully reimbursed by IDOT

Accounts: Professional Services 51010.520830; and Land Improvements 51010.560060

District(s): 17

Summary: Late last year, Forest Preserve staff discovered signs of instability and undermining at an existing water control structure at the south edge of Big Bend Lake. The existing spillway from this man-made lake accepts drainage from a 96" IDOT storm sewer at the north edge of the lake and empties into the Des Plaines River via a concrete spillway structure built by IDOT in the 1970s. The spillway structure was originally built as part of a license agreement between IDOT and the Forest Preserves in 1977 (License #1078). Portions of the area around the spillway were filled with rip rap material by the

Forest Preserves in 2015, but that has since eroded away along with erosion of soil under the spillway slab. Sandbags are currently in place to reduce the flow of water and prevent further erosion. The spillway is now in immediate need of stabilization and repair to avoid collapse and flooding of downstream areas.

An Intergovernmental Agreement (“IGA”) is needed at this stage to authorize the immediate repair of the spillway structure, including engineering design, construction and funding by the parties. The Forest Preserves would be responsible for procurement of engineering design and construction of spillway repairs. IDOT would be responsible for reimbursement of all engineering and construction costs. Maintenance responsibilities would remain unchanged under the existing license agreement. Discussions on long-term maintenance and additional improvements to avoid continued erosion are on-going. Final Agreement is subject to legal review and approval.

[24-0468](#)

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT AMENDMENT

Department: Department of Finance and Administration

Other Part(ies): Cook County Government, Chicago, Illinois

Request: Authorization to enter into the Thirteenth Amended and Restated Intergovernmental Agreement between the County of Cook (the “County”) and the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) for the reimbursement or payment for certain services rendered by various County departments and by the Forest Preserves.

Goods or Services: The County and the Forest Preserves wish to amend and restate the Twelfth Amended and Restated Intergovernmental Agreement (approved by their respective Boards of Commissioners on 11/16/2023 and 11/14/2023 for FY 2024) whereby they provide various services for each other.

Agreement Number: N/A

Agreement Period: 1/1/2025 - 12/31/2025

Fiscal Impact: Not to exceed \$2,320,629.00 in expenditures and \$1,971,500.00 in revenue

Accounts: Various districtwide corporate expenditure and revenue accounts

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: The County and the Forest Preserves entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement on 8/21/2012 authorizing the parties to perform various services for the other, in accordance with the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act. The parties agreed to provide various services and to provide reimbursement or payment for said services. The Intergovernmental Agreement was further amended around or about 4/25/2013, 6/18/2014, 9/8/2015, 11/15/2016, 6/6/2017, 4/25/2018, 9/26/2018, 2/21/2019, 10/22/2020, 1/28/2021, 10/5/2021, 10/18/2022, and 11/14/2023 to allow for additional cooperation. The Thirteenth Amended and Restated Intergovernmental Agreement consolidates the prior agreements into one Intergovernmental Agreement, so the parties can refer to one agreement, and this document also contains additional services and reimbursements for FY 2025. This is a one-year agreement covering services and reimbursements from January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025.

[24-0430](#)

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Department of Law Enforcement

Vendor: Motorola Solutions, Inc., Chicago, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Purchase of 100 APX6000 Portable Radios for police communications based upon the Cook County Sheriff's Office contract with Motorola Solutions, Inc. ("Motorola"), Contract No. 1912-18028 for various Motorola Radios, Parts & Equipment, expiring June 30, 2025.

Contract Value: \$517,680.00

Contract Period: 11/19/2024 - 6/30/2025

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2024 \$517,680.00

Accounts: Equipment 51010.530186 and 51001.530271

Contract Number(s): #74000014780

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 Enterprises Ordinance via direct and indirect participation.

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: The Department of Law Enforcement is proposing the purchase of 100 APX6000 Portable Radios based upon the Cook County Sheriff's Office contract with Motorola, Contract No. 1912-18028 for various Motorola radios, parts, and equipment expiring June 30, 2025. The Forest Preserves requests to use this contract and enter into a piggyback agreement with Motorola so that the Forest Preserves receives the same products and prices as set forth in the existing agreement.

The use of innovative communication technology enables police officers and other law enforcement officials to make quick and informed decisions based upon readily available evidence. The police radio is the main source of communication with dispatchers and other officers.

The current radios in use by the Department of Law Enforcement have come to their expected end of life, and without ways to repair and/or replace the current radios, the purchase of these new APX6000 radios is critical.

The Cook County Department of Emergency Management and Regional Security awarded the Forest Preserves a grant for \$352,022.40 to purchase sixty-eight (68) new APX6000 radios. Acceptance of this grant was approved by the Board on June 11, 2024 (Board Item No. 24-0259). The Department of Law Enforcement will purchase an additional thirty-two (32) new APX6000 radios at a cost of \$165,657.60 from its existing equipment budget.

[24-0470](#)

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Department of Resource Management

Vendor: Chicago Department of Transportation, Chicago, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Greencorps Chicago Program

Original Contract Period: 1/1/2023 - 12/31/2024

Proposed Contract Period Extension: 1/1/2025 - 12/31/2026

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$1,350,000.00 (\$1,300,000.00 grant funding received through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (“ARPA”), plus up to \$50,000.00 contingency)

Original Approval: 12/13/2022, \$1,350,000.00

Previous Increase(s): N/A

This Increase Requested: Not to exceed \$200,000.00 (to be fully funded by additional ARPA grant funding)

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2025 \$50,000.00 (unexpended contingency, per original approval)

Accounts: ARPA Conservation Corps 51032.521444; Professional Services 51034.520840; and all future Professional Services accounts

Contract Number(s): #74000011524 issued under RFP #22-31-116

Concurrences: The Chief Financial Officer has approved this item. Final amendment 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: On June 11, 2024, the Forest Preserves Board of Commissioners approved the receipt of \$562,833.00 in additional American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 grant funding (Board Item No. 24-0245) to expand Conservation Corps job training and employment programs through 2025. As such, the three (3) contracts for Conservation Corps service providers awarded to fulfill the ARPA requirements (Board Item Nos. 22-0524, 22-0525, and 22-0526) must now subsequently be amended to extend each contract, and increase the authority awarded to each vendor due to the allocation of these new funds. These programs were solicited via a public Request for Proposal (RFP) process in 2022.

Greencorps Chicago is the City of Chicago’s green-industry employment program with on-the-job training for individuals with barriers to employment. The program promotes environmental stewardship in the Forest Preserves by maintaining and restoring the land through hands-on involvement with program participants. The outcome is healthier, safer, and more engaged communities and individuals

who are prepared for employment through practical field experience and technical training in a variety of environmentally related jobs. In 2025, this program is expected to engage approximately twenty-eight (28) adult participants in hands-on conservation activities including, but not limited to, invasive species removal, assistance with prescribed burns, and seed collecting.

Total program costs including this additional contribution are not to exceed \$1,550,000.00, of which the Forest Preserves previously requested and was granted authority to add up to \$50,000.00 of direct match to allow for additional flexibility, if needed. An additional year (2026) was added to the contract in case additional funding becomes available. The Forest Preserves has a separate non-ARPA funded agreement for the same program (Board Item No. 23-0603). Conservation Corps programs advance the goals of the Next Century Conservation Plan by mobilizing people to heal and nurture the lands through a paid conservation corps model.

[24-0471](#)

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Department of Resource Management

Vendor: Student Conservation Association, Inc., Chicago, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Chicago Conservation Corps young adult gap year program

Original Contract Period: 1/1/2023 - 12/31/2024

Proposed Contract Period Extension: 1/1/2025 - 12/31/2026

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$465,000.00 (\$415,000.00 grant funding received through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 ("ARPA"), plus up to \$50,000.00 contingency)

Original Approval: 12/13/2022, \$465,000.00

Previous Increase(s): N/A

This Increase Requested: Not to exceed \$176,939.00 (to be fully funded by additional ARPA grant

funding)

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2025 \$50,000.00 (unexpended contingency, per original approval)

Accounts: ARPA Conservation Corps 51032.521444; Professional Services 51034.520840; and all future Professional Services accounts

Contract Number(s): #74000011523 issued under RFP #22-31-116

Concurrences: The Chief Financial Officer has approved this item. Final amendment 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: On June 11, 2024, the Forest Preserves Board of Commissioners approved the receipt of \$562,833.00 in additional American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 grant funding (Board Item No. 24-0245) to expand Conservation Corps job training and employment programs through 2025. As such, the three (3) contracts for Conservation Corps service providers awarded to fulfill the ARPA requirements (Board Item Nos. 22-0524, 22-0525, and 22-0526) must now subsequently be amended to extend each contract, and increase the authority awarded to each vendor due to the allocation of these new funds. These programs were solicited via a public Request for Proposal (RFP) process in 2022.

The Student Conservation Association's mission is to build the next generation of conservation leaders and inspire lifelong stewardship of the environment and communities by engaging young people in hands-on service to the land. In 2025, this program will engage approximately seven (7) young adult participants annually in hands-on conservation activities including, but not limited to, invasive species removal, assistance with prescribed burns, and seed collecting along with exploration of conservation careers and post-secondary education opportunities in environmental fields. This program serves as a critical steppingstone program for young adults ages 18 to 23 years who have successfully graduated from conservation corps high school programs and who are not currently pursuing full-time secondary education. There is a recognized lack of conservation programs for this demographic and this program serves to help address this challenge of supporting young adults who are interested in conservation as a possible career path.

Total program costs including this additional contribution are not to exceed \$641,939.00, of which the Forest Preserves previously requested and was granted authority to add up to \$50,000.00 of direct match to allow for additional flexibility, if needed. An additional year (2026) was added to the contract in case additional funding becomes available. Conservation Corps programs advance the goals of the Next Century Conservation Plan by mobilizing people to heal and nurture the lands through a paid conservation corps model.

[24-0472](#)

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Department of Resource Management

Vendor: Friends of the Forest Preserves, Inc., Chicago, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Forest Preserves Experience Program

Original Contract Period: 1/1/2023 - 12/31/2024

Proposed Contract Period Extension: 1/1/2025 - 12/31/2026

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$1,170,000.00 (\$1,120,000.00 grant funding received through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 ("ARPA"), plus up to \$50,000.00 contingency)

Original Approval: 12/13/2022, \$1,170,000.00

Previous Increase(s): N/A

This Increase Requested: Not to exceed \$185,894.00 (fully funded by additional ARPA grant funding)

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2025 \$50,000.00 (unexpended contingency, per original approval)

Accounts: ARPA Conservation Corps 51032.521444; Professional Services 51034.520840; and all future Professional Services accounts

Contract Number(s): #74000011530 issued under RFP #22-31-116

Concurrences: The Chief Financial Officer has approved this item. Final amendment 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: On June 11, 2024, the Forest Preserves Board of Commissioners approved the receipt of \$562,833.00 in additional American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 grant funding (Board Item No. 24-0245) to expand Conservation Corps job training and employment programs through 2025. As such, the three (3) contracts for Conservation Corps service providers awarded to fulfill the ARPA requirements (Board Item Nos. 22-0524, 22-0525, and 22-0526) must now subsequently be amended to extend each contract, and increase the authority awarded to each vendor due to the allocation of these new funds. These programs were solicited via a public Request for Proposal (RFP) process in 2022.

The Forest Preserves Experience program is a summer youth employment program that provides conservation and job skills training to high-school youth, ages 15 to 19, from south and west suburban Cook County whose families are clients of the Housing Authority of Cook County. In 2025, the program is expected to engage approximately ninety-eight (98) youth participants in hands-on conservation activities including, but not limited to, invasive species removal and shoreline clean-up along the Forest Preserves' many lakes and waterways. Participants will gain environmental awareness and basic job skills training supplemented by hands-on nature-based enrichment activities. The program will promote enjoyment and appreciation for nature and teaches participants how healthy forest preserves contribute to their community and quality of life.

Total program costs including this additional contribution are not to exceed \$1,355,894.00, of which the Forest Preserves previously requested and was granted authority to add up to \$50,000.00 of direct match to allow for additional flexibility, if needed. An additional year (2026) was added to the contract in case additional funding becomes available. The Forest Preserves has a separate non-ARPA funded agreement for the same program (Board Item No. 23-0603). Conservation Corps programs advance the goals of the Next Century Conservation Plan by mobilizing people to heal and nurture the lands through a paid conservation corps model.

[24-0414](#)

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Department of Planning and Development

Vendor: Glencoe Golf Course, Glencoe, Illinois ("GGC") and the Village of Glencoe, Glencoe, Illinois (the "Village")

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Agreement relating to the use of Forest Preserves property for golf course

purposes, including construction of a new clubhouse building complex, by GGC and/or the Village.

Original Contract Period: Continuous term from 1922 with no termination date; amended per Board Item No. 17-0138 (June 6, 2017) to add termination twenty (20) years from effective date of amendment (June 15, 2037) with an option to extend for up to twelve (12) years if the Village was able to obtain financing for improvements (i.e., June 14, 2049). The Village was able to obtain financing pursuant to a referendum approved by Glencoe voters on April 4, 2023.

Proposed Contract Period Extension: June 15, 2037 to June 14, 2049

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: N/A

Original Approval: N/A

Previous Increase(s): N/A

This Increase Requested: N/A

Estimated Fiscal Impact: N/A (Revenue Generating). Revenue expected:

1. *Annual Payment.* GGC shall continue to pay the Forest Preserves an annual payment in an amount that is equal to the greater of (1) \$62,500.00 or (2) 3.6% of the annual gross revenue generated by GGC from golf course operations during the immediately preceding year.
2. *Tree Mitigation.* Tree mitigation fees for removal of thirty-two (32) trees within the modified clubhouse complex boundary in an amount equal to a minimum of \$349,108.21. In practice, more trees may need to be removed than originally estimated. Any increase in the tree mitigation fee will be in accordance with the Tree Mitigation Plan (Board Item No. 20-0279) and if such increase is more than 20% of the original estimate, then approval will be sought from the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners.
3. *Additional Restoration.* \$25,000 for additional ecological restoration of approximately 5 acres of unmanaged woodland adjacent to Green Bay Road within five (5) years of the effective date of the amendment.

No permit or license fee, including special use permit fees for alcohol, are to be paid by GGC or the Village to the Forest Preserves with respect to golf course operations.

Accounts: 51001.411217 Golf Fees

Contract Number(s): N/A

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

District(s): 13

Summary: In 1922, the Forest Preserves and GGC entered into an agreement relating to the use and operation of certain property comprising approximately 66 acres of Forest Preserves property as part of a public golf course to which both the Forest Preserves and the Village of Glencoe each contributed land. In 2017, the Forest Preserves renegotiated the original agreement to (1) revise the financial consideration that GGC should pay to the Forest Preserves, and (2) establish a termination date for the use by GGC of Forest Preserves property. The 2017 amendment also contemplated the potential future construction of a new clubhouse building and related improvements within a specified clubhouse complex boundary included as Exhibit B to the 2017 amendment.

The proposed second amendment would modify the previously agreed upon clubhouse complex boundary and include a stormwater retention system. The proposed new boundary lines may be slightly modified upon completion of a survey. The new clubhouse will focus on sustainability features, including, without limitation:

1. The clubhouse will be constructed to meet or exceed the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver Certification standards as established by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC);
2. All glass installed on the building's exterior, including windows, facades, and any other transparent or reflective surfaces, shall meet bird-friendly design standards to reduce the risk of bird collisions and resultant fatalities;
3. The clubhouse shall use sustainably sourced and recycled materials wherever and whenever practical; and
4. The surrounding landscaping shall incorporate the use of native plants for 75% or more of new plantings.

In addition, GGC and the Village have agreed: (1) to installation of Forest Preserves-branded signage near the main entrance driveway to the new clubhouse complex; (2) to cooperate with Forest Preserves staff to expand programs to advance the Forest Preserves Racial Equity, Diversity and Inclusion policies; and (3) to provide a kiosk in the new clubhouse for Forest Preserves program information and materials. As is typical for these sorts of arrangements, the Forest Preserves owns all structures located on Forest Preserves property. However, in the event of a casualty event, it will be in the Village's discretion on whether to rebuild the clubhouse. In addition, the Village will have the right to tear down the new clubhouse at its discretion, provided that the Forest Preserves shall first be given the option to take over management and maintenance of the clubhouse. Under the agreement, the Forest Preserves shall have no responsibility or liability for any non-compliance with applicable state or local laws concerning the Forest Preserves property.

[24-0465](#)

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

PROPOSED AGREEMENT

Vendor: Kar Rack Corp. D/B/A Eden Lanes Bowling Alley, Westchester, Illinois

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

Reason: Eden Lanes Bowling Alley (“Eden Lanes”) currently sits on a parcel surrounded by the Forest Preserves’ Westchester Woods. A portion of Eden Lanes’ parking lot and driveway pavement rests on a part of the Forest Preserves’ parcel to the east of the business. In the Fall of 2012, the Forest Preserves’ Board of Commissioners authorized the Forest Preserves to accept a donation of land from the owner of Eden Lanes in exchange for the granting of a license to operate and maintain that driveway and parking lot on Forest Preserves property (See Board Communication No. 12REAL0005). That license expired.

The Forest Preserves requests the authority to issue a new agreement for Eden Lanes to continue to utilize the portion of the parking lot and driveway over Forest Preserves land. The proposed agreement would allow for this nonexclusive parking, access, and maintenance by Eden Lanes after the payment of the one-time parking permit fee below. The agreement would not be assignable, and Eden Lanes would indemnify the Forest Preserves and maintain proper insurance throughout the agreement’s term.

The Forest Preserves would also reserve the right to terminate the agreement for any public safety and nuisance issues occurring on the parking lot and driveway. The Forest Preserves has a right of first refusal for the property on which Eden Lanes currently sits, as the Forest Preserves had the same right under the license authorized in 2012.

Contract Period: 12/18/2023 (retroactive) - 12/17/2033

Estimated Fiscal Impact: N/A (revenue generating). One-time permit fee of \$15,415.70 to be paid no later than 12/15/2024

Account(s): Miscellaneous Income 51001.411467

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

District(s): 16

[24-0070](#)

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Department of Finance and Administration

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Procurement and Disbursement Report

Report Period: 9/1/2024 - 9/30/2024

Summary: Submitting the Procurement and Disbursement Report for the period of September 2024. The report is to be received and filed in compliance with Section 1-8-2 (BB) of the District's Code of Ordinances.

[24-0464](#)

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Departments of Legal and Finance

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Workers' Compensation Report - September 2024

Report Period: 9/1/2024 - 9/30/2024

Summary: The Forest Preserves of Cook County Departments of Legal and Finance are submitting Workers' Compensation Claim Payments for the month of September 2024. Payments total \$88,805.25 for September 2024.

[24-0466](#)

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Department of Planning and Development

Request: Refer to Capital Development & Ecological Restoration Committee

Report Title: 2025 Update to the 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan

Report Period: Five (5) Years, 2025-2029

Summary: This report is an annual update of capital improvement projects and funding needs for the next five (5) years (2025-2029). Capital improvement needs were identified by Forest Preserves' staff, partner organizations, and members of the public. Requests for new or improved facilities, amenities, and infrastructure can be submitted at the Capital Improvement Plan webpage on the Forest Preserves website.

The draft report and appendix can be downloaded from the Forest Preserves' Capital Improvement Plan webpage via the Forest Preserves website. Comments may be submitted to planning@cookcountyil.gov until December 17th. The final version will be posted in January 2025. A final report will be issued in January.

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Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

PROPOSED CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Department: Department of Conservation and Experiential Programming

Summary: Forest Preserves of Cook County Calendar of Events and Activities 11/19/2024 - 12/16/2024

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

Tuesday, 11/19; 10am

Qigong and Sound, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs

Join a certified instructor through a series of slow flowing movements, deep measured breaths, and soothing sounds while in a chair or standing. *Ages 18 and up. For more information, please call (708) 839-6897.*

Tuesday, 11/19 through Monday, 12/16; 4:30pm - 11pm

Lightscape, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe

Join us and embrace the spirit and beauty of the season with glowing of lights, art, and music! We are celebrating the sixth year of this annual holiday celebration. We are taking this year's celebration to new heights and lights with our re-imagined trail that will have dazzling installations debuting in the U.S. for the first time. You can leave your to-do list at home and make lasting memories at Lightscape. *This event has tiered cost and timeslots. For more information, please visit the website.*

Wednesday, 11/20; 5:30pm - 7:30pm**Weaving Workshop, Thatcher Woods, River Forest**

You can create a small wall hanging art pieces using natural materials. *Ages 10 and up. Supplies and instructions will be provided. For more information, please call (312) 533-5751.*

Thursday, 11/21; 10:30am - 12pm**Mnidoons Giizis Oohg means Little Spirit Moon, Schiller Woods-East, Chicago**

November is recognized as the “Twelfth Moon of Creation” also known as a time of healing by the Ojibwe people. Join us as we listen to stories about healing from the American Indian Center’s Cultural Ambassador. *This event will be held at Grove 10, and it is presented with the American Indian Center of Chicago. For more information, please call (312) 533-5751 or visit the website.*

Friday, 11/22; 7pm**Owl Prowl, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington**

Whoo’s calling out in the dark of night? Join us and learn about and listen to owls. *Registration required. Please call (847) 381-6598.*

Saturday, 11/23; 10am - 11:30am**Fire for the Forest, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

Join us on a 1-mile walk and learn about the benefits of prescribed burns. You will explore the equipment and learn about how prescribed burns help nature. *For more information, please call (708) 839-6897.*

Saturday, 11/23; 10am - 2pm**Sand Ridge: Calumet Heritage Day, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Join us as we explore the heritage of the Calumet region with guided walks, regional activities and displays. *For more information, please call (708) 868-0606.*

Saturday, 11/23; 1pm - 3pm**Teen Exploration Day: Rock Climbing, Camp Sullivan, Oak Forest**

Join us for an adventurous day and test your nerves by climbing our rock wall. *Registration required. Ages 13 and up. For more information, please visit the website.*

Friday, 11/22; 7pm**Knock, Knock! Who’s there? Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington**

Knock, knock! Who’s is there? It is our native woodpeckers, that’s who! Learn about their adaptations, make your own feeder, and go on a binocular hunt. *Registration required. Please call (847) 381-6598.*

Sunday, 11/24; 1pm

Owls: Who are your neighbors? Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

Join us for an indoor presentation and discussion and learn about this group of nocturnal birds. *Registration required. Please call (630) 257-2045.*

Sunday, 11/24; 1:30pm**Changing Seasons, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Join us and learn about how nature adapts to the changing seasons and prepares for winter. *For more information, please call (847) 824-8360.*

Friday, 11/29; 1:30pm**Annual Turkey Trot Walk, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Walk off that extra helping of turkey and stuffing on this annual post-holiday walk. *For more information, please call (708)366-6530.*

Saturday, 11/30; 1:30pm**Feed the Birds, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Learn about the best bird foods, feeders, and landscape elements to benefit our resident winter birds. You will even make a simple bird feeder to take home! *For more information, please call (708)366-6530.*

Sunday, 12/1; 5:30pm**Serenity Walk Under the New Moon, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

Join us for a 2-mile walk in the world's largest Urban Night Sky Place. *Registration required. Ages 14 and up. This event will be dependent upon trail conditions. For more information, please call (708) 839-6897.*

Thursday, 12/5; 10am - 11am**Tiny Tot Adventures, Dan Ryan Woods Visitor Center, Chicago**

Join us for an adventure in nature through movement, stories and artmaking. Ages 2-5 with an adult. *For more information, please call (224) 763-4317.*

Friday, 12/6; 10am**ADA Trail Walk, Miller Meadow-South, Maywood**

Join us for a guided walk on the 1.7-mile paved trail. *This event will begin at Grove 5 and will include rest points throughout the walk. This event is wheelchair accessible, and it is open to all individuals. For more information, please call (312) 533-5751.*

Saturday, 12/7; 1pm**Cross-Country Ski Seminar, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Join us and learn the basics of cross-country ski equipment and how to prepare for your first

cross-country skiing experience. *Registration required. Skis, boots, and poles will be provided. The options will include classic, skating and telemark equipment. This event is dependent on the weather. Please call (630) 257-2045.*

Saturday, 12/7; 8am - 10am**Birds and Bagels, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Join us at our indoor bird feeders while enjoying complementary hot drinks and bagels. We will conclude the day with a bird walk. *Registration required. Ages 8 and up. Please call (847) 824-8360.*

Saturday, 12/7; 11am - 12pm**Wellness in the Woods: Yoga, Dan Ryan Woods Pavilion, Chicago**

Join us for a free class focused on building stability, flexibility and relaxation through the practices of breathwork, mindful movement and meditation. It will help you bring balance and ease to your mind and body through a series of seated, kneeling, lying and standing poses. *The yoga class will be held indoors and will be led by Liz, from Serendipity Yoga and Wellness in Homewood. Please come dressed comfortably in active wear with your yoga mat. For more information, please call (224) 763-4317.*

Saturday, 12/7; 1pm**Owl Program, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington**

Join us for an indoor presentation about these skilled nocturnal hunters.

Saturday, 12/7; 4pm - 8pm**Winter Bonfire, Camp Dan Beard, Northbrook**

Celebrate the start of the winter season with a giant bonfire under the night sky. You can enjoy s'mores, winter crafts and star gazing. *There will be a shuttle bus provided at Potawatomi Woods. There will be food available for purchase onsite. Some of the activities will be dependent on the weather. For more information, please visit the website.*

Sunday, 12/8; 11am - 3pm**Holiday Past, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Join us at our pioneer cabins as we celebrate winter holiday traditions. You can play with handmade toys, make a craft, and see what's cooking on the open fire. *For more information, please call (708) 868-0606.*

Thursday, 12/12; 7pm**Nature Book Club: "What an Owl Knows" by J. Ackerman, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Enjoy a discussion about this bestselling book that researched and detailed the deepest mysteries of owls. *Registration required. Ages 18 and up. This event is presented with the Forest Park Public Library. For more information, please visit the website.*

Friday, 12/13; 7pm

Evening Owl Prowl, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Join us for a guided walk on our trails to search for local owls. *Registration required. Ages 8 and up. Please call (847) 824-8360.*

Saturday, 12/14; 10am - 12pm**Prehistoric Play Day, Caldwell Woods Wellness Center, Chicago**

Learn about the amazing world of Ice Age Illinois through a series of family-oriented games and activities. *Ages 5 and up. For more information, please call (773) 758-8899.*

Saturday, 12/14; 10am - 12pm**S'mores Party, Swallow Cliff Woods-North, Palos Park**

Families can make a tasty treat with us around a campfire. The activities will include a s'more-themed craft, a story trail, guided walks, sledding, snowshoeing and more. *This is a drop-in event and some of the activities are dependent on the weather. For more information, please call (312) 533-5751 or visit the website.*

Saturday, 12/14; 3:30pm - 7pm**Winter Bonfire, Camp Shabbona Woods, South Holland**

Join us as we celebrate the beginning of winter with a large bonfire, making artwork, nature walks and more. *For more information, please visit the website.*

Sunday, 12/15; 5:30am**Dawn Owl Prowl, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Join us and listen to owls as part of the annual Christmas Bird Count. *Registration required. Ages 10 and up. This event will be led by John Elliot from the Chicago Bird Alliance. Please call (708)366-6530.*

Sunday, 12/15; 6am - 7am**Full Moon Owl Walk, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Join us for an early morning stroll in search of owls followed by hot drinks to warm up. *Registration required. Please call (708) 868-0606.*

Sunday, 12/15; 1pm**Cross-Country Ski Seminar, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Join us and learn the basics of cross-country ski equipment and how to prepare for your first cross-country skiing experience. *Registration required. Skis, boots, and poles will be provided. The options will include classic, skating and telemark equipment. This event is dependent on the weather. Please call (630) 257-2045.*

Sunday, 12/15; 5pm

Winter Ecology, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs

Join us for a discussion around the fire under a full moon. We will discuss the importance of the winter season and the survival of plants and animals. *Registration required. Please call (708) 839-6897.*

COMMITTEE ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

**RULES COMMITTEE
MEETING OF NOVEMBER 19, 2024**

24-0487 JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS Special meeting held on 10/9/2024

24-0483 JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS Regular meeting held on 10/22/2024

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**FINANCE COMMITTEE
MEETING OF NOVEMBER 19, 2024**

24-0084 REPORT Report Title: Corporate Fund Analysis of Revenue and Expenditures, Report Period: 1/1/2024 - 9/30/2024

24-0421 PROPOSED ORDINANCE Levy of Taxes for the Year 2024

24-0462 RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (LITIGATION) Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Litigation – 11/19/2024

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**REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE
MEETING OF NOVEMBER 19, 2024**

24-0311 PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT Fees and Occupancy of District Lands

24-0313 PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT Acquisition, Conveyance, License, and Use of District Property

24-0314 PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT License Process

24-0412 PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT Elk Grove Village (Village), Illinois, Design, construction and maintenance of a new pedestrian bridge structure, ramps and trail spur to the Busse Woods paved trail on the west side of Arlington Heights Road approximately 900 feet south of Higgins Road. The bridge structure and trail spur would impact approximately 0.28 acres (12,000 s.f.) of Forest Preserves land. An additional 0.25 acres would be impacted during construction, primarily to remove and restore an existing trail spur. No trees would be impacted

24-0413 PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways (“DOTH”), Construction of trail spur to the Paul Douglas paved trail at the northeast corner of Central Road and Freeman Road in Hoffman Estates, Illinois. The work will require one temporary easement for 0.317 acres (13,811 square feet) and the removal of thirteen (13) trees

24-0416 PROPOSED ORDINANCE Create a Forest Preserve Near Sweet Woods

24-0417 PROPOSED PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE The Conservation Fund, A Nonprofit Corporation (Owner of Record), Parts of 19100 E. Glenwood Dyer Road & 2990 Ridge Road, Unincorporated Cook County, Illinois
