



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

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

**BOARD AGENDA**

**Tuesday, December 12, 2017, 11:00 AM**

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

Authorization as a public speaker shall only be granted to those individuals who have submitted in writing, their name, address, subject matter, and organization (if any) to the Secretary 24 hours in advance of the meeting. Duly authorized public speakers shall 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 be germane to a specific item(s) on the meeting agenda, and the testimony must not exceed three minutes; the Secretary will keep track of the time and advise when the time for public testimony has expired. Persons authorized to provide public testimony shall not use vulgar, abusive, or otherwise inappropriate language when addressing the Board; failure to act appropriately; failure to speak to an item that is germane to the meeting, or failure to adhere to the time requirements may result in expulsion from the meeting and/or disqualify the person from providing future testimony.

**PRESIDENT**

[17-0434](#)

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

**PROPOSED REAPPOINTMENT**

**Appointee(s):** Wendy Paulson, Laurel Ross, and Mark Templeton

**Position:** Reappointment - Conservation and Policy Council Members

**Department/Board/Commission:** Conservation and Policy Council

**Effective date:** 1/1/2018

**Expiration date:** 12/31/2020

**Summary:** Reappointment of Council members.

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**Presented by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED APPOINTMENT**

**Appointee(s):** Commissioner Stanley Moore

**Position:** *Ex-Officio* member

**Department/Board/Commission:** Conservation and Policy Council

**Effective date:** Immediate

**Expiration date:** This appointment shall remain for the length of the Commissioner's term of office with the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners.

[17-0440](#)

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

#### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **2018 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 (the "Board") shall hold regular meetings pursuant to an annual calendar adopted by resolution of the Board; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Section 2.02 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 the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners, Illinois:

1. That the Board shall hold its regular meetings of the Board on the following dates during 2018, the time for holding the specified meetings is 11:00 a.m., local time:

Tuesday, January 9, 2018

Thursday, February 8, 2018

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

Tuesday, April 24, 2018

Thursday, May 17, 2018

Tuesday, June 5, 2018

Thursday, July 26, 2018

Tuesday, September 11, 2018

Tuesday, October 16, 2018

Tuesday, November 13, 2018

Tuesday, December 11, 2018

2. That the place is the County Building Room 569, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois, 60602 except for the following three meeting dates: February 8, 2018; May 17, 2018 and July 26, 2018.
3. That the Board shall hold a regular meeting of the Board on Thursday, February 8, 2018 at the Forest Preserve Camp Reinberg, in the dining hall, located at 1801 North Quentin Road, Palatine, Illinois 60074.
4. That the Board shall hold a regular meeting of the Board on Thursday, May 17, 2018 at the Forest Preserve Camp Shabbona Woods, in the pavilion, located at 15810 South Torrence Avenue, South Holland, Illinois 60473.
5. That the Board shall hold a regular meeting of the Board on Thursday, July 26, 2018 at the Chicago Botanic Garden located at 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe, Illinois 60022 in Nichols Hall located in the Regenstein Center.
6. That the same dates and locations listed here will be used to schedule the following standing committee meetings, set to begin at 10:30 a.m., local time: the Subcommittee on Workers' Compensation; the Committee on Rules; the Committee on Finance.

[17-0400](#)

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

#### **PROPOSED ORDINANCE**

#### **TO CREATE A FOREST PRESERVE NEAR KING'S GROVE**

**AN ORDINANCE CREATING A FOREST PRESERVE** in part of Section 36, Township 35 North, Range 13, East of the Third Principal Meridian, all in Cook County, Illinois near King's Grove in District 6.

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois (the "District"), pursuant to the statutes in such case made and provided, has from time to time acquired by purchase, condemnation, gift, grant, devise, or otherwise, lands necessary and desirable for District purposes containing one or more natural forests or parts thereof, or lands connecting such forests or parts thereof, or lands capable of being reforested for the purpose of protecting and preserving the flora, fauna, and scenic beauties within the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois, and to restore, restock, protect, and preserve the natural forests and said lands together with their flora and fauna, as nearly as may be, in their natural state and condition, for the purpose of the education, pleasure, and recreation of the public; and

**WHEREAS**, the said Board of Commissioners of the District also has acquired in like manner lands for

the consolidation of such preserves into unit areas of a size and form convenient and desirable for public use and economical maintenance and improvement, and lands for the purpose of connecting such preserves with forested ways or links in order to increase their accessibility, use, and enjoyment, and lands for improvement by forestation, roads, and pathways, and lands for the purpose of constructing, maintaining, and operating recreational facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the District has in a like manner acquired lands along water courses or elsewhere which, in their judgment, were required to control drainage and water conditions and necessary for the preservation of forested areas required or to be acquired as preserves and lands for the purpose of extension of roads and forested ways around and by such preserves and for parking space for automobiles and other facilities not requiring forested areas but incidental to the use and protection thereof; and

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Board of Commissioners of the District as follows:

Section 1. That a unified Forest Preserve be and the same is hereby created within the District which shall contain and connect lands now owned and lands to be acquired in substantial accordance with the plat now on file in the office of the General Superintendent of the District, which by reference is hereby made part thereof, and for the purposes of said Forest Preserve and for the carrying out of the statutory purposes more particularly set out in the preamble of this ordinance, it is necessary and desirable for the District to own and it shall acquire property hereinafter described in Section 2 of this ordinance, for the purpose of creating a Forest Preserve and for District uses.

Section 2. That the lands referred to in Section 1 of this ordinance are more particularly described as follows:

31 MONEE ROAD, PARK FOREST, ILLINOIS 60466

THAT PART OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 35 NORTH, RANGE 13 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE POINT OF INTERSECTION OF THE CENTER LINE OF MONEE ROAD AND THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 36, WHICH POINT IS 1562.80 FEET WEST OF THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 36; THENCE NORTH 44 DEGREES 17 MINUTES 05 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF MONEE ROAD 400 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 26 DEGREES 01 MINUTES 22 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 42.48 FEET; THENCE NORTH 44 DEGREES 17 MINUTES 05 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 171.29 FEET THENCE NORTH 58 DEGREES 12 MINUTES 05 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 90.39 FEET FOR A PLACE OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUING NORTH 58 DEGREES 12 MINUTES 05 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 115.72 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 31 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 55 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 120.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 58 DEGREES 12 MINUTES 05 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 102.15 FEET TO THE WESTERLY LINE OF FOREST PRESERVE TRACT, THENCE SOUTH 36 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 41 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE WESTERLY LINE OF SAID FOREST PRESERVE TRACT, 540.12 FEET TO A POINT IN THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 36, 420 FEET EAST MEASURED ALONG THE SOUTH

LINE OF SAID SECTION 36 FROM THE POINT OF INTERSECTION OF THE CENTERLINE OF MONEE ROAD AND THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 36 (SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 36 HAS A BEARING OF NORTH 89 DEGREES 44 MINUTES 55 SECONDS WEST); THENCE NORTH 26 DEGREES 01 MINUTES 22 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 124.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 63 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 03 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 155.69 FEET; THENCE NORTH 14 DEGREES 36 MINUTES 09 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 147.08 FEET; THENCE NORTH 26 DEGREES 09 MINUTES 20 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 108.64 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

PIN: 31-36-400-022-0000

Section 3. This ordinance is hereby made and ordained to be severable as to each parcel of land or portion thereof or right of interest in any of the same hereby authorized to be acquired, and failure to acquire any of the said parcels of land described in Section 2 hereof or right of interest in any of the same shall not impair or invalidate the authority by this ordinance granted to hold, own, or acquire any other of said parcels or any right or interest therein, it being the intention of said Board of Commissioners of the District to carry out the general plan provided in this ordinance so far as legally and financially practicable, and to negotiate for purchases, condemn, or otherwise acquire from time to time the several parcels of land described in Section 2 hereof and all right or interest therein.

Section 4. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

**District(s):** 6

**Effective date:** This ordinance shall be in effect immediately upon adoption.

[17-0465](#)

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

#### **PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

Title 1 Chapter 13: Code of Ethical Conduct

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Title 1 - Administrative, Chapter 13 - Code of Ethical Conduct of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code is hereby amended as follows:

#### **CHAPTER 13 - CODE OF ETHICAL CONDUCT**

##### **1-13-1: - DEFINITIONS.**

Whenever used in this Chapter, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

1. "Agency" means the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners, any committee or other subdivision thereof, any Forest Preserve District of Cook County department

or other administrative unit, commission, board or other division of the government of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County.

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15. **"Sexual harassment" has the meaning provided in the Illinois Human Rights Act, 775 ILCS 5/2-101 et seq.**

~~15~~**16.** "Single Candidacy" means the time period during which a candidate is seeking office with primary election and general election being separate candidacies.

~~16~~**17.** "State" means the State of Illinois.

~~17~~**18.** "Statement" means the disclosure of economic interest form required to be filed by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act, 5 ILCS 420/4A-101 et seq.

**1-13-2: - CODE OF CONDUCT.**

A. *Fiduciary Duty.* Officials and Employees shall at all times in the performance of their public duties owe a fiduciary duty to the District.

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**P. Prohibition on sexual harassment. All persons have a right to work in an environment free from sexual harassment. All persons subject to this Ordinance shall refrain from sexual harassment of any person.**

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**Effective date:** This ordinance shall be in effect immediately upon adoption.

[17-0466](#)

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

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

Title 1 Chapter 17: Office of Independent Inspector General

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Title 1 - Administrative, Chapter 17 - Office of the Independent Inspector General of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code is hereby amended as follows:

**CHAPTER 17 - OFFICE OF INDEPENDENT INSPECTOR GENERAL**

**1-17-1: - USE OF COOK COUNTY OFFICE OF INDEPENDENT INSPECTOR GENERAL.**

A. *Short Title:* This article shall be known as the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Office of Independent Inspector General Ordinance.

- B. *Purpose:* The purpose of the Office of Independent Inspector General is to detect, deter and prevent corruption, fraud, waste, mismanagement, unlawful political discrimination, **sexual harassment** or **other** misconduct in the operation of Forest Preserve District of Cook County.
- C. *Adoption of the Cook County Independent Inspector General Ordinance:* Upon the effective date of this ordinance and thereafter, the Forest Preserve District of Cook County shall adopt in whole the provisions of the Independent Inspector General Ordinance as provided by Cook County Board of Commissioners Ordinance No. 07-O-52, as amended (Cook County Code of Ordinances, Ch. 2, Div. 5 Inspector General, Section 2-281 et seq.). Furthermore, the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners recognizes and grants authority to the Office of the Independent Inspector General to detect, deter and prevent corruption, fraud, waste, mismanagement, unlawful political discrimination, **sexual harassment** or **other** misconduct in the operation of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County in accordance with the Independent Inspector General Ordinance.

**Effective date:** This ordinance shall be in effect immediately upon adoption.

[17-0467](#)

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

#### PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

Title 1 Chapter 10: Policy of Nondiscrimination

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Title 1 - Administrative, Chapter 10 - Policy of Nondiscrimination of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code is hereby amended as follows:

#### CHAPTER 10 - POLICY OF NONDISCRIMINATION

1-10-1: - COMPLIANCE WITH STATE AND FEDERAL REGULATIONS LAWS.

- A. **General:** The District is committed to providing a workplace that is free from discrimination based on age, race, color, religion, national origin, citizenship status, unfavorable discharge from the military, marital status, disability, sex, and any other legally protected class pursuant to any applicable federal, state, or county law. Each employee of the District must refrain from engaging in unlawful discrimination in the workplace.
- B. **Sexual Harassment:** The District maintains and hereby re-iterates its policy against sexual harassment. The District acknowledges and affirms that sexual harassment is prohibited by Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, and the Illinois Human Rights Act, as amended. Each employee of the District must refrain from engaging in sexual harassment in the workplace. No employee should be subjected to unsolicited or unwelcome sexual overtures or conduct in the workplace. All forms of conduct that could be considered harassing, coercive or disruptive, or that create a hostile or offensive environment, must be eliminated. Instances of sexual



harassment must be investigated in a prompt and effective manner.

**C. Sexual Harassment Training:**

- a. Each employee of the District must complete, at least annually, beginning in 2018, a sexual harassment training program. This sexual harassment training program shall be formulated by the District’s Department of Human Resources. Compliance with the sexual harassment training program shall be monitored by the Office of the Independent Inspector General.
- b. The District’s Department of Human Resources shall submit to the Office of the Independent Inspector General quarterly reports that: (a) summarize progress towards formulating a sexual harassment training during the previous quarter, the number of training session(s) delivered, and the number of participants in those training session(s); and (b) lay out the plan for the sexual harassment training programs in the coming quarter. The Office of the Independent Inspector General shall compile these reports and submit them to the Board on a quarterly basis. The Office of the Independent Inspector General shall report to the Board any noncompliance with the training obligations set out in this section.
- c. A person who fills a full-time vacancy in any position in the District, except seasonal positions, must complete his or her initial sexual harassment training within 90 days after the commencement of his or her employment.
- d. Sexual Harassment Training shall minimally include, but not be limited to: a definition of sexual harassment; examples of various types of sexual harassment in the workplace such as harassment by a person in authority towards a subordinate; examples of actions that do and do not constitute sexual harassment; examples of hostile work environments; and steps for filing a complaint.

**D. Disability:** The District acknowledges and affirms that the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 prohibits discrimination against people with disabilities. In the performance of their respective job duties, each employee of the District must comply with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended and as applicable.

**E. Requirements:** All employees of the District are required to become familiar with the contents of the District’s Policy of Nondiscrimination and to abide by the requirements it establishes. Furthermore, it is the responsibility of all supervisors and managers to make sure that the work environment is free from unlawful discrimination and sexual harassment.

**F. Penalties:** Any employee’s behavior that fits the definition of unlawful discrimination and/or sexual harassment is a form of misconduct that may result in disciplinary action up to and including dismissal.

~~The Federal government of the United States of America is hereby assured of full compliance by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County with all regulations effectuating Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.~~

~~1-10-2: — FEDERAL HANDICAPPED COMPLIANCE REGULATIONS. — PROCEDURE FOR FILING A COMPLAINT~~

**A. Filing a Complaint within the District**

An employee who either observes or believes himself/herself to be the object of discrimination, including, but not limited to, sexual harassment, should deal with the incident(s) as directly and firmly as

possible by clearly communicating her/his position to a supervisor and/or the District contact:

- Forest Preserve District of Cook County  
Director of Compliance  
Phone: 312-603-0037  
Fax: 312-603-9850

All complaints and corresponding investigations will be kept confidential to the extent practicable under the circumstances. There are instances, however, when the District may be required by law to disclose information related to an investigation, including, but not limited to, disclosing information to the Office of the Independent Inspector General and/or other law enforcement or legally related entities.

It is not necessary for discrimination or sexual harassment to be directed at the person making a complaint. Pursuant to the whistleblower protections under the Illinois Whistleblower Act (740 ILCS 174/1 et seq.), the Illinois Human Rights Act (775 ILCS 5/2-101 et seq.), the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act (5 ILCS 420/1-101 et seq.), and this ordinance; no one making a complaint will be retaliated against even if a complaint made in good faith is not substantiated. In addition, any witness will be protected from retaliation.

**B. Filing outside the District**

An employee has the right to contact the Cook County Office of the Independent Inspector General (OIIG), the Cook County Commission on Human Rights, the Cook County Board of Ethics, the Illinois Department of Human Rights (IDHR) or the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) about filing a formal complaint. In some instances, time limits, mandating that the complaint be filed within one hundred and eighty (180) days, may apply. Administrative contacts for these agencies are as follows:

- Cook County Office of Independent Inspector General (OIIG)  
Phone: 312-603-0745  
Fax: 312-603-9744
- Cook County Commission on Human Rights  
Phone: (312) 603-1100
- Cook County Board of Ethics  
Phone: 312-603-4304  
Fax: 312-603-9988
- Illinois Department of Human Rights (IDHR)  
Chicago: 312-814-6200 or 800-662-3942 Chicago  
TTY: 866-740-3953  
Springfield: 217-785-5100  
Springfield TTY: 866-740-3953

Marion: 618-993-7463

Marion TTY: 866-740-3953

- United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC)  
Chicago: 800-669-4000  
Chicago TTY: 800-869-8001

**C. Filing a False Complaint**

False and frivolous charges refer to cases where the accuser is using an unlawful discrimination or sexual harassment complaint to accomplish some end other than stopping unlawful discrimination or sexual harassment. It does not refer to charges made in good faith which cannot be proven. Given the seriousness of the consequences for the accused, a false and frivolous charge is a severe offense that can itself result in disciplinary action.

~~A. *Contracts and Agreements:* Federal Handicapped Compliance Regulations prohibit the District from discriminating on the basis of handicap, either directly or through contractual or other arrangements. All contractual, financial, cooperative and nonfinancial agreements entered into by the District must contain a statement of nondiscrimination. The following language, or equivalent language, is to be included in all contracts and agreements:-~~

~~"The Forest Preserve District of Cook County does not discriminate on the basis of handicap in admission or access to, or treatment or employment in District programs or services."~~

~~While the ultimate responsibility for inclusion of this statement in the contract or agreement rests with the office initiating the contract or agreement, all signatories to District contracts or agreements are to be aware of the requirements as they review contracts.-~~

~~B. *Public Program/Service Accessibility:* Federal Handicapped Compliance Regulations require that the District provide its programs, services and activities in an equivalent manner to both able bodied and handicapped individuals. Public service or program is defined very broadly to include any program, activity or service involving public use. An equivalent manner is defined to mean that a program, viewed in its entirety, is to be accessible to a handicapped person.-~~

~~1. *Advertisement of program or service:* Wherever communication or publicity regarding programs and services is made, each of the District's department heads is encouraged to include a telephone number of a person who may be contacted to assist handicapped persons.-~~

~~2. *Eligibility:* Federal Handicapped Compliance Regulations require that all printed materials containing information about programs and services include a statement of nondiscrimination. It is suggested that all printed material available to the public (that is, brochures, posters, forms, etc.) include the following, or an equivalent statement:-~~

~~"The Forest Preserve District of Cook County does not discriminate on the basis of handicap in admission or access to, or treatment or employment in District programs or services."~~

~~Each of the District's department heads is responsible for ensuring that department programs and services are accessible in an equivalent manner to handicapped persons.-~~

~~C. *Employment Practices and Agreements:* Federal Handicapped Compliance Regulations require that all employment practices and procedures such as advertising and recruiting, testing, compensation, etc., are to be as accessible to handicapped as to nonhandicapped applicants and employees.-~~

1. ~~Qualified handicapped applicants and employees: Only qualified handicapped individuals, who with reasonable accommodation can perform the essential functions of the job, are protected from discrimination by section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. 794. An accommodation need not be made if it requires the District to modify essential job requirements; in such an instance, it would not be discriminatory to deny employment or advancement to the handicapped person who, despite accommodation, cannot perform essential job functions (i.e., is not qualified). Reasonable accommodation may be denied if it constitutes an undue hardship to the District, such as unreasonable financial costs.~~
  2. ~~Essential job functions: All job descriptions should ensure that physical, mental and communications requirements be job related and accurately reflect job functions. No physical, mental or communication requirement should tend to screen out handicapped applicants unless the requirements are essential to the performance or safety of the job. Every effort should be made to review job descriptions to ensure that they reflect the minimum related requirements. Unrealistic or unrelated job requirements are to be excluded from job descriptions.~~
  3. ~~Pre-employment interviews: Federal Handicapped Compliance Regulations prohibit an interviewer from asking general, nonrelated questions regarding handicaps. An interviewer may ask an applicant if the applicant has a physical or mental condition which limits or affects the applicant's ability or safety on the job, or the safety of others on the job if such questions are asked of all applicants.~~

~~Federal Handicapped Compliance Regulations stipulate that the District may inquire about handicaps if:~~

    - a. ~~An applicant voluntarily discloses a handicap;~~
    - b. ~~It is related to affirmative actions efforts;~~
    - c. ~~It is for the purpose of proper job placement; or~~
    - d. ~~It is for the purpose of some job accommodation.~~
  4. ~~Medical examinations: Medical examination of handicapped applicants may be requested only:~~
    - a. ~~When they are required of all candidates for the job; or~~
    - b. ~~When there is an objective question as to medical limitations or the ability to perform a job safely.~~
  5. ~~Testing: Testing of a handicapped applicant is appropriate when it is required of all applicants. Occasionally it may be necessary to make some accommodations to a handicapped person.~~
- D. ~~Complaint Procedure: Federal Handicapped Compliance Regulations require that the District adopt a complaint procedure that incorporates appropriate due process standards and that provides for the prompt and equitable resolution of complaints alleging discrimination.~~
1. ~~Filing: The person alleging a complaint against the District shall file a written statement which adequately explains the problem. The written complaint may be filed by mail or in person and is to be filed with the District's Handicapped Compliance Coordinator, who shall be designated by the General Superintendent.~~
  2. ~~Seeking a resolution: Following receipt of the complaint, the District's Handicapped Compliance Coordinator will meet with the complainant to discuss the complaint and seek a remedy. Following the meeting, a written summary of the meeting and the proposed remedy, if any, will be sent to the complainant by the District's Handicapped Compliance Coordinator.~~
  3. ~~Appeal: The complainant has a right to appeal the resolution proposed by the District's Handicapped Compliance Coordinator. The appeal is to be filed in the same manner as the initial~~

~~complaint and is to be filed with the Cook County Handicapped Compliance Officer. The Cook County Handicapped Compliance Officer will then reach a decision to either uphold the original remedy or present an alternate remedy. The Cook County Handicapped Compliance Officer will then inform the complainant in writing of the decision.~~

~~The appeal meeting and decision will conclude the complaint procedure.~~

~~The preceding complaint procedure does not preclude the complainant from pursuing other remedies, nor is the complaint procedure a prerequisite to pursuing other remedies.~~

**Effective date:** This ordinance shall be in effect immediately upon adoption.

**OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT**

[17-0308](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

**Department(s):** Planning and Development

**Vendor:** GMA Construction Group, Chicago, Illinois

**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County to extend and increase a previously executed contract

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Construction services to furnish and install water filtration systems at Camp Bullfrog located in Palos Township, Maple Lake Boathouse located in Palos Township, Swallow Cliff Warming Center located in Palos Township, and Camp Shabbona located in Thornton Township.

**Original Contract Period:** Three hundred sixty (360) days (10/27/2016 - 10/23/2017); Administrative Extension: Sixty (60) days (10/24/2017 - 12/23/2017)

**Proposed Contract Period Extension:** Three Hundred Sixty Five (365) days (12/24/2017 - 12/23/2018)

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$671,906.00

**Original Approval:** 9/13/2016, \$671,906.00

**Previous Increase(s):** N/A

**This Increase Requested:** \$96,993.31

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** \$96,993.31

**Accounts:** Building Accounts: 51025.560106, 51026.560106, 51054.560106, 51055.560106, 51056.560106, 51057.560106, and 51009.560106

**Contract Number(s):** 16-80-43-R

**Concurrences:**

Chief Attorney has approved this item. Chief Financial Officer approval is pending purchasing review. Purchasing's review is substantially complete but final approval is subject to receipt of additional documentation from GMA.

The Vendor has met the Minority and Women Business Enterprise Ordinance Provisions.

**District(s):** 4 and 17

**Summary:** Additional money is required to complete Contract 16-80-43-R due to the discovery of a previously unknown presence of iron bacteria, associated re-design and re-permitting to add pre-treatment systems to address the bacteria and other utility-related design revisions. Work undertaken by this contract will improve the taste and color of the well water at the above mentioned locations and extend the life of pipes and plumbing fixtures. The work includes furnishing and installing reverse osmosis filtration systems as well as the construction and modification of certain buildings to accommodate these systems.

[17-0347](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

**Department(s):** Planning and Development

**Vendor:** Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd., Rosemont, Illinois

**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County to increase a previously executed task order contract

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Professional services to design water filtration systems at Camp Bullfrog located in Palos Township, Maple Lake Boathouse located in Palos Township, Swallow Cliff Warming Center located in Palos Township, and Camp Shabbona located in Thornton Township.

**Original Contract Period:** Three (3) years 12/5/2012 - 12/4/2015; Board approval 11/17/2015 (12/5/2015 - 12/4/2016), 11/15/2016 (12/5/2016 - 12/4/2017) and 11/14/2017 (12/5/2017 - 12/4/2018) (Terms apply to underlying architectural design contract)

**Proposed Contract Period Extension:** N/A

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$80,608.00

**Original Approval:** 5/15/15, \$80,608.00

**Previous Increase(s):** N/A

**This Increase Requested:** \$30,697.00

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** Not to exceed \$30,697.00

**Accounts:** Consulting Accounts: 51025.520860, 51026.520860, 51054.520860, 51055.520860, 51056.520860, 51057.520860, and 51009.520860

**Contract Number(s):** Term Agreement 12-80-59 & Task Order 14-80-31

**Concurrences:**

The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

**District(s):** 4 and 17

**Summary:** Additional money is required to complete Task Order 14-80-31 due to the discovery of a previously unknown presence of iron bacteria, associated re-design and re-permitting to add pre-treatment systems to address the bacteria and other utility-related design revisions. Work undertaken by this contract will improve the taste and color of the well water at the above mentioned locations and extend the life of pipes and plumbing fixtures. The work includes the design of reverse osmosis filtration systems.

[17-0444](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

**Department(s):** Planning & Development

**Vendor:** Chicago Commercial Construction Inc.("CCC"), Chicago, Illinois

**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County to extend, contract

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Orland Grasslands Site Improvements

**Original Contract Period:** Two hundred ten (210) days from Notice to Proceed (1/16/2015 - 8/14/2015); sixty (60) day administrative extension (8/15/2015 - 10/14/2015); two hundred seventy (270) day extension (10/15/2015 - 7/11/2016); three hundred eighty five (385) day extension retroactive from (7/12/2016 - 7/31/2017) and one hundred twenty two (122) day extension from (8/1/2017 - 11/30/2017)

**Proposed Contract Period Extension:** One Hundred Ninety Seven (197) day extension retroactively from 12/1/2017 - 6/15/2018

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$319,595.46

**Original Approval:** 12/16/2014, \$319,595.46

**Previous Increase(s):** N/A

**This Increase Requested:** N/A

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** None

**Accounts:** Site Improvement Accounts 51025.560060, 51054.560060

**Contract Number(s):** 13-80-02-05C3

**Concurrences:**

The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

The Vendor has met the Minority and Women Business Enterprise Ordinance Provisions.



**District(s):** 17

**Summary:** Work is substantially complete. A contract extension is required to provide additional time for punch list work and project closeout. A few punch list items are weather dependent, requiring extension until warmer weather.

[17-0445](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

**Department(s):** Planning and Development

**Vendor:** Chicago Commercial Construction Inc., Chicago, Illinois

**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County to extend, contract

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Deer Grove and Tinley Creek Outdoor Interpretation

**Original Contract Period:** Two hundred and forty (240) days from Notice to Proceed (2/20/2015 - 2/15/2016); sixty (60) day administrative extension (2/16/2016 - 4/16/2016); two hundred and fifty-eight (258) day extension (4/17/2016 - 12/31/2016); two hundred and ninety-one (291) day extension (1/17/2017 - 10/18/2017)

**Proposed Contract Period Extension:** Two hundred thirty-nine (239) day extension retroactively from 10/19/2017 - 6/15/2018

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$836,289.65

**Original Approval:** 1/20/2015, \$836,289.65

**Previous Increase(s):** N/A

**This Increase Requested:** N/A

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** None

**Accounts:** Site Improvement Accounts, 51025.560060, 51054.560060 and 51055.560060

**Contract Number(s):** 13-80-02-05C4-R

**Concurrences:**

The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

The Vendor has met the Minority and Women Business Enterprise Ordinance Provisions.

**District(s):** 6 and 14

**Summary:** Work is substantially complete. A contract extension is required to provide additional time for punch list work and project closeout. A few punch list items are weather dependent, requiring extension until warmer weather.

[17-0446](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

**Department(s):** Planning & Development

**Vendor:** Ujamaa Construction Inc., Chicago, Illinois

**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County to extend, contract

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Construction services for Picnic Shelter Repairs at 15 locations (Busse Woods grove #26, Catherine Chevalier grove #'s 1, 2 and 3, Clayhole Woods, Country Lane Woods, Dam No. 1 Woods East #2, Dam No. 4 Woods East #2, Dan Ryan #11, Deer Grove #4, Forest Glen Woods, Lake Ave Woods East #1, Plum Creek #2, Somme Woods and Sunset Bridge Meadow)

**Original Contract Period:** One hundred and fifty (150) days from Notice to Proceed (7/31/2017-12/28/2017) Board approved on 6/6/2017

**Proposed Contract Period Extension:** One hundred eighty three days (183) calendar days (12/29/2017 - 6/30/2018)

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$353,344.00

**Original Approval:** 6/6/2017, \$353,344.00

**Previous Increase(s):** N/A

**This Increase Requested:** N/A

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** None

**Accounts:** Land Improvements Accounts: 51009.560055, 51025.560055, 51026.560055, 51054.560055, 51055.560055, 51056.560055 and 51057.560055

**Contract Number(s):** 17-80-42

**Concurrences:**

The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

The Vendor has met the Minority and Women Business Enterprise Ordinance Provisions.

**District(s):** 4, 6, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15 and 17

**Summary:** The contractor is behind schedule due to the withdrawal of a key roofing sub-contractor. Remaining work is weather dependent, requiring extension of the contract until warmer weather.

[17-0448](#)

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

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

TITLE 2- FOREST PRESERVE LANDS AND PROPERTY, CHAPTER 4- RECREATION IN FOREST PRESERVES

**BE IT ORDAINED,** by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Title 2- Forest Preserve Lands and Property, Chapter 4- Recreation in Forest Preserves, of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code is hereby amended as Follows:

**Sec. 2-4-2: Events Requiring Permits.**

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5. ~~Taking any still or motion pictures or painting or drawing pictures for commercial purposes or for use in commercial advertising.~~ a. Taking motion pictures or filming for a commercial purpose;

or

b. Filming for non-commercial purpose, or taking any photo, or painting or drawing pictures if:

(1) such activity takes place at a location(s) where or when members of the public generally are not allowed;

(2) involves the use of (i) District property on an exclusive basis, (ii) model(s) or props that are not part of the location's natural or cultural resources or administrative facilities, (iii) equipment that requires mechanical transport, or (iv) equipment that requires an external power source other than a battery pack; or

(3) the District would incur additional administrative costs to manage and oversee the permitted activity to avoid unacceptable impact and impairment to resources or values; or to minimize health and safety risks to the visiting public.

Any permit provided under this Section 2-4-2(B)(5) shall satisfy any requirement under Title 6 - Business, License, and Permit Provisions, Chapter 2 - Hawkers and Peddlers for a permit as it relates to any specific activity permitted under this Section.

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**Effective date:** This ordinance shall be in effect upon adoption

[17-0452](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED CONTRACT**

**Department(s):** Resource Management

**Vendor:** Rietveld Brothers, Crete, Illinois

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Row crop farming

**Contract Value:** N/A

**Contract period:** 1/1/2018 - 12/31/2022

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** Revenue generation of up to \$14,400.00 (over 5 years)

**Accounts:** N/A

**Contract Number(s):** 17RM 127R

**Concurrences:**

The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

**District(s):** 6

**Summary:** The Preserves is letting a contract for row crop production at select sites which were historically used for agricultural purposes prior to acquisition by the Preserves, and as such, do not exist in an ecologically natural state. Farmers will have use of the property for seeding one or more of the following row crops: wheat, oats, soybeans, and/or corn. This practice allows the Preserves to generate revenue, while at the same time preventing invasive plant species from taking over fallow land. It is the Preserve’s intention to restore fallow land wherever possible and these farming practices are a good method to keep these lands in a more manageable condition until a restoration project can take place on the site. The contract term for row crop farming is a period of one (1) year, with four (4) one-year renewal options to be exercised by the General Superintendent or his/her designee, which gives the Preserves the option to discontinue farming practices in order to restore these lands to a natural condition.

Rietveld Brothers was the highest responsible bidder for row crop site #3RC, Sauk Village Addition, for a total potential revenue generation over the next five (5) years of \$14,400.00. Rietveld Brothers was the sole bidder for this site.

Site	Acres	Revenue
Sauk Village Addition	28.8	\$14,400.00

[17-0401](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED ACCEPTANCE OF REAL ESTATE DONATION**

**Department(s):** Legal Department

**Other Part(ies):** Land Conservancy of Will County, an Illinois Not for Profit

**Request:** It is respectfully requested that this proposed donation be approved.

**Description of Real Estate:** 31 Monee Road, Park Forest, Illinois 60466

**Section:** NA

**Parcel(s):** 31-36-400-022-0000

THAT PART OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 35 NORTH, RANGE 13 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE POINT OF INTERSECTION OF THE CENTER LINE OF MONEE ROAD AND THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 36, WHICH POINT IS 1562.80 FEET WEST OF THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 36; THENCE NORTH 44 DEGREES 17 MINUTES 05 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF MONEE ROAD 400 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 26 DEGREES 01 MINUTES 22 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 42.48 FEET; THENCE NORTH 44 DEGREES 17 MINUTES 05 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 171.29 FEET THENCE NORTH 58 DEGREES 12 MINUTES 05 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 90.39 FEET FOR A PLACE OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUING NORTH 58 DEGREES 12 MINUTES 05 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 115.72 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 31 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 55 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 120.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 58 DEGREES 12 MINUTES 05 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 102.15 FEET TO THE WESTERLY LINE OF FOREST PRESERVE TRACT, THENCE SOUTH 36 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 41 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE WESTERLY LINE OF SAID FOREST PRESERVE TRACT, 540.12 FEET TO A POINT IN THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 36, 420 FEET EAST MEASURED ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 36 FROM THE POINT OF INTERSECTION OF THE CENTERLINE OF MONEE ROAD AND THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 36 (SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 36 HAS A BEARING OF NORTH 89 DEGREES 44 MINUTES 55 SECONDS WEST); THENCE NORTH 26 DEGREES 01 MINUTES 22 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 124.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 63 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 03 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 155.69 FEET; THENCE NORTH 14 DEGREES 36 MINUTES 09 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 147.08 FEET; THENCE NORTH 26 DEGREES 09 MINUTES 20 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 108.64 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

**Fiscal Impact:** \$0 purchase price, plus up to \$60,000 additional funds to be advanced by the Forest Preserves of Cook County ("the Preserves") to cover any outstanding tax arrearage and closing costs associated with the transaction.

**Accounts:** Land Acquisition 51025.560010, 51006.520000

**District(s):** 6

**Summary:** The Preserves has identified a parcel of land for acquisition that would add to the Preserves' current holdings near King's Grove (the "Property"). The Property, commonly known as 31 Monee Road, Park Forest, Cook County, Illinois 60466, consists of approximately 1.051± acres. The Property is located immediately adjacent to land owned by the Preserves and would add, and provide a buffer to, the District's holdings in the area.

Through negotiations, The Land Conservancy of Will County, an Illinois Not for Profit Corporation (the "Donor"), has agreed to donate the Property at no charge to the District. The Property has an estimated value of \$147,390.00 based on the Cook County Assessor's 2016 property tax assessment. The District shall pay for any closing costs, including any and all back taxes, associated with the conveyance. Upon successful completion of due diligence by the District and prior to closing, Donor shall demolish the existing pool and pool house located on the property, at Donor's expense. Following the closing, the District will become vested with fee simple absolute title and the immediate right to possession of the Property.

Permission is now sought, upon satisfactory completion of all due diligence and negotiation of any and all required documentation as determined by the Preserves' legal department, to accept the donation of the Property and authorize funds in an amount not to exceed \$60,000 to cover any closing costs and back taxes associated with the Property.

This land acquisition advances the goals of the Next Century Conservation Plan.

[17-0439](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

#### **PROPOSED PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT**

**Request:** Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the "Preserves") to enter into a Partnership Agreement with Trailbound Trips, Barrington, Illinois.

**Reason:** Trailbound Trips is a Cook County based company that offers guided hiking and bicycling trips geared toward women audiences, while also educating them on restoration and conservation topics. For all programs conducted on Forest Preserve property, Trailbound Trips will compensate the Preserves with 20% of registration fees.

**Contract period:** 1/1/2018 - 12/31/2020

**Fiscal Impact:** \$21,000.00 Revenue Generating (over 3 years)

**Account(s):** N/A

**Concurrences:**

Trailbound Trips is in good standing with the State of Illinois.

The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

**District(s):** Districtwide

[17-0450](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED AGREEMENT**

**Vendor:** Oak Park Tennis Center, River Forest, Illinois

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

**Reason:** The Preserves has had a relationship with the Oak Park Tennis Center for nearly 100 years. The current agreement expires at the end of this year. This new seven (7) year agreement with one (1) optional three (3) year extension will allow the Oak Park Tennis Center to continue providing tennis related programs for youth and adult users, while also offering tennis scholarships for those who require financial assistance. This new agreement calls for an increase in financial compensation to the Preserves including a 100% increase in the base fee (to \$6,000.00 in year one and \$6,000.00 plus 2% compounded increase each year thereafter), and a new annual \$20,000.00 capital contribution to ensure that the tennis facility remains in a good condition for the length of the agreement.

**Contract period:** 84 months from the issuance of the Purchase Order

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** \$44,605.69 (Revenue Generating) in base fees paid to the Preserves, plus a capital contribution of \$140,000, over seven (7) years, with a thirty-six (36) month renewal option.

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

**Concurrence(s):**

The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

**District(s):** 9

[17-0461](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ITEM AMENDMENT**

**Department:** Planning and Development



**Request:** Amend a previously approved item

**Item Number:** 16-0306

**Fiscal Impact:** N/A

**Account(s):** N/A

**District(s):** 15

**Original Text of Item:** (Originally approved 7/12/2016)

### PROPOSED GRANT APPLICATION AUTHORIZATION REQUEST

**Department:** Planning and Development

**Grantee:** The Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the "Preserves")

**Grantor:** Illinois Department of Natural Resources' Land and Water ~~Conservation~~  
Conservation Fund ("LWCF")

**Request:** Authorization to apply for grant

**Purpose:** Authorization to apply for grant funds and match funds if awarded

**Grant Amount:** ~~\$1,070,250.00~~ \$946,800.00

**Grant Period:** ~~Three (3) Years From Grant Approval Date~~ 12/5/2016 (retroactive) -  
12/31/2018

**Fiscal Impact:** Not to Exceed ~~\$1,070,250.00~~ \$1,210,700.00

**Accounts:** Land Acquisition, ~~25-6800~~, 51025.560010, 51006.520000

**District(s):** 15

**Summary:** Approval of resolution authorizing the Preserves to apply for a grant and, if awarded, to provide match funds and enter into an agreement with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. The LWCF grant would provide funding for the acquisition of the 165 Algonquin property in Barrington Hills, Illinois. The 23-acre site would provide a direct connection between Horizon Farms and Spring Creek Forest Preserves. The acquisition of this property would allow the Preserves to install a natural surface

trail to connect to the Horizon Farm trail system and to restore the site to a more natural condition to establish a wildlife corridor and greenway connection between existing Preserve holdings.  
Approved "Resolution of Authorization Approval" form required as part of application.

**Concurrences:** The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

[17-0441](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

## REPORT

**Department:** General Office

**Request:** Annual Report of the Conservation and Policy Council, Wendy Paulson, Chair of the Conservation and Policy Council

**Report Title:** The 2017 Annual Report of the Conservation and Policy Council, the 5-Year Implementation Strategy for the Next Century Conservation Plan and the proposed 2018 Budget

**Report Period:** 1/1/2017 - 12/31/2017

**Summary:** The Annual Report of the Conservation and Policy Council is required by Section 1-18-5 of the Preserves' Code of Ordinances. The report was orally presented by Council Member Mark Templeton on behalf of Chairperson Wendy Paulson at the 11/14/2017 meeting of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners.

[17-0081](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

## REPORT

**Department:** Finance and Administration

**Request:** Receive and File

**Report Title:** Procurements and Disbursements Report

**Report Period:** 10/1/2017 - 10/31/2017

**Summary:** Submitting the Procurements and Disbursements Report for the period of October 2017. This Report is to be received and filed in compliance with Section 1-8-2(BB) of the District's Code of Ordinances.

[17-0442](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

#### **PROPOSED CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Department:** Conservation & Experiential Programming

**Summary:** Forest Preserves of Cook County Calendar - 12/12/2017 - 1/15/2018

**Saturdays and Sundays, 12/16-17 and Tuesday - Sunday, 12/26 - 31**

**Holiday Magic, Chicago Zoological Society/Brookfield Zoo, Brookfield**

Now in its 36th year, celebrate Chicagoland's largest and longest running lights festival. With over one million twinkling LED lights, it's a magical time for the entire family. Highlights include, a 41-foot talking tree, train display, carolers, ice carvers, and much more!

**Daily, through 12/22; 10 am - 5 pm and Saturday, 12/23 through Sunday, 1/7, 10 am - 7 pm**

**Wonderland Express, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe**

With more than 700,000 twinkling LED lights throughout the garden and re-creation of Chicago's favorite landmarks, Wonderland Express combines the magic of model railroads with a holiday wonderland. This family-friendly tradition includes special events such as caroling and ice sculpting. Additional Family Drop-in activities offered. Fee applies. (Closes at 3 p.m. on December 24 and closed December 25)

**Sunday, 12/17; 2 pm & 3:30 pm**

**Winter Solstice Woods Walk, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe**

Join a free, guided 40-minute woods walk to coincide with the winter solstice that occurs on December 21st - the shortest day of the year. Warm up by a fire afterward. Meet at the McDonald Woods shelter. Check the web page for last-minute weather updates.

**Throughout the Winter, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Cross-country skiing is a fun way to stay active during winter. Starting December 16th, as soon as, conditions are skiable (frozen ground and 5" snow), Sagawau Nordic is open daily from 9 am - 4 pm.

Trails will be open and groomed as snow conditions permit and could include a late start or an early finish. Watch our Facebook page and call 630-257-2045 for the most up-to-date trail conditions. You may also visit us on-line at [www.FPDCC.com](http://www.FPDCC.com) <<http://www.FPDCC.com>> to find out more regarding special classes and events.

**Winter Season - Junior Naturalists, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Jr. Naturalists, children ages 7 - 12, work on independent projects and attend special programs to learn about nature through each of the four seasons. Call or visit for more information. Registration required. Initial fee: \$10. Continuing seasons: \$5 each.

**Thursday, 12/14 through Friday, 1/5**

**Christmas Bird Count, Preserves throughout Cook County**

The Christmas Bird Count is an annual tradition. Small groups search sections of an established bird circle. Results become part of one of the nation's oldest volunteer biological surveys. New birders welcome. Map of the count areas and contact information for the compilers: [audubon.org/join-Christmas-bird-count](http://audubon.org/join-Christmas-bird-count). Various dates and times available.

**Friday, 12/15; 7 pm**

**Night Owls, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

An extended guided hike on our trails to search for local owls. Afterwards, warm up inside with refreshments and questions for the naturalist. Adults & teens only. \$3/person.

**Friday, 12/15; 7 pm**

**Night Hike: Candle Lantern Hike, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Walk the trails with us by candlelight. Candle lanterns will be available for adults. We'll search the night sky, listen for owls and enjoy an evening of nature, weather permitting. Register by 12/13.

**Saturday, 12/16; 11:30 am - 2:30 pm**

**Outdoor Adventures - Wood Masonry Workshop, Camp Dan Beard, Northbrook**

Learn the art of wood masonry! Through a hands-on workshop, discover a natural building process that has been used in the Midwest for centuries. Participants will learn the basic principles of cordwood construction including structural design, wood choice and prep, mixing mortar, and building a cordwood wall section for permanent display at Camp Dan Beard. Ages 10 & up. Space limited, must reserve a spot by calling 312-533-5751.

**Sunday, 12/16; 1:30 pm**

**Winter Entomology, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs**

Search for invertebrates underneath frozen logs and along icy waters. Field equipment will be provided. Ages 10 & up.

**Saturday, 12/16; 4 pm - 8 pm****Solstice Bonfire, Camp Dan Beard, Northbrook**

Join us as we approach the shortest day of the year and celebrate with a giant bonfire! We'll also have nature play, art making, s'mores and a food truck on site. Parking for the event is at nearby Potawatomi Woods. A free shuttle will be available throughout the event.

**Sunday, 12/17; 6 am****Dawn Owl Prowl, Trailside Museum of Natural History, River Forest**

Listen for resident great horned and screech owls as part of the 119th annual Christmas Bird Count, with Chicago Audubon's John Elliott. Limited to 10 adults and children 10 & up. Registration required.

**Saturday, 12/23; 1 pm - 3 pm****Solstice Celebration, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills**

Welcome the light back on the shortest day of the year! Raise a glass of cocoa and celebrate the sun around a campfire. \$1 donation/person.

**Tuesday, 12/26 through Thursday, 12/28; and Tuesday, 1/2 through Thursday, 1/4; 1 pm - 3 pm****Winter Break - Nature Drop in Days, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

We provide the fun, you bring the kids to explore something new each day.

**Thursday, 12/28; 11 am - 3 pm****Winter Breakout Adventures, Camp Sullivan, Oak Forest**

Don't let winter weather keep you inside. Get active and embrace your time off from school and head outdoors! Youth and families, join us for winter adventure and fun with activities like snowshoeing (conditions permitting), guided nature hikes, tracking, art making and games. Indoor climbing wall included. Warm up with a campfire and s'mores (weather permitting). Call 708-386-4042 for details.

**Saturday, 12/30; 1 pm****New Year's and Nature, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills**

Come learn about the history of the New Year holiday and its connections to nature. You may be inspired to create your own nature-themed resolution!

**Saturday, 12/30; 1:30 pm****Living with Wildlife, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Ever wondered what to do if you find a baby bird? Or what do you do about deer munching your garden? Come learn the basics of living with wildlife in our neighborhoods and the best practices for

handling sticky situations.

**Tuesday, 1/2; 8 am**

**Permits Opening Day, Forest Preserve Headquarters, River Forest**

Online and in-person permit sales for 2018 will begin at 8 am on Tuesday, January 2. Picnic permits are required for groups of 25 or more.

**Tuesday, 1/3; 11 am - 3 pm**

**Winter Breakout Adventures, Rolling Knolls, Elgin**

Don't let winter weather keep you inside. Get active and embrace your time off from school and head outdoors! Youth and families, join us for winter adventure and fun with activities like snowshoeing and sledding (conditions permitting), guided nature hikes, tracking and special wood working projects. Warm up with a campfire and s'mores (weather permitting). Call 708-386-4042 for details.

**Saturday, 1/6; 10 am**

**New Year Nature Bath, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs**

Begin the New Year by stimulating your mind, body and spirit with a rejuvenating "forest bath." We will explore the many benefits of "forest bathing" before immersing ourselves among the trees and awakening our senses to the sights, sounds and smells of nature in winter. Adults only.

**Saturday, 1/6; 1 pm**

**Ornithology 101: Feathers, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Thousands of feathers cover a bird's body. Learn the structure and function of feathers. Adults & interested teens. Registration required.

**Saturday, 1/13; 1:30 pm**

**The Canids of Cook County, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Join us for an indoor presentation to discover the interesting natural history of urban coyotes and foxes here in Cook County. We will have real furs available to see and touch. After the presentation, we'll go on a hike to look for canid tracks and scat.

**Saturday, 1/13; 1 pm - 2:30 pm**

**Conservation@Home: Sustainable Seed Saving: Native Plant Edition Drop-In, Trailside Museum of Natural History, River Forest**

Learn how to start your own native plants with less waste. North Cook Master Gardeners will share tips for starting plants from seed to add to your home garden. We'll make this process more sustainable by recycling common household and garden items. Drop-in program for adults & teens.

**Sunday, 1/14; 1 pm****Makin' Music Bluegrass Jam, Thatcher Pavilion, River Forest**

Make a simple musical instrument, then join the fun in a bluegrass jam circle! Bring your basses, fiddles, mandolins, guitars and banjos, too. All are welcome to join the jam.

**Sunday, 1/14; 1 pm****CSI: Critter Scene Investigation, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills**

Can you guess what animal neighbors have been visiting from the clues they've left behind? Learn about tracks, scat and more during this interactive adventure.

**Sunday, 1/14 and Monday, 1/15; 1:30 pm****Two Owls & a Naturalist, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Learn about owls' unique adaptations and get up close and personal with two of River Trail's resident owls.

**Monday, 1/15; 12 pm - 3 pm****M.L.K. Jr. Day of Service, Dan Ryan Woods, Chicago**

"Life's most persistent and urgent question is: What are you doing for others?" -Martin Luther King Jr. Join us for a day of stewardship! Try your hand at restoration by helping remove invasive plants while learning about efforts being made to maintain healthy habitats. Plus, enjoy sledding (weather permitting) and winter family-fun activities.

**Fridays, 1/15; 7 pm****Evening Snowshoe Hikes, Trailside Museum of Natural History, River Forest**

Come for a moonlit hike on snowshoes if snow depth permits, or on boots if not. Warm up by a fire afterwards. Snowshoes provided or bring your own. Adults only. Registration required.

**COMMITTEE ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION**

**RULES COMMITTEE MEETING OF 12/12/2017**

**17-0475 JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS** meeting held on 11/14/2017

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**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING OF 12/12/2017**

**17-0453 RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (LITIGATION)** Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Litigation -11/14/2017

**17-0443 PROPOSED BID RECOMMENDATION**, Kee Construction LLC.

**17-0433 PROPOSED INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT AMENDMENT**, Chicago Zoological Society

**17-0080 REPORT** Corporate Fund Analysis of Revenue and Expense 1/1/2017 - 10/31/2017