



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

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

**BOARD AGENDA**

**Tuesday, October 18, 2022, 10:00 AM**

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

Authorization as a virtual public speaker shall only be granted to those individuals who have submitted in writing, their name, email address, phone number, subject matter, and organization (if any) to the Secretary 24 hours in advance of the meeting. Duly authorized virtual public speakers may speak live from the Commissioners reception area at 118 N. Clark Street, 5th Floor, Chicago, IL or be sent a link to virtually attend the meeting and will be called upon to deliver testimony at a time specified in the meeting agenda. Authorized public speakers who are not present during the specified time for public testimony will forfeit their allotted time to speak at the meeting. Public testimony must not exceed three minutes; the Secretary will keep track of the time and advise when the time for public testimony has expired. After each 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 D, Chicago, IL. 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. 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****22-0416**

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

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE****AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE A FOREST PRESERVE NEAR SWEET WOODS**

**AN ORDINANCE CREATING A FOREST PRESERVE** in part of Section 14, Township 35 North, Range 14, East of the Third Principal Meridian, all in Cook County, Illinois near Sweet Woods in District 5.

**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 acquired 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.

**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 a part hereof, 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:

1309 EAST JOE ORR ROAD, LYNWOOD, ILLINOIS

PARCEL 1:

THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 14, TOWNSHIP 35 NORTH, RANGE 14, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, (EXCEPT ALSO FROM SAID PARCEL THE SOUTH 115.5 FEET THEREOF AND THAT PORTION OF THE SAID PARCEL THAT LIES WEST OF THE CENTERLINE OF DEER CREEK) IN COOK COUNTY,

ILLINOIS:

PARCEL 2:

THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 14, TOWNSHIP 35 NORTH, RANGE 14, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, EXCEPTING THAT PORTION OF THE SAID PARCEL THAT LIES WEST OF THE CENTERLINE OF DEER CREEK, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS:

PARCEL 3:

THE WEST 1/2 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 14, TOWNSHIP 35 NORTH, RANGE 14, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, (EXCEPT THEREFROM THE NORTH 150 FEET OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 CONVEYED TO PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NORTHERN ILLINOIS, BY WARRANTY DEED DATED DECEMBER 18, 1923 AND RECORDED DECEMBER 21, 1923 AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 8227745, AND EXCEPT THAT PART FALLING IN THE SOUTH 115 1/2 FEET OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 AND EXCEPT THAT PART OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4

DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE SAID NORTHWEST 1/4; THENCE WEST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID NORTHWEST 1/4, A DISTANCE OF 75 FEET; THENCE SOUTH ALONG A LINE FORMING AN ANGLE OF 89 DEGREES, 15 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WITH THE LAST DESCRIBED COURSE MEASURED FROM EAST TO SOUTH, A DISTANCE OF 29.61 FEET; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG A CURVED LINE TANGENT TO THE LAST DESCRIBED COURSE CONVEX TO THE SOUTHWEST AND HAVING A RADIUS OF 5904.65 FEET, A DISTANCE OF 941.39 FEET TO THE EAST LINE OF SAID NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4; THENCE NORTH ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID NORTHWEST 1/4 TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, AND ALSO EXCEPT THAT PART OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4

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PINS: 32-14-100-012-0000, 32-14-100-014-0000, & 32-14-200-020-0000

SAID PARCELS CONTAINING 3,896,877.6 SQUARE FEET, OR 89.46 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

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 5

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

**22-0417**

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

**PROPOSED SALE OR PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE**

**Department(s):** Legal Department

**Other Part(ies):** TJL Properties VIII, LLC (Owner of Record), Joliet, Illinois

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

**Description of Real Estate:** 1309 East Joe Orr Road, Lynwood, Cook County, Illinois

**Section:** N/A

**Parcel(s):** 32-14-100-012-0000, 32-14-100-014-0000, & 32-14-200-020-0000

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**Fiscal Impact:** \$860,000.00 plus closing costs up to \$10,000.00 (up to \$870,000.00 in total)

**Accounts:** Real Estate and Land Acquisition Fund 51006.560010; and Grant Fund 51010.560020

**District(s):** 5

**Summary:** The Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") has identified three parcels of land for acquisition that would add to the Forest Preserves' current holdings near Sweet Woods (the "Property"). The Property, commonly known as 1309 East Joe Orr Road, Lynwood, Cook County, Illinois, consists of approximately 89.46 ± acres. The Property has naturally fallowed land and contains a part of Deer Creek, as well as a 20-acre pond that serves as a nesting and stopover location for waterfowl.

Through negotiations, the Owner of Record (the "Seller"), has agreed to sell the Property to the Forest Preserves for the sum of EIGHT HUNDRED SIXTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00/100 (\$860,000.00) plus closing costs up to \$10,000.00 (up to \$870,000.00 in total). The purchase price is based upon two (2) M.A.I. appraisals obtained by the Forest Preserves and is subject to the Forest Preserves' satisfactory completion of its due diligence. The Forest Preserves was awarded a Land and Water Conservation Fund grant for this acquisition and will be reimbursed up to 50% of the purchase price up to \$430,000.00 (Board Item No. 19-0372).

Permission is now sought, upon satisfactory completion of all due diligence and negotiation of any and all required documentation as determined by the Forest Preserves Legal Department, to effectuate payment

in the amount of the purchase price plus closing costs as full compensation for the acquisition of the Property.

This land acquisition advances the goals of the Forest Preserves' Southeast Cook County Land Acquisition Plan, Next Century Conservation Plan, and Acquisition and Disposition of Land Position Paper.

**22-0448**

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

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**2023 BOARD AGENDA MEETING ANNUAL CALENDAR DATES AND LOCATIONS**

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

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Section 2.03 of the Illinois Open Meetings Act, every public body shall give public notice of the schedule of regular meetings at the beginning of each calendar or fiscal year and shall state the regular dates, times and places of such meetings.

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

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

Tuesday, January 24

Tuesday, February 7

Tuesday, March 14

Tuesday, April 25

Tuesday, May 23

Tuesday, June 27

Tuesday, July 18

Tuesday, September 19

Tuesday, October 17

Tuesday, November 14

Tuesday, December 12

2. That Board meetings may be conducted remotely by video and/or teleconferencing in accordance with public health authority guidelines and applicable provisions of the Illinois Open Meetings Act, the Forest

Preserve District of Cook County Code of Ordinances, and executive orders related to a proclamation of disaster by the Governor of the State of Illinois. Otherwise, the place of Board meetings is Room 569 of the Cook County Building, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, except for the following three meeting dates stated below in Sections 3, 4 and 5 below.

3. That the Board shall hold a regular meeting of the Board on Tuesday, May 23rd at the Sand Ridge Nature Center located at 15891 Paxton Avenue, South Holland.

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

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

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

**COMMISSIONERS**

**22-0443**

**Sponsored by:** LARRY SUFFREDIN and LUIS ARROYO JR., Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE**

**AN ORDINANCE DETERMINING THE 2022 TAX LEVY IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE TRUTH IN TAXATION ACT**

**WHEREAS**, the Truth in Taxation Act, 35 ILCS 200/18-60 (the “Act”) requires the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (“District”), to determine the estimated amount necessary to be raised by taxation for the 2022 levy year not less than twenty (20) days prior to the adoption of its 2022 aggregate tax levy (“Tax Levy”); and

**WHEREAS**, if the estimated aggregate amount necessary to be levied, exclusive of election costs and bond and interest costs (as defined in the Act), exceeds 105% of the amount of property taxes extended or estimated to be extended upon the final aggregate levy of the preceding year (plus any amount abated by the taxing district prior to such extension), then the District’s Board of Commissioners shall give public notice and shall hold a public hearing on the District’s intent to adopt an aggregate tax levy in an amount which is more than 105% of such extension or estimated extension for the preceding year; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 14, 2021 the District adopted Resolution 21-0532 entitled, “AN ELECTION RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR AND REQUIRING THE SUBMISSION OF THE PROPOSITION OF INCREASING THE LIMITING RATE FOR THE FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, TO THE VOTERS OF SAID FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT AT THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE 8TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2022” (“Election Resolution”) by which the District will ask the voters of the District on November 8, 2022, to authorize an increase in the limiting rate for the District by an amount equal to 0.025% above the limiting rate for levy year 2020, and establishing same at 0.076% of the equalized assessed value of the taxable property therein for the 2022 levy year (the “Proposition”); and

**WHEREAS**, on March 15, 2022, the District’s Board of Commissioners approved an Ordinance for the Levy of Taxes for the Year 2022 (Board Item No. 22-0019) and if the Proposition is approved by the District’s voters, an amended or supplemental levy ordinance will be presented to the Board of Commissioners for approval in order to levy such sums as are made available by the increased limiting rate for the 2022 levy year; and

**WHEREAS**, the amount of property taxes extended or estimated to be extended on the District’s aggregate tax levy for 2021 is:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Corporate	\$53,545,686
Const. & Development	\$7,000,000
Bond & Interest	N/A
Employee Annuity & Benefit	\$3,533,384
Chicago Zoological	\$14,284,927
Chicago Horticultural	<u>\$8,948,070</u>
	\$87,312,067 (TOTAL)

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois, as follows:

**Section 1. Incorporation of Preambles.** The Board of Commissioners hereby finds that the recitals contained in the preambles of this Ordinance are full, true and correct and does incorporate them into this Ordinance.

**Section 2. Estimate of Taxes to be Levied with Passage of Proposition for 0.076 % Levy.** If the Proposition succeeds, the Board of Commissioners hereby finds that a tax in the sum of \$132,128,637 is estimated to be necessary and levied upon all taxable property within the corporate limits of the District as follows:

**FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF COOK COUNTY TAX LEVY AT 0.076 % OF THE  
EQUALIZED ASSESSED VALUE OF TAXABLE PROPERTY FOR LEVY YEAR 2022**

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Corporate	\$66,347,696
Const. & Development	\$32,412,217
Bond & Interest	N/A
Employee Annuity & Benefit	\$3,735,727
Chicago Zoological	\$18,284,927
Chicago Horticultural	<u>\$11,348,070</u>
	\$132,128,637 (TOTAL)

*Section 3. Estimated Tax Levy at 0.051% Levy.* If the Proposition fails, the Board of Commissioners hereby finds that a tax in the sum of \$89,553,052 is estimated to be necessary and levied upon all taxable property within the corporate limits of the District as follows:

**FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF COOK COUNTY TAX LEVY AT 0.051 % OF THE  
EQUALIZED ASSESSED VALUE OF TAXABLE PROPERTY FOR LEVY YEAR 2022**

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Corporate	\$54,884,328
Const. & Development	\$7,700,000
Bond & Interest	N/A
Employee Annuity & Benefit	\$3,735,727
Chicago Zoological	\$14,284,927
Chicago Horticultural	<u>\$8,948,070</u>
	\$89,553,052 (TOTAL)

*Section 4. Public Hearing to be Held.* The passage of the Proposition will result in the District's estimated 2022 levy to exceed 105% of the amount of property taxes extended, including any amounts abated, upon the final aggregate levy of the preceding year. If the Proposition is approved by the voters, then the District's Board of Commissioners shall give public notice and shall hold a public hearing on the District's intent to adopt an aggregate tax levy in an amount which is more than 105% of such extension or estimated extension for the preceding year. Said public hearing shall be held following proper notice on or about December 1, 2022.

**Section 5. Public Notice.** Public notice of the hearing shall be given in a newspaper of general circulation published in the District, and a public hearing shall be held, all in the manner and time prescribed in said notice, which notice shall be published not more than 14 days nor less than 7 days prior to said hearing, and shall be not less than 1/8 page in size, with no smaller than twelve (12) point type, enclosed in a black border not less than 1/4 inch wide.

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

**22-0372**

**Sponsored by:** LARRY SUFFREDIN and LUIS ARROYO JR., Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

**BE IT ORDAINED,** by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners, Title 1 -ADMINISTRATIVE, Chapter 8 - DISTRICT FINANCES, Section 4- PROPERTY TAX RELIEF of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as Follows:

**Sec. 1-8-4. PROPERTY TAX RELIEF.**

- A.** Except as otherwise provided in Subsections B. and C. of this Section, beginning with the real estate tax levy for 1995 for real estate taxes paid in 1996 and for all subsequent years, the Board of Commissioners of the District shall not increase the aggregate real estate tax levy for the Corporate Fund, the Construction and Development Fund, the Zoological Fund and the Botanic Garden Fund (for purposes of this Section, the "Aggregate Levy") for any year over the prior year's Aggregate Levy by an amount greater than 5% or the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index during the 12 month calendar year preceding the levy year, whichever is less. For purposes of this Section, "Consumer Price Index" means the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers for all items published by the United States Department of Labor.
- B.** The Board of Commissioners of the District may adopt an Aggregate Levy for any year in excess of the limitation set forth in Section A if approved by a two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) vote of the Commissioners then holding office.
- C.** The Board of Commissioners of the District may increase the Aggregate Levy for any year in excess of the limitation set forth in Section A to include the following pursuant to the procedure set forth in Section 18-185 of the Property Tax Code, 35 ILCS 200/18-185:

- 1) Any property annexed into the County of Cook during the levy year; and
- 2) Any new property created in the County of Cook during the levy year.

For purposes of this Section, "new property created" means the assessed value, after final Board of Appeals action, of new improvements or additions to existing improvements on any parcel of real property that increase the assessed value of that real property during the levy year.

- D.** Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary set forth in the District's Code of Ordinances, this Section 1-8-4 shall not apply to any Aggregate Levy or levy ordinance implementing an increased limiting rate approved by referendum pursuant to Section 18-190 of the Illinois Property Tax Code, 35 ILCS 200/18-190.

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

**22-0437**

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

**Sponsored by:** LARRY SUFFREDIN, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT**

**Department:** Department of Planning and Development

**Other Part(ies):** Village of Winnetka, Illinois

**Request:** Authorization to enter into an Intergovernmental License Agreement regarding a Stormwater Management Wetlands Project in the Skokie Lagoons Preserves, south of Willow Road.

**Goods or Services:** Village of Winnetka ("the Village") would like to use approximately 15.4 acres of Preserves property to construct, operate, and maintain Stormwater Management Wetlands Project.

**Agreement Number(s):** N/A

**Agreement Period:** Forty (40) years with automatic one (1) year renewals with an option to renew for an additional forty (40) year term with no additional license fees, subject to future approval by the Board of Commissioners

**Fiscal Impact:** N/A (revenue generating)

**License Fees:** \$1,105,704.00

**License Application Fee:** \$500.00

**YELAR Fee:** \$3,600.00

**Additional Fees:** The Village has agreed to one-time payments of \$500,000.00 for ecological restoration and \$250,000.00 for visitor amenities at Skokie Lagoons near the Village at the time of payment of tree mitigation fees.

Total one-time upfront fee of \$1,859,804.00 for the term of the license

**Tree Mitigation Fees:** \$1,248,656.54

**Accounts:** N/A

**District(s):** 13

**Summary:** The proposed Stormwater Management Wetlands Project consists of an open-water feature, wetlands and sedge meadow. The project will provide an additional 74 acre-feet of stormwater storage on Forest Preserves of Cook County land as part of a comprehensive stormwater plan that includes a variety of additional conveyance, storage, and green infrastructure facilities. The Village will provide water quality improvement measures upstream of discharge points onto the Forest Preserves and provide water quality monitoring. Other basic terms of the agreement are in keeping with a 2017 Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) that was approved by the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners on July 20, 2017 (Board Item No. 17-0230). The MOU required the Village to obtain approval from other local units of government controlling open spaces to be used for stormwater storage, conveyance or water quality improvements, including the Winnetka Park District, Winnetka School District 36 and New Trier High School District. Roughly 55% of storage capacity will be built upstream of Forest Preserve land. In addition to payment of license and tree mitigation fees, the Village has agreed to additional payments of \$500,000.00 for ecological restoration and \$250,000.00 for visitor amenities in Skokie Lagoons and has agreed to pay directly for costs associated with a Construction Inspector/Owner’s Representative selected by the Forest Preserves over the term of the construction period. The project would also benefit forest preserve land by reducing the area and frequency of inundation after flood events, improve the quality of water flowing onto the property, require water quality monitoring by the Village and result in wetland mitigation on over 50 acres on other Forest Preserve land at a cost to the Village of \$2.2 million.

**OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT****22-0438****Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent**PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT****Department:** Department of Planning and Development**Other Part(ies):** Village of Niles, Illinois**Request:** Authority for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement ("IGA") with the Village of Niles, Illinois ("Niles").**Goods or Services:** Niles is requesting an IGA to provide signage and landscaping improvements at the entrance to a paved trail spur connection from Caldwell Avenue to the North Branch Trail through the Bunker Hill Forest Preserve. The site improvements will be constructed and maintained by Niles at no cost to the Forest Preserves.**Agreement Number(s):** N/A**Agreement Period:** Eighteen (18) years with automatic one (1) year renewals thereafter.**Fiscal Impact:** N/A**License Fee:** \$1,531.22 (waived)**License Application Fee:** \$500.00 (waived)**YELAR Fee:** \$6,900.00 (waived)**Tree Mitigation Fee:** N/A (no tree removal)**Accounts:** N/A**District(s):** 13

**Summary:** The Forest Preserves operates and maintains the North Branch Bicycle Trail in Northern Cook County. Niles obtained approval to construct a paved trail spur to connect residents and businesses to the trail as part of a larger bike and pedestrian improvement program under a separate intergovernmental agreement approved by the Board of Commissioners on November 19, 2019 (Board Item No. 19-0396). Niles is now proposing to construct and maintain signage and landscape improvements at the entrance to the trail spur to identify the trail entrance and provide wayfinding information. Niles will be responsible for design, construction and future maintenance costs associated with the project. The license fee, license application fee, and the YELAR fee will be waived because the improvements provide a benefit to Forest Preserves trail users at no cost to the Forest Preserves. The IGA constitutes a license for Niles to construct and maintain the improvements for the same time period anticipated for the trail spur. Final agreement is subject to legal review and approval.

[22-0432](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, 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 Eleventh 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 recently approved Tenth Amended and Restated Intergovernmental Agreement (approved by their respective Boards of Commissioners on 9/23/2021 and 10/5/2021 for FY 2022) whereby they provide various services for each other.

**Agreement Number:** N/A

**Agreement Period:** 1/1/2023 - 12/31/2023

**Fiscal Impact:** Not to Exceed \$2,167,558.00 in expenditures and \$1,653,960.00 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 on 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 and 10/5/2021 to allow for additional cooperation. The Eleventh 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 2023. This is a one-year agreement covering services and reimbursements from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023.

**22-0444**

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

#### **PROPOSED PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT**

**Request:** Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to enter into a Partnership Agreement with The Field Museum of Natural History and Artist Christine Perri for building a Gathering Space at the Beaubien Wood Boat Launch

**Reason:** On 10/5/2021, the Forest Preserves Board of Commissioners approved a partnership agreement with Openlands for restoration work and a community gathering space at Beaubien Woods (Board Item No. 21-0453). It was determined that a separate partnership agreement with the Field Museum and Artist Christine Perri was required for the final design, installation and maintenance of the gathering space. To build on the community engagement work centered around Beaubien Woods and the Beaubien Woods Boat Launch, the Field Museum, with support from the Forest Preserves, led a community process for the design and development of the gathering space at the Beaubien Woods Boat Launch.

As part of the community-based curatorial process Artist Christine Perri was chosen to create a gathering space arts feature called “Prairie Boat.” Artist Perri has worked with, and may continue to work with, Imani Village (a community organization group) and partner companies in the design, installation, and maintenance of the gathering space. The gathering space installation will be owned by the Artist Christine Perri. She will be responsible for maintenance of the gathering space and its safety for public use. The gathering space will be removed by the artist after approximately five (5) years.

The Forest Preserves will have the right to use images of the gathering space. Wood materials to be used in the gathering space may be donated by the Forest Preserves, as well as other in-kind support. There is no direct cost to the Forest Preserves for this project. Upon approval of the proposed agreement, it is respectfully requested that the General Superintendent of the Forest Preserves of Cook County be authorized to execute, on behalf of the Forest Preserves, such agreement.

**Contract Period:** 10/20/2022 - 12/31/2027

**Fiscal Impact:** N/A. The project will be conducted at no direct cost to the Forest Preserves, which may provide in-kind contributions.

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

**Concurrences:**

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

**District(s):** 4, 5

**22-0419**

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

**PROPOSED CONTRACT**

**Department(s):** Department of Resource Management

**Vendor:** Mark Hansen, Crete, Illinois

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Hay farming at Jurgensen Woods and North Creek Meadow

**Contract Value:** N/A

**Contract Period:** 1/1/2023 - 12/31/2023, with four (4) one-year extension options to be exercised at the discretion of the General Superintendent or their designee

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** Revenue generation of up to \$34,492.50 over five (5) years

**Accounts:** Corporate Land Use Fees 51001.411366 (revenue generating)

**Contract Number(s):** #74000011235 issued under Project #22 RM 111

**Concurrences:**

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

**District(s):** 6

**Summary:** The Forest Preserves has solicited a contract for hay farming at select sites which were historically used for agricultural purposes prior to acquisition by the Forest Preserves, and as such, do not exist in an ecologically natural state. Farmers will have use of the property for cutting and collection of hay. This practice allows the Forest Preserves to generate revenue, while at the same time preventing invasive plant species from overtaking fallow land. It is the Forest Preserve’s intention to restore fallow land as capacity and funding allows, and these interim farming practices are a good method to keep lands in a more manageable condition until a restoration project can take place, thereby reducing future restoration costs. The contract term for hay cutting is a period of one (1) year, with four (4) one-year mutual renewal options to be exercised by the General Superintendent or their designee, which allows the Forest Preserves the option to discontinue farming practices at our discretion in order to restore these lands to a natural condition.

Mark Hansen was the sole bidder for the Jurgensen Woods and North Creek Meadow hay sites, for a total potential revenue generation over the next five (5) years of \$34,492.50.

Site	Acres	Revenue
Jurgensen Woods	61.1	\$10,692.50
North Creek	119	\$23,800.00

**22-0420**

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

**PROPOSED CONTRACT**

**Department(s):** Department of Resource Management

**Vendor:** Hendrix Farms, Herscher, Illinois

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Hay farming at Tinley Creek Woods

**Contract Value:** N/A

**Contract Period:** 1/1/2023 - 12/31/2023, with four (4) one-year extension options to be exercised at the discretion of the General Superintendent or their designee

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** Revenue generation of up to \$23,500.80 over five (5) years

**Accounts:** Corporate Land Use Fees 51001.411366 (revenue generating)

**Contract Number(s):** #74000011236 issued under Project #22 RM 111

**Concurrences:**

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

**District(s): 6**

**Summary:** The Forest Preserves has solicited a contract for hay farming at select sites which were historically used for agricultural purposes prior to acquisition by the Forest Preserves, and as such, do not exist in an ecologically natural state. Farmers will have use of the property for cutting and collection of hay. This practice allows the Forest Preserves to generate revenue, while at the same time preventing invasive plant species from overtaking fallow land. It is the Forest Preserve’s intention to restore fallow land as capacity and funding allows, and these interim farming practices are a good method to keep lands in a more manageable condition until a restoration project can take place, thereby reducing future restoration costs. The contract term for hay cutting is a period of one (1) year, with four (4) one-year mutual renewal options to be exercised by the General Superintendent or their designee, which allows the Forest Preserves the option to discontinue farming practices at our discretion in order to restore these lands to a natural condition.

Hendrix Farms was the sole bidder for the Tinley Creek Woods hay site, for a total potential revenue generation over the next five (5) years of \$23,500.80.

Site	Acres	Revenue
Tinley Creek Woods	216	\$23,500.80

**22-0421**

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

**PROPOSED CONTRACT**

**Department(s):** Department of Resource Management

**Vendor:** Kopping Farms, Lemont, Illinois

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Hay farming at Holy Family, Morrill Meadow, and Sag Valley preserves

**Contract Value:** N/A

**Contract Period:** 1/1/2023 - 12/31/2023, with four (4) one-year extension options to be exercised at the discretion of the General Superintendent or their designee

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** Revenue generation of up to \$22,007.25 over five (5) years

**Accounts:** Corporate Land Use Fees 51001.411366 (revenue generating)

**Contract Number(s):** #74000011237 issued under Project #22 RM 111

**Concurrences:**

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

**District(s):** 17

**Summary:** The Forest Preserves has solicited a contract for hay farming at select sites which were historically used for agricultural purposes prior to acquisition by the Forest Preserves, and as such, do not exist in an ecologically natural state. Farmers will have use of the property for cutting and collection of hay. This practice allows the Forest Preserves to generate revenue, while at the same time preventing invasive plant species from overtaking fallow land. It is the Forest Preserve’s intention to restore fallow land as capacity and funding allows, and these interim farming practices are a good method to keep lands in a more manageable condition until a restoration project can take place, thereby reducing future restoration costs. The contract term for hay cutting is a period of one (1) year, with four (4) one-year mutual renewal options to be exercised by the General Superintendent or their designee, which allows the Forest Preserves the option to discontinue farming practices at our discretion in order to restore these lands to a natural condition.

Kopping Farms was the sole bidder for the Holy Family, Morrill Meadow, and Sag Valley preserve hay sites, for a total potential revenue generation over the next five (5) years of \$22,007.25.

Site	Acres	Revenue
Holy Family	33	\$5,791.50
Morrill Meadow	31.5	\$5,685.75
Sag Valley	60	\$10,530.00

**22-0422**

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

**PROPOSED CONTRACT**

**Department(s):** Department of Resource Management

**Vendor:** Joseph and Janet McCabe, Orland Park, Illinois

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Row crop farming at Tampier Greenway preserves

**Contract Value:** N/A

**Contract Period:** 1/1/2023 - 12/31/2023, with four (4) one-year extension options to be exercised at the discretion of the General Superintendent or their designee

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** Revenue generation of up to \$17,500.00 over five (5) years

**Accounts:** Corporate Land Use Fees 51001.411366 (revenue generating)

**Contract Number(s):** #74000011238 issued under Project #22 RM 115

**Concurrences:**

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

**District(s):** 17

**Summary:** The Forest Preserves has solicited a contract for row crop production at select sites which were historically used for agricultural purposes prior to acquisition by the Forest 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 Forest Preserves to generate revenue, while at the same time preventing invasive plant species from overtaking fallow land. It is the Forest Preserve’s intention to restore fallow land as capacity and funding allows, and these interim farming practices are a good method to keep lands in a more manageable condition until a restoration project can take place, thereby reducing future restoration costs. 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 their designee, which allows the Forest Preserves the option to discontinue farming practices at our discretion in order to restore these lands to a natural condition.

Joseph and Janet McCabe were the sole bidder for the Tampier Greenway preserves row crop site, for a total potential revenue generation over the next five (5) years of \$17,500.00.

Site	Acres	Revenue
Tampier Greenway	25	\$17,500.00

**22-0423**

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

**PROPOSED CONTRACT**

**Department(s):** Department of Resource Management

**Vendor:** Walnut Grove Farms, Steven Heinsohn, Kirkland, Illinois

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Row crop farming at the Arthur Janura/Poplar Creek preserves

**Contract Value:** N/A

**Contract Period:** 1/1/2023 - 12/31/2023, with four (4) one-year extension options to be exercised at the discretion of the General Superintendent or their designee

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** Revenue generation of up to \$230,400.00 over five (5) years

**Accounts:** Corporate Land Use Fees 51001.411366 (revenue generating)

**Contract Number(s):** #74000011239 issued under Project #22 RM 115

**Concurrences:**

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

**District(s):** 15

**Summary:** The Forest Preserves has solicited a contract for row crop production at select sites which were historically used for agricultural purposes prior to acquisition by the Forest 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 Forest Preserves to generate revenue, while at the same time preventing invasive plant species from overtaking fallow land. It is the Forest Preserve’s intention to restore fallow land as capacity and funding allows, and these interim farming practices are a good method to keep lands in a more manageable condition until a restoration project can take place, thereby reducing future restoration costs. The contract term for row crop farming is a period of one (1) year, with four (4) one-year mutual renewal options to be exercised by the General Superintendent or their designee, which allows the Forest Preserves the option to discontinue farming practices at our discretion in order to restore these lands to a natural condition.

Walnut Grove Farms / Steven Heinsohn was the sole bidder for the Arthur Janura/Poplar Creek preserves row crop site, for a total potential revenue generation over the next five (5) years of \$230,400.00. This site will be farmed as certified organic.

Site	Acres	Revenue
Arthur Janura/Poplar Creek	576	\$230,400.00

**22-0398****Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent**PROPOSED CONTRACT****Department(s):** Department of Planning and Development**Vendor:** Studio GC, 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):** Professional architectural and engineering services for design and construction administration of various smaller building projects**Contract Value:** Not to exceed \$2,500,000.00**Contract Period:** 11/1/2022 - 10/31/2025 with two (2) one-year renewal options to be exercised at the discretion of the General Superintendent**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** \$2,500,000.00 (FY 2022 \$417,000.00, FY 2023 \$650,000.00, FY 2024 \$615,000.00, and FY 2025 \$818,000.00)**Accounts:** Professional Services 51009.520830, 51010.520830, 51027.520830, 51028.520830, 51029.520830, 51030.520830, 51031.520830, 51051.520830 and future C&D and Bond accounts**Contract Number(s):** #74000011278 issued under RFQ #22-80-31 and Solicitation Number 22-80-008159**Concurrences:**

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

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

**District(s):** Districtwide**Summary:** The proposed consultant scope would include design and/or construction administration for various interior and exterior renovations, small additions and new buildings, energy-based projects, mechanical system improvements, and building inspections and evaluations.

Studio GC was chosen by a selection committee, staff of the Department of Planning and Development, in response to a qualification-based selection process (RFQ 22-80-31). Six (6) firms submitted qualifications in response to the RFQ.

**22-0356**

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

**PROPOSED CONTRACT**

**Department(s):** Department of Resource Management

**Vendor:** Atrium, Inc., Lemont, Illinois

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Tree planting and landscape services

**Contract Value:** Not to exceed \$6,000,000.00

**Contract Period:** 1/1/2023 - 12/31/2024, with two (2) two-year renewal options to be exercised at the discretion of the General Superintendent

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** FY 2023 \$1,000,000.00, FY 2024 \$1,000,000.00, FY 2025 \$1,000,000.00, FY 2026 \$1,000,000.00, FY 2027 \$1,000,000.00, FY 2028 \$1,000,000.00

**Accounts:** Professional Services 51031.520840; Grant and Mitigation 51010.521444 and 51010.520840; Recreation Supplies 51001.530230; Institutional Supplies 51001.530252; Consulting and Management Services 51001.520850; Campground Supplies 51001.530262; Special Events 51001.520635; Material and Supplies 51001.530267; Site Amenities 51009.560060 and 51031.560060; and all future Professional Services and Site Amenities accounts

**Contract Number(s):** #74000011240 issued under RFP #22-31-104R

**Concurrences:**

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

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

**District(s):** Districtwide

**Summary:** The Forest Preserves issued a Request for Proposals seeking contractors to perform comprehensive tree planting and landscape maintenance services, including but not limited to: tree planting, trail maintenance and repair, turf restoration, irrigation and drainage system consultation, installation and maintenance of landscaping, landscape consultation and design, and procurement and delivery of landscape materials throughout the Forest Preserves.

Due to receiving only a single response to the initial public solicitation, the Request for Proposals was subsequently reissued in order to expand the list of qualified respondents. Two (2) firms submitted proposals in response to the RFP. A selection committee reviewed the proposals and both vendors were initially selected based on their qualifications to perform services under this contract. However, the other selected vendor was determined to be non-compliant with minority- and women-owned business enterprise ordinance provisions and their proposal was withdrawn. Therefore, the Forest Preserves is proceeding with award of the contract to Atrium, Inc. as the sole vendor.

**22-0303**

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

**PROPOSED CONTRACT**

**Department(s):** Department of Resource Management

**Vendor:** Clarke Aquatic Services, Inc., St. Charles, Illinois

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Aquatic vegetation control services

**Contract Value:** Not to exceed \$500,000.00

**Contract Period:** 1/1/2023 - 12/31/2027

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** FY 2023 \$100,000.00, FY 2024 \$100,000.00, FY 2025 \$100,000.00, FY 2026 \$100,000.00, FY 2027 \$100,000.00

**Accounts:** Professional Services 51031.520840; Grant and Mitigation 51010.521444 and 51010.520840; and all future Professional Services accounts

**Contract Number(s):** #74000011123 issued under RFP #22-31-105R

**Concurrences:**

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

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

**District(s):** Districtwide

**Summary:** The Forest Preserves issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) seeking a contractor to perform aquatic herbicide lake treatments at the Forest Preserves' 42 recreational lakes and other waterbodies. These services supplement in-house aquatic vegetation control treatments conducted by the Forest Preserves annually to meet the aesthetic and recreational needs of the public and limit the proliferation of nuisance and/or invasive vegetation on its waterbodies.

Due to receiving only a single response to the initial public solicitation, the Request for Proposals was subsequently reissued to expand the list of qualified respondents. Two (2) firms submitted proposals in response to the RFP. A selection committee reviewed the proposals and Clarke Aquatic Services, Inc. was selected based on qualifications.

**22-0433**

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

## **REPORT**

**Department:** Office of the General Superintendent

**Request:** Approve

**Report Title:** REDI Position Paper Part II: *Amplifying Diversity and Inclusion*

**Report Period:** October 2022

**Summary:** The Forest Preserves' first Racial Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (REDI) position paper was developed by the Conservation and Policy Council and focused on strategies to promote racial equity throughout the Forest Preserves; it was adopted by the Board of Commissioners in 2020. During the past two years, the Council has worked with staff and stakeholders to develop the second part of the REDI position paper which focuses on Amplifying Diversity and Inclusion and recommends actions to broaden the Forest Preserves' racial equity lens to include additional dimensions of diversity and inclusion. The Conservation and Policy Council thanks the following individuals for their assistance developing this paper: Policy Council members and Position Paper Co-chairs Emily Harris and Shelley Spencer, Norman White from the Chicago Commission on Human Relations, Professor Kathleen Yang-Clayton from the University of Illinois at Chicago, and Forest Preserves staff: Eileen Figel, Raquel Garcia-Alvarez, Amanda

Grant (former REDI Committee co-chair), Arthur Mathews, Michael Murnane, Maritza Rocha and Tenia Walker.

**22-0439**

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

**REPORT**

**Department:** Department of Planning and Development

**Request:** Refer to Capital Development Committee

**Report Title:** 2023 Update to the 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan

**Report Period:** Five (5) Years, 2023-2027

**Summary:** This report is an update of capital improvement projects and funding needs for the next five (5) years (2023-2027). Capital improvement needs were identified by Forest Preserves' staff, partner organizations and members of the public. The draft report can be downloaded from the Forest Preserves' website. Comments can be submitted on that web page and a final report will be issued in December.

**22-0390**

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

**REPORT**

**Department:** Department of Law Enforcement

**Request:** Refer to Law Enforcement Committee

**Report Title:** Model Policing

**Report Period:** July 2022 through September 2022

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

[22-0434](#)

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

**REPORT**

**Department:** Department of Finance and Administration

**Request:** Receive and File

**Report Title:** Corporate Fund Analysis of Revenue and Expenditures

**Report Period:** 1/1/2022 - 8/31/2022

**Summary:** Detailed Fund Analysis of Revenue and Expenditures for August 2022.

[22-0435](#)

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

**REPORT**

**Department:** Department of Finance and Administration

**Request:** Receive and File

**Report Title:** Procurement and Disbursements Report

**Report Period:** 8/1/2022 - 8/31/2022

**Summary:** Submitting the Procurement and Disbursements Report for the period of August 2022. The report is to be received and filed in compliance with Section 1-8-2 (BB) of the District's Code of Ordinances.

**22-0440**

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

**REPORT**

**Department:** Departments of Legal and Finance

**Request:** Receive and File

**Report Title:** Workers' Compensation Report - August 2022

**Report Period:** 8/1/2022 - 8/31/2022

**Summary:** The Forest Preserves of Cook County Departments of Legal and Finance are submitting Workers' Compensation Claim Payments for the month of August 2022. Payments total \$86,302.45 for August 2022.

22-0447

### PROPOSED CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Department:** Department of Conservation and Experiential Programming

**Summary:** Forest Preserves of Cook County Calendar: 10/18/2022 - 11/15/2022

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

**Every Day, 10/18 through 10/30**

**Ice Age Giants, Chicago Zoological Society/Brookfield Zoo, Brookfield**

During the last major ice age, our human ancestors lived alongside enormous animals that made Earth their home for millions of years. This summer, Brookfield Zoo is unleashing more than 20 life-sized, animatronic re-creations of these giants that roamed North America and Eurasia before disappearing in a mass extinction about 10,000 years ago. *Viewing is free with general admission.*

**Saturdays and Sundays, 10/18 - 10/23**

**Boo! at the Zoo, Chicago Zoological Society/Brookfield Zoo, Brookfield**

This not-so-scary and fun-filled event has something for the entire family to enjoy. Check out the creatures, creepy crawlers, and more in your costumes at this Halloween-themed event.

**Thursday, 10/20; 4pm - 6pm**

**Archery 101, Cherry Hill Woods, Palos Park**

Learn the basics of archery. *Ages 10 and up. Equipment provided.*

**Thursday, 10/20; 10am**

**Forest Therapy Walk, Linne Woods, Morton Grove**

Awaken your senses and renew your bond with the nature. *Certified Forest Therapy guide. Ages 18 and up. Registration required.*

**Saturday, 10/22; 1:30pm**

**Introduction to Lichens, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Learn about the fascinating life of lichens! Program will consist of a talk, followed by a short walk. *Ages*

*18 and up. Registration required.*

**Saturday, 10/22; 7pm - 9pm**

**Dip Netting and Telescopes, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs**

Search the pond for invertebrates, amphibians and other aquatic organisms and join Adler Planetarium Scopes in the City to view the night sky with their telescopes. *Registration required.*

**Saturday, 10/22; 1pm**

**Bur and Color Blur, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington**

Join us for a fast paced 1.4-mile hike around Bur Edge to take in some fresh air and enjoy the fall color. *Ages 18 and up.*

**Saturday, 10/22; 10am**

**Fall Color Walk, Palos Park Woods, Palos Park**

Walk through beautiful preserves to look for the changing colors of fall. We will have color scavenger hunts for little ones too. *Family friendly. 3.4 miles.*

**Saturday, 10/22; 1pm - 4pm**

**Pumpkinpalooza, Bunker Hill, Niles**

Family-friendly activities including pumpkin painting, gourd ring toss, leaf rubbings, fall-themed obstacle course and more. *Supplies limited.*

**Saturday, 10/22 to Sunday, 10/23**

**Overnight Camping 101, Camp Reinberg, Palatine**

Part workshop, part campout! Learn camping skills and then spend the night. *Program begins at 5:30pm. \$50 per family. Registration required.*

**Sunday, 10/23; 1:30pm**

**Creatures of the Night, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Experience some creepy, spooky, and nocturnal animals of the Forest Preserves. *All ages.*

**Sunday, 10/23; 9am - 1pm**

**Red Gate Woods: Dawning of the Atomic Age, Sagawau Nature Center, Lemont**

A presentation by former Argonne scientist Dave Dolak. Afterwards, drive to Red Gate Woods for a guided walk to the site of the world's first nuclear reactor. *Ages 16 and up. Registration required.*

**Wednesday, 10/26; 3:30pm**

**Kayak the Des Plaines, Schuth's Grove, Riverside**

Kayak 3 miles of the Des Plaines River from Schuth's Grove to Plank Road Meadow. *Instruction, sanitized equipment, kayaks, and shuttle provided.*

**Thursday, 10/27; 5:30pm - 7:30pm**

**Adult Pumpkin Carving, Rolling Knolls, Elgin**

Embrace the kid in you by carving a pumpkin while surrounded by natural beauty. *All supplies provided.*

*\$25 per person. BYOB. Ages 21 and up. Registration and payment required by 10/26.*

**Friday, 10/28; 4pm - 7pm**

**Stars, Spooky Stories, and S 'mores, Thatcher Woods, River Forest**

Join a family-friendly evening with a cozy fire, s 'mores, a "spooky" story trail, star gazing, pumpkin painting and more. *Costumes encouraged!*

**Saturday, 10/29; 7pm**

**Nature at Night: Flashlight Discoveries, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs**

Flashlights will be used to investigate the woodland's nooks and crannies in search of creepy crawlies. *Family friendly.*

**Saturday, 10/29; 10am - 2pm**

**The Great Sand Ridge (Tiny) Pumpkin Hunt, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Discover all the hidden pumpkins on a fun scavenger hunt. Take home a tiny pumpkin (while supplies last) for finding them all. *Costumes encouraged.*

**Sunday, 10/30; 12pm - 5pm**

**Trunk or Treat, Eggers Grove, Chicago**

Sponsored by the Forest Preserves and East Side Chamber of Commerce. Enjoy a family-friendly Halloween event, complete with plenty of candy.

**Sunday, 10/30; 9am - 4pm**

**Giant's Hollow-ween Hunt, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington**

Take a self-guided hike on our Giant's Hollow trail to hunt for hidden Halloween clues to earn a treat.

**Sunday, 10/30; 7pm - 8:30pm**

**Day of the Dead Celebration, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs**

Join us for the unveiling of the animal altar dedicated to endangered and extinct species. Take a night walk and enjoy stories at the campfire. *All ages. Registration required. Programa ofrecido en Español.*

**Sunday, 10/30; 10:30am and 1:30pm**

**The Un-haunted Forest, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Come in costume for a magical walk through the forest. *\$3 per child. Registration required by 10/27. All ages.*

**Thursday, 11/3; 3pm - 6pm**

**Crafternoon, Swallow Cliff Woods Pavilion, Palos Park**

We will have various nature-themed arts and crafts projects for you to enjoy.

**Friday, 11/4; 5:30pm - 8pm**

**Stars, Stories, and Smores, Dan Ryan Woods, Chicago**

Join us for s'mores by the fire, storytelling, astronomy and more.

**Saturday, 11/5; 10am - 12pm****Restoration and S'mores! Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Get your conservation blood pumping as we remove invasive brush. Warm up with a brush pile and s'mores, weather permitting. *Registration required. Ages 10 and up.*

**Saturday, 11/5; 10am - 12pm****National Bison Day Celebration, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs**

Celebrate North America's National Mammal! *Registration required.*

**Saturday, 11/5; 1pm (Facebook Live)****Fall Garden Clean-Up, Sagawau Nature Center, Lemont**

Join Sagawau on Facebook for tips on how to clean-up your gardens to benefit wildlife.

**Saturday, 11/5; 5pm - 8pm****Stars, Stories, and S'mores, LaBagh Woods, Chicago**

Enjoy an evening experience at this annual event. In celebration of Native American Heritage Month, listen to storytelling, take a night hike, make a s'more, view stars and more.

**Saturday, 11/5; 1:30pm****Photo Scavenger Hunt, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Challenge yourself to find and photograph all the autumn items on our provided list. Afterwards, relax by a campfire and show off your best photos! *Registration required.*

**Wednesday, 11/9; 6pm****Campfire Cooking 101, Camp Reinberg, Palatine**

Learn basic campfire cooking skills & how to make a tasty meal. *Registration required. Ages 12 and up.*

**Thursday, 11/10; 10am****Forest Therapy Walk, Bunker Hill, Niles**

Awaken your senses and renew your bond with the nature. Certified Forest Therapy guide. *Ages 18 and up. Registration required.*

**Saturday, 11/12; 1:30pm****Prairie Seed Collection Workday, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Join staff for an afternoon of plant identification and seed collecting in a nearby prairie. *Ages 18 and up. Registration required.*

**Saturday, 11/12; 4pm - 7pm****Stars, Stories and S'mores! Camp Shabbona Woods, South Holland**

Join us for s'mores by the fire, storytelling, and astronomy.

**Sunday, 11/13; 1:30pm**

**Changing Seasons, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Learn how local nature adjusts to the changing seasons and prepares for winter. *All ages.*

**Sunday, 11/13; 1pm****Fossil Quarry Tour, Sagawau Nature Center, Lemont**

Learn about Chicago's ancient history through fossils with a presentation by Columbia College Chicago professor Dave Dolak followed by a visit to a fossil reserve quarry. *Registration required.*

**Sunday, 11/13; 1pm****Prairie Pickin', Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington**

Identify native plants by their seeds, then collect seeds that will be sown to help the prairie flourish. Wear long pants, long sleeves, sturdy shoes, and work gloves.

**COMMITTEE ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION**

**RULES COMMITTEE  
MEETING OF OCTOBER 18, 2022**

**22-0455 JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS** regular meeting held on 09/20/2022

**22-0028 PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT** ordinance to Conservation and Policy Council – Membership

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**REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE  
MEETING OF OCTOBER 18, 2022**

**22-0025 EASEMENT REQUEST** Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to grant a permanent easement to Illinois Department of Transportation (“IDOT”) at Touhy Avenue over North Branch of Chicago River for 0.266 acres or 11,587 square feet

**22-0368 PROPOSED LICENSE REQUEST** Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”), as Licensor to grant License to Nicor Gas Company, Grantee

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**AUDIT COMMITTEE  
MEETING OF MEETING OF OCTOBER 18, 2022**

**22-0358 REPORT** Office of the County Auditor, Report Title: Forest Preserve District of Cook County Revenue Collection Process Audit, Report Period: August 2022

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