



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

**Virtual Meeting**

**BOARD AGENDA**

**Tuesday, December 14, 2021, 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 shall 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:

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**PRESIDENT**

[21-0517](#)

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

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

**PROPOSED REAPPOINTMENT**

**Appointee(s):** Alan Bell, Michael DeSantiago, Maria Pesquiera, Shelley Spencer

**Position:** Council Members

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

**Effective Date:** 1/1/2022

**Expiration Date:** 12/31/2024

**Summary:** On August 26, 2021, the Nominating Committee met and recommended re-appointment of Alan Bell, Mike DeSantiago, Maria Pesquiera and Shelley Spencer to an additional term on the

Conservation and Policy Council. President Preckwinkle concurs with the committee's recommendation and seeks the Board's advice and consent related to the re-appointments.

The Conservation and Policy Council advises the President, Board of Commissioners and General Superintendent and develops and annually updates a strategic plan to operationalize the Next Century Conservation Plan, as well as reviewing and making recommendations for the annual budget, conservation policies and practices and long-term strategic issues.

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

Michael DeSantiago has more than 30 years of experience in the practice of sustainable design and energy management and has a life-long interest in conservation and sustainability. He is also a LEED Accredited Professional. In addition to designing environmentally responsible and budget-compliant solutions, he is also actively engaged with local and national code-writing bodies and regularly contributes to the industry's professional organizations. Through his involvement with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Chicago and other programs, he promotes engineering as a profession to children and young adults from communities that are under-represented in the profession. Michael is a trustee of the Conservation and Education Committee and a member of the Planning and Facilities committee at the Chicago Zoological Society. He is the past President of the American Council of Mechanical & Electrical engineers and has been the recipient of numerous honors and awards related to engineering design, community development, and diversity leadership.

Maria Pesqueira was appointed President of the Healthy Communities Foundation in May 2017. The Healthy Communities Foundation (HCF) aims to achieve health equity across its 27 zip-code region in Chicago and west suburban Cook County. Maria is a sought-after speaker addressing local, national, and hemispheric audiences on a wide variety of topics ranging from the future of philanthropy, health disparities, gender, and racial/ethnic equity. Previous to her role at HCF, Maria served as President & CEO to Mujeres Latinas en Accion and formerly led The National Museum of Mexican Art's Marketing and Development team. Her civic and community involvement is extensive and includes appointments to the Congressional Commission for a National Women's History Museum and the Lincoln Academy of Illinois. She has held leadership roles in various national and local boards including UNIDOS US (formerly National Council of La Raza), Hispanics in Philanthropy, Illinois Partners for Human Services and The Chicago Network.

Shelley Spencer is a four-time Emmy Award winning producer/writer specializing in documentary and public affairs programming. One of those Emmy Awards was for *Chicago's True Nature*, a documentary film on the Forest Preserve District of Cook County. Shelley developed that documentary while serving as Supervising Producer at WYCC TV. She has a passion for public media having also served as Executive Producer for WTTW. Her broadcast work has been seen nationally and internationally. As a media consultant, Shelley draws on twenty plus years of experience in broadcast television production and promotion to create and lead communication strategies across media platforms for corporate and nonprofit organizations. Her corporate clients have included Citibank, Chase, The United Way, The Red Cross, McGraw-Hill Education and Pearson educational publishing. She is a board member of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences Chicago/Midwest.

### COMMISSIONERS

#### **21-0532**

**Sponsored by:** LARRY SUFFREDIN, FRANK J. AGUILAR, ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR., SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON, BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, PETER N. SILVESTRI and DEBORAH SIMS, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

#### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**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**

**WHEREAS**, the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois (the "*District*"), is subject to the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law of the State of Illinois, as amended ("*PTELL*"); and

**WHEREAS**, on July 27, 2021, the Board of Commissioners of the District (the "*Board*") adopted Resolution No. 21-0346, which approved as to form "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” (“*Preliminary Election Resolution*”); and

**WHEREAS**, the District has now received necessary financial data from the Cook County Clerk including the 2020 limiting rate, equalized assessed value and aggregate extension, and may now adopt the Election Resolution within the twelve-month period prior to the November 8, 2022 General Election; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board does hereby find and determine that the limiting rate for the District is not sufficient to provide funds to pay the cost of conserving and restoring land to good health, protecting the water quality of rivers, lakes, and streams, providing natural flood water storage, protecting wildlife habitat, protecting forests to improve air quality, improving and maintaining existing forest preserves and trails of said District, and other lawful purposes of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County; and

**WHEREAS**, it is hereby found and determined by the Board that the need exists for increasing the limiting rate for the District by an additional amount equal to 0.025% above the limiting rate for levy year 2020 for the purposes of conserving and restoring land to good health, protecting the water quality of rivers, lakes, and streams, providing natural flood water storage, protecting wildlife habitat, protecting forests to improve air quality, improving and maintaining existing forest preserves and trails of said District, and other lawful purposes of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, and establishing the same at 0.076% of the equalized assessed value of the taxable property therein for levy year 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, before the District is authorized to increase its limiting rate to 0.076%, a proposition therefor (the "*Proposition*") must be submitted to the voters of the District as provided by PTELL, and be approved by a majority of the voters of the District voting on the Proposition at an election to be held in Cook County and for the District; and

**WHEREAS**, it is deemed advisable, necessary and in the best interests of the District that the Proposition be submitted to the voters of the District at an election to be held and conducted in accordance with the general election law; and

**WHEREAS**, PTELL requires that the ballot for the Proposition shall have printed thereon, but not as a part of the Proposition, certain supplemental information as set forth and described in PTELL; and

**WHEREAS**, such supplemental information shall be supplied by the District to the election authority; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has reviewed and approved the supplemental information appearing on the form of ballot for the Proposition hereinafter set forth in this Resolution:

**Now, Therefore, Be It and It Is Hereby Resolved** by the Board of Commissioners of the Forest

Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois, as follows:

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

*Section 2. Need to Submit to Voters.* It is necessary and in the best interests of the District that the limiting rate for the District be increased by an additional amount equal to 0.025% above the limiting rate for levy year 2020 for the purposes of conserving and restoring land to good health, protecting the water quality of rivers, lakes, and streams, providing natural flood water storage, protecting wildlife habitat, protecting forests to improve air quality, improving and maintaining existing forest preserves and trails of said District, and other lawful purposes of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, and be established at 0.076% of the equalized assessed value of the taxable property therein for levy year 2022.

*Section 3. Submission to Voters.* The Proposition shall be submitted to the voters of the District in accordance with the general election law at the general election to be held on Tuesday, the 8th day of November 2022, between the hours of 6:00 o'clock A.M. and 7:00 o'clock P.M. on said day (the "Election").

*Section 4. Voting Precincts and Polling Places.* The Election shall be held in the voting precincts and at the polling places established by the County Board (the "County Board") of the County of Cook, Illinois (the "County"), for voters of the District at the Election.

*Section 5. Election Notice.* The County Clerk of the County (the "County Clerk") shall give notice of the Election, including the Spanish, Chinese and Asian Indian translations thereof as deemed required by law by the County Clerk (the "Notice"), in accordance with the general election law by (i) publishing the Notice once not more than 60 nor less than 10 days prior to the date of the Election in a local, community newspaper having general circulation in the District, and (ii) posting a copy of the Notice at least 10 days before the date of the Election at the principal office of the County Clerk.

*Section 6. Local Notice.* The Secretary of the Board shall post a copy of the Notice at the principal office of the District.

*Section 7. Newspaper of General Circulation.* It is hereby found and determined that Chicago Sun Times is local, community newspaper having general circulation in the District as required by Section 12-5 of the Election Code of the State of Illinois, as amended (the "*Election Code*").

*Section 8. Form of Notice.* The Notice shall appear over the name or title of the County Clerk and shall be substantially in the following form:

Notice is Hereby Given that at the general election to be held on Tuesday, the 8th day of November 2022, the following proposition will be submitted to the voters of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois:

Shall the limiting rate under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois, be increased by an additional amount equal to 0.025% above the limiting rate for levy year 2020 for the purposes of conserving and restoring land to good health, protecting the water quality of rivers, lakes, and streams, providing natural flood water storage, protecting wildlife habitat, protecting forests to improve air quality, improving and maintaining existing forest preserves and trails of said District, and other lawful purposes of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, with public disclosure of expenditures, and be equal to 0.076% of the equalized assessed value of the taxable property therein for levy year 2022?

YES \_\_\_  
NO \_\_\_

(1) The approximate amount of taxes extendable at the most recently extended limiting rate is \$88,665,270 and the approximate amount of taxes extendable if the proposition is approved is \$132,128,637.



(2) For the 2022 levy year the approximate amount of the additional tax extendable against property containing a single-family residence and having a fair market value at the time of the referendum of \$100,000 is estimated to be \$8.06.

(3) If the proposition is approved, the aggregate extension for 2022 will be determined by the limiting rate set forth in the proposition, rather than the otherwise applicable limiting rate calculated under the provisions of the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (commonly known as the Property Tax Cap Law).

The polls at the election will be open at 6:00 o'clock A.M. and will continue to be open until 7:00 o'clock P.M. of that day.

Dated this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

/s/ Karen A. Yarbrough

County Clerk, The County of Cook, Illinois

*Section 9. Form of Ballot.* That the ballot to be used at the Election, including the Spanish, Chinese and Asian Indian translations thereof as deemed required by law by the County Clerk, shall be in substantially the following form, with such necessary alterations, changes, deletions and insertions as may be required by Articles 24A, 24B or 24C of the Election Code if an electronic, mechanical or electric voting system is used at the Election:

(Face of Ballot)

Official Ballot

Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois - Clean Air, Clean Water, and Wildlife Habitat Protection  
One-Year Limiting Rate Increase

(Instructions to Voters: Mark a cross (X) in the space opposite the word indicating the way you desire to vote.)

Shall the limiting rate under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois, be increased by an additional amount equal to 0.025% above the limiting rate for levy year 2020 for the purposes of conserving and restoring land to good health, protecting the water quality of rivers, lakes, and streams, providing natural flood water storage, protecting wildlife habitat, protecting forests to improve air quality, improving and maintaining existing forest preserves and trails of said District, and other lawful purposes of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, with public disclosure of expenditures, and be equal to 0.076% of the equalized assessed value of the taxable property therein for levy year 2022?

YES    \_\_\_  
NO      \_\_\_

- (1) The approximate amount of taxes extendable at the most recently extended limiting rate is \$88,665,270 and the approximate amount of taxes extendable if the proposition is approved is \$132,128,637.
- (2) For the 2022 levy year the approximate amount of the additional tax extendable against property containing a single-family residence and having a fair market value at the time of the referendum of \$100,000 is estimated to be \$8.06.
- (3) If the proposition is approved, the aggregate extension for 2022 will be determined by the limiting rate set forth in the proposition, rather than the otherwise applicable limiting rate calculated under the provisions of the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (commonly known as the Property Tax Cap Law).

(Back of Paper Ballot)  
Official Ballot

Official ballot for voting on the proposition to increase the limiting rate for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois, at the general election held on November 8, 2022.

Precinct Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Polling Place: \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_

/s/ Karen A. Yarbrough  
County Clerk, The County of Cook, Illinois

*Section 10.Election Judges.* The Election shall be conducted by the election judges appointed by the County Board to act in the precincts at which the Proposition will be submitted to the voters of the District.

*Section 11.Filing of Resolution.* After the adoption hereof and not less than 68 days prior to the date of the Election, the Secretary of the Board shall certify a copy hereof to the County Clerk in order that the Proposition may be submitted to the voters of the District at the Election.

*Section 12.Canvass of Election.* The Election shall be held and conducted and the returns thereof duly canvassed, all in the manner and time as provided by the general election law.

*Section 13.Severability.* If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Resolution shall be held to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Resolution.

*Section 14.Repealer and Effective Date.* All ordinances, orders and resolutions and parts thereof in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed, and this Resolution be in full force and effect forthwith upon its adoption

**OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT**

**21-0522**

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

**PROPOSED GRANT AWARD**

**Department:** Department of Planning and Development

**Grantee:** Forest Preserves of Cook County

**Grantor:** Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation

**Request:** Authorization to accept grant

**Purpose:** Authorization is sought for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to accept and enter into an agreement with the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation (ICECF) for grant funding for a 70-acre land acquisition in Cook County, Illinois near I-394 and Glenwood Dyer Road.

**Grant Amount:** \$794,000.00

**Grant Period:** 12/14/2021 - 12/31/2022

**Fiscal Impact:** \$212,000.00

**Accounts:** Real Estate Acquisition Fund 51006.411490

**Concurrences:**

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

**District(s):** 5

**Summary:** The Forest Preserves has been awarded grant funds that will support the acquisition of a 70-acre parcel in southeast Cook County, Illinois. The parcel contains a stretch of Deer Creek, a tributary of the Little Calumet River system. The goal of the acquisition would be to protect important natural resources, improve water quality along Deer Creek, and provide flood control benefits and outdoor recreation within an economically impacted area. \$10,000.00 of the awarded amount will be spent to begin restoring the site. The grant will fund 80% of the cost of the acquisition, with the Forest Preserves providing an approximately 20% match not to exceed \$212,000.00. The acquisition advances the goals of the Forest Preserves’ Southeast Cook County Land Acquisition Plan and the Next Century Conservation Plan.

**21-0531**

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

**PROPOSED GRANT AWARD**

**Department:** Department of Resource Management

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

**Grantor:** Friends of the Chicago River, Chicago, Illinois

**Request:** Authorization to accept grant

**Purpose:** Authorization is sought for the Forest Preserves to accept grant and enter into an agreement with Friends of the Chicago River to complete 118.8 acres of ecological restoration at Sweet Woods, utilizing grant funding received through the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's Chi-Cal Rivers Fund.

**Grant Amount:** \$184,500.00

**Grant Period:** Date of execution - 11/30/2023

**Fiscal Impact:** Not to exceed \$171,900.00 in direct match

**Accounts:** Professional Services 51030.520840; Grant and Mitigation 51010.521314 and 51010.521444; and all future Professional Services accounts

**Concurrences:**

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

**District(s):** 6

**Summary:** The Forest Preserves has been sub-awarded funds from Friends of the Chicago River via the Chi-Cal Rivers Fund conservation grant program administered by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. The Forest Preserves and Friends of the Chicago River seek to collaborate to utilize a portion of these funds to support 118.8 acres of ecological restoration at Sweet Woods in the Village of Thornton in southeast Cook County.

The proposed project will include invasive brush removal to invigorate ground layer vegetation and increase native plant cover, resulting in increased biodiversity and reduced erosion in the floodplain and upslope drainage areas of Thorn Creek. These investments will protect and conserve fish and wildlife habitat, improve stormwater infiltration, and improve use and access to greenspace for trail users and communities in the Calumet region. It is estimated that this project will add an additional 1.9 million gallons of stormwater storage per rain event, reducing runoff that degrades the function of the creek. This work builds and expands upon approximately 240 acres of ongoing restoration work at Sweet Woods and other adjacent preserves.

Total project costs for work dedicated to Forest Preserves property is \$356,400.00, of which the Forest

Preserves propose to contribute \$171,900.00 or approximately 48% in direct match. Friends of the Chicago River will dedicate \$184,500.00 of the grant award to hire a contractor to restore 61.5 of the proposed 118.8-acre project zone; the remaining acreage will be completed by the Forest Preserves as part of its pledged match. The award will require the execution of a partnership agreement with Friends of the Chicago River.

**21-0533**

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

**PROPOSED GRANT AWARD**

**Department:** Department of Resource Management

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

**Grantor:** The Nature Conservancy (“TNC”) via the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

**Request:** Authorization to accept grant

**Purpose:** Authorization is sought for the Forest Preserves to accept grant and enter into an agreement with The Nature Conservancy to restore and enhance 281 acres of habitat at Thornton-Lansing Road Nature Preserve and Powderhorn Prairie and Marsh Nature Preserve, utilizing grant funding received through the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation’s Sustain Our Great Lakes Program.

**Grant Amount:** \$153,660.86

**Grant Period:** Date of execution - 12/31/2023

**Fiscal Impact:** Not to exceed \$190,000.00 in direct match

**Accounts:** Professional Services 51030.520840; Grant and Mitigation 51010.521314 and 51010.521444; and all future Professional Services accounts

**Concurrences:**

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

**District(s):** 4, 6

**Summary:** The Forest Preserves has been sub-awarded funds from The Nature Conservancy via the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's Sustain Our Great Lakes Program in support of habitat restoration at Thornton-Lansing Road Nature Preserve and Powderhorn Prairie and Marsh Nature Preserve.

Restoration activities will include invasive species control across 35 new acres at Thornton-Lansing Road Nature Preserve, as well as follow-up treatments across 16 acres at Powderhorn Prairie and 230 acres at Thornton-Lansing Road Nature Preserve. A portion of this work will engage participants in the Forest Preserves' Greencorps Chicago conservation corps workforce training programs, who will assist with the removal of invasive brush and trees at Thornton-Lansing Road Nature Preserve. This project will bolster previous restoration efforts at these sites to ensure their long-term ecological integrity and expand high-quality habitat by preventing the spread of invasive species that threaten to re-invade recovering areas.

Thornton-Lansing Road Nature Preserve, located in the Village of Thornton, contains sand prairie, sedge meadow and oak savanna that provide valuable habitat for many rare species. Powderhorn Prairie and Marsh Nature Preserve, located in the City of Chicago and the Village of Burnham, contains some of the last globally rare dune-and-swale remnant in Illinois. This project advances the goals of the Next Century Conservation Plan and the Natural and Cultural Resources Master Plan, which identified Thornton-Lansing Road Nature Preserve and Powderhorn Prairie and Marsh Nature Preserve as two (2) of the highest priority landscapes for conservation and ecological restoration.

Total project costs are \$343,660.86, of which the Forest Preserves will contribute \$190,000.00 or approximately 55% in direct match. The grant award will require the execution of a subrecipient agreement with The Nature Conservancy.

**21-0457**

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

**PROPOSED CONTRACT**

**Department(s):** Department of Facilities and Fleet

**Vendor:** Elliot Auto Supply Co., Inc. d/b/a Factory Motor Parts, McCook, Illinois

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) Automotive Parts and Supplies

**Contract Value:** \$400,000.00

**Contract Period:** 12/14/2021 - 12/14/2024

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** FY 2021 \$10,000.00, FY 2022 \$130,000.00, FY 2023 \$130,000.00, FY 2024 \$130,000.00

**Accounts:** Equipment, Supplies and Maintenance Service 29275.540275

**Contract Number(s):** #74000009933 issued under Project #21-FL-159

**Concurrences:**

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

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

**District(s):** Districtwide

**Summary:** The Forest Preserves seeks authorization to enter into a contract with Factory Motor Parts, which is an authorized dealer for a wide variety of original equipment manufacturer (OEM) parts and supplies. Fleet mechanics and technicians use these parts for the maintenance of Forest Preserves vehicles and equipment as well as shop equipment and repair bays. Factory Motor Parts has been serving the Forest Preserves' Fleet Department for over five (5) years. Factory Motor Parts has been awarded a contract (#101520-FMP) by the Sourcewell Purchasing Cooperative Program through a competitive bidding process.

**21-0476**

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

**PROPOSED CONTRACT**

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

**Vendor:** Interface Engineering, 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 services for architectural and engineering design and construction administration services for a new heating and air conditioning system for the Forest Preserves General Headquarters located in River Forest.



**Contract Value:** \$184,846.00

**Contract Period:** 12/15/2021 - 3/14/2025

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** \$184,846.00 (FY2022, \$152,918.00; FY2023, \$24,053.00; FY2024, \$6,300.00; FY2025, \$1,575.00)

**Accounts:** Professional Services 51009.520830, 51028.520830, 51030.520830, 51051.520830; and future Construction & Development accounts

**Contract Number(s):** #74000009962 issued under RFP #21-80-44

**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):** 9

**Summary:** The Forest Preserves' General Headquarters building in River Forest is its second largest building and one of its highest energy users. Professional services are needed to design and oversee replacement of the existing inefficient heating, ventilating and air conditioning (HVAC) systems at the Forest Preserves' General Headquarters (GHQ) building with a very high efficiency HVAC system that could be partially funded by a grant from ComEd's Emerging Technologies pilot program. The ComEd grant requires design that is acceptable to a ComEd's technical assistance partner to ensure the system meets sustainability outcomes. An agreement with that partner was previously approved by the Board of Commissioners (Board Item No. 21-0479).

The proposed services include energy modeling, system design and cost estimates. If the cost is within the allocated budget, the consultant would also provide construction administration services as well as monitoring and validation services. The Forest Preserves is not obligated to proceed with installation of a very high efficiency system if, after good faith efforts, it determines the total project is not in the Forest Preserves' best interests.

Two (2) firms submitted proposals for this specialized project. A selection committee reviewed the proposals and found Interface Engineering to be the most responsive.

**21-0525**

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

**PROPOSED CONTRACT**

**Department(s):** Department of Facilities and Fleet

**Vendor:** Monroe Truck Equipment, Joliet, Illinois

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Eight (8) Buyers Saltdogg SHPE2000 Electrica Poly Hopper Spreaders

**Contract Value:** \$43,776.00

**Contract Period:** one-time purchase

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** FY 2021, \$43,776.00

**Accounts:** Construction and Development 29250.560105

**Contract Number(s):** #74000009932 issued under Project #21-FL-168

**Concurrences:**

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

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

**District(s):** Districtwide

**Summary:** The Forest Preserves of Cook County is requesting to purchase eight (8) Buyers Saltdogg SHPE2000 Electrica Poly Hopper Spreaders through a purchasing consortium. Spreaders are used to distribute salt throughout paved areas of the Forest Preserves all winter. Monroe Truck Equipment is an authorized dealer of Buyers Products Company which has been awarded a contract (#080818-BPC) by the Sourcewell Purchasing Cooperative Program through a competitive process. The Forest Preserves has entered into other contracts with this vendor in 2021 and expects a total value of over \$150,000.00 for all 2021 contracts with this vendor.

**21-0527**

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

**PROPOSED CONTRACT**

**Department(s):** Department of Facilities and Fleet

**Vendor:** Monroe Truck Equipment, Joliet, Illinois

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Eight (8) 8' Boss Super Duty Straight Blade Snowplows

**Contract Value:** \$56,544.00

**Contract Period:** one-time purchase

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** FY 2021, \$56,544.00

**Accounts:** Construction and Development 29250.560105

**Contract Number(s):** #74000009931 issued under Project #21-FL-167

**Concurrences:**

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

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

**District(s):** Districtwide

**Summary:** The Forest Preserves of Cook County is requesting to purchase eight (8) 8' Boss Super Duty Straight Blade Snowplows through a purchasing consortium. Snowplows are used to clear snow and sleet throughout paved areas of the Forest Preserves all winter. Monroe Truck Equipment is an authorized dealer of the Toro Company which has been awarded a contract (#031121-TTC) by the Sourcewell Purchasing Cooperative Program through a competitive process. The Forest Preserves has entered into other contracts with this vendor in 2021 and expects a total value of over \$150,000.00 for all 2021 contracts with this vendor.

**21-0528**

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

**PROPOSED CONTRACT**

**Department(s):** Department of Facilities and Fleet

**Vendor:** Commercial Tire Service, Melrose Park, Illinois

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Goodyear Tires, Tubes and Services

**Contract Value:** \$225,000.00

**Contract Period:** 12/14/2021 - 8/28/2023

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** FY 2021 \$15,000.00; FY 2022 \$105,000.00; FY 2023 \$105,000.00

**Accounts:** Equipment, Supplies and Maintenance Service 29275.540275

**Contract Number(s):** #74000009934 issued under Project #21-FL-154

**Concurrences:**

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

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

**District(s):** Districtwide

**Summary:** Commercial Tire Service is an authorized dealer of the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company which has been awarded a contract (#18-416CMS-BOSS4-P-5995) by the State of Illinois through a competitive process. The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company makes a variety of tires that fit every type of vehicle owned and used by the Forest Preserves.

**21-0520**

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

**PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

**Department(s):** Department of Conservation and Experiential Programming

**Vendor:** LMH Certified Reporting, Joliet, Illinois

**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to extend contract

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Transcriptions services for people who are deaf or hard of hearing.

**Original Contract Period:** 1/14/2019 - 1/13/2022

**Proposed Contract Period Extension:** 1/14/2022 - 1/13/2023; with an additional one-year optional renewal to be exercised at the discretion of the General Superintendent.

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$75,000.00

**Original Approval:** 1/14/2019, \$75,000.00

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

**This Increase Requested:** N/A

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** FY 2022 \$25,000.00; FY 2023 \$25,000.00 (optional)

**Accounts:** Professional Services 51001.520840; Advertising and Promotions 51001.520610; Special or Coop Programs 51001.521313; and Grant accounts

**Contract Number(s):** #74000005330 issued under Project #18-35-500R

**Concurrences:**

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

The Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprise goals are not applicable for this amendment as there is no increased fiscal impact.

**District(s):** Districtwide

**Summary:** The Forest Preserves of Cook County is committed to offering accommodations for people who are deaf and hard of hearing both for meetings and public programs. Transcriptions services is one way we can provide this service both to staff and to patrons who request it. These services can be requested both by staff and the public for an accommodation.

**21-0523****Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent**PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT****Department(s):** Department of Permits, Rentals and Concessions**Vendor:** L.L. BEAN, Freeport, Maine**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") to extend contract**Good(s) or Service(s):** Recreational Classes**Original Contract Period:** 1/1/2017 - 1/1/2020 including two (2) one-year extension options; Board Approved Extension 1/2/2020 - 12/31/2020; Administrative Extension 1/1/2021 - 12/31/2021**Proposed Contract Period Extension:** 1/1/2022 - 12/31/2022**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** N/A (Revenue Generating)**Original Approval:** N/A**Previous Increase(s):** N/A**This Increase Requested:** N/A**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** N/A. Revenue Generation Estimate - \$10,000.00**Accounts:** Corporate Concession Revenue 51001.411317**Contract Number(s):** N/A**Concurrences:**

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

**District(s):** Districtwide

**Summary:** This proposed contract modification allows L.L. BEAN to continue providing outdoor recreation and nature-based activities including hiking, biking, camping, archery, and snowshoeing and to serve as a partner at Forest Preserves hosted events. In lieu of permit fees, L.L. BEAN will compensate the Forest Preserves with 20% of all registration fees collected from their participants for all courses conducted in the Forest Preserves. The Forest Preserves has received nearly \$28,000.00 since the start of this agreement. Participants of L.L. BEAN courses will also receive extensive environmental education to promote awareness of the Forest Preserves and its positive impact on communities and quality of life.

**21-0534**

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

**PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

**Department(s):** Office of the General Superintendent

**Vendor:** Performance Media, Northbrook, Illinois

**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") to extend a contract with Performance Media

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Advertisement sales, printing, and distribution of seasonal guide

**Original Contract Period:** 11/14/2017 - 11/30/2019, Board Approved Extension (11/19/2019) 12/1/2019 - 11/30/2020; Administrative Extension 12/1/2020 - 11/30/2021

**Proposed Contract Period Extension:** 12/1/2021 (retroactive) - 4/30/2022

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$210,000.00

**Original Approval:** \$140,000.00

**Previous Increase(s):** \$70,000.00

**This Increase Requested:** N/A

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** N/A

**Accounts:** Advertising and Promotional Services 510001.520610

**Contract Number(s):** #74000003260 issued under Project #17-10-201

**Concurrences:**

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

Minority- and Women-owned Business Enterprise goals are not applicable for this amendment as there is no increased fiscal impact.

**District(s):** Districtwide

**Summary:** On 11/14/2017 the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners approved a contract with Performance Media to pursue advertising in, print and distribute the Forest Preserves' quarterly event guide. Performance Media was deemed by a selection committee as the most qualified of the two (2) responding firms to an RFP from the Forest Preserves for these services. On 11/19/2019, the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners extended this contract by one (1) year and increased the contract amount by \$70,000.00.

Due to COVID-19 public health restrictions closing in-person events and drop-off locations to distribute the printed quarterly guide, the Forest Preserves ceased publication after Spring 2020 and has not resumed since. With the regular return of Forest Preserves in-person events, including more recent resumption of large-scale events, an extension of this contract at the existing value would allow the Forest Preserves to publish one issue (Spring 2022) while opening a new RFP in 2022 for these services for ongoing publication.

In a typical year, up to 320,000 quarterly guides are distributed county-wide annually to nearly three hundred (300) locations and are also given to the public at hundreds of community events throughout the year. These brochures help market the Forest Preserves' nature centers, activities, educational programming and other amenities, which are mostly free to the public.

**21-0501**

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

**PROPOSED DISBURSEMENT**

**Department(s):** Department of Facilities and Fleet

**Action:** Authorization to disburse payment



**Payee:** McDonagh Demolition, Inc., Chicago, Illinois

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Demolition services for various buildings at the Horizon Farms site

**Fiscal Impact:** \$157,680.00

**Accounts:** Capital Improvement Facilities Maintenance 51009.560019

**Contract Number(s):** #74000008367 issued under Project #20-80-32

**District(s):** 15

**Summary:** Payment for demolition services at the Forest Preserves' Horizon Farms site pursuant to a contract approved by the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners on 10/20/2020 (Board Item No. 20-0364) for abatement, demolition, and site restoration services at various locations.

**21-0530**

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

**PROPOSED DISBURSEMENT**

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

**Action:** Authorization to disburse payment

**Payee:** Stantec Consulting Services, Lombard, Illinois

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Comprehensive habitat enhancement services

**Fiscal Impact:** \$279,510.72

**Accounts:** Professional Services 51030.520840; Grant and Mitigation 51010.521444 and 51010.520840

**Contract Number(s):** #74000003824 issued under Project #18-31-101C

**District(s):** 4, 6, 9, 14, 17

**Summary:** Payment for expenses related to execution of comprehensive habitat enhancement services

provided by Stantec Consulting Services, including invasive species and brush removal operations, resprout control, and hydrologic consultation, pursuant to the Habitat Enhancement Services contract approved by the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners on 7/26/2018 (Board Item No. 18-0299).

**21-0536**

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

**PROPOSED DISBURSEMENT**

**Department(s):** Department of Facilities and Fleet

**Action:** Authorization to disburse payment

**Payee:** BCR Automotive Group, d/b/a Roesch Ford, Bensenville, Illinois

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Ten (10) 2021 Ford F350 Pick Up trucks

**Fiscal Impact:** \$551,915.52

**Accounts:** Vehicles and Trucks 51057.540260, 51058.540260, 51028.540260

**Contract Number(s):** #74000008365

**District(s):** Districtwide

**Summary:** Payment for ten (10) 2021 Ford F350 Gas/Propane Pick Up trucks, utilizing a contract awarded by the City of Chicago (contract #32916, #67802) as approved by the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners on 11/17/2020 (Board Item No. 20-0326). The Vehicle Steering Committee approved the acquisition of these additional vehicles prior to board approval.

**21-0499**

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

**REPORT**

**Department:** Office of the General Superintendent

**Request:** Receive and File

**Report Title:** 2021 Annual Report and 2022 Budget Recommendation prepared by the Conservation and Policy Council of the Forest Preserves of Cook County

**Report Period:** 1/1/2021 - 10/21/2021

**Summary:** Each year the Conservation and Policy Council reviews the Forest Preserves' annual budget proposal and makes a recommendation to the General Superintendent, the President and the Board of Commissioners about the budget and its alignment with the Next Century Conservation Plan implementation strategy. The Annual Report of the Conservation and Policy Council is required by Section 1-18-5 of the Forest Preserves' Code of Ordinances. The 2021 Annual Report and 2022 Budget Recommendation was orally presented by Alan Bell on behalf of the Council at the October 28, 2021 meeting of the Finance Committee of the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners.

Along with the 2021 Annual Report, the Council is also submitting a progress report on the implementation strategy of the Next Century Conservation Plan which is now in Phase 2. The progress report presents the over-arching goals of Phase 2, describes the work to be completed throughout this phase, and summarizes the progress made during the first year of Phase 2 implementation.

**21-0545**

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

## **REPORT**

**Department:** Departments of Legal and Finance

**Request:** Receive and File

**Report Title:** Workers' Compensation Report - October 2021

**Report Period:** 10/1/2021 - 10/31/2021

**Summary:** The Forest Preserves of Cook County Departments of Legal and Finance are submitting Workers' Compensation Claim Payments for the month of October 2021. Payments total \$99,305.74 for October 2021.

[21-0546](#)

**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:** 1/1/2021 - 10/31/2021

**Summary:** Detailed Fund Analysis of Revenue and Expenditures for October 2021.

[21-0547](#)

**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:** 10/1/2021 - 10/31/2021

**Summary:** Submitting the Procurement and Disbursements Report for the period of October 2021. The report is to be received and filed in compliance with Section 1-8-2 (BB) of the District's Code of Ordinances.

**21-0541**

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

**RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (WORKERS' COMPENSATION)**

Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Workers' Compensation -12/14/2021

The Finance Subcommittee on Workers' Compensation met on the above listed date and recommends the following for approval:

Workers' Compensation Claims approved Fiscal Year 2021 to present: \$675,341.90  
 Workers' Compensation Claims to Be Approved: \$58,499.17

**21-0537**

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

**RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (LITIGATION)**

Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Litigation - 11/2/2021

The Finance Subcommittee on Litigation met on the above listed date and recommends the following for approval:

Proposed Settlements Approved Fiscal Year 2021 to Present: \$2,603,912.63  
 Proposed Settlements to Be Approved: \$0.00

Legal Fees Approved Fiscal Year 2021 to Present: \$669,168.81  
 Legal Fees for 11/2/2021 to Be Approved: \$44,792.75

**21-0553**

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

INTERIM SECRETARY TO THE BOARD, Lynne M. Turner, presented in printed form a record of the Journal of Proceedings of the regular meeting held on 11/2/2021.

**21-0548**

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

**PROPOSED CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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

**Summary:** Forest Preserves of Cook County Calendar of Events and Activities 12/14/2021 - 1/11/2022

Please check the Forest Preserves of Cook County's website, [www.fpdcc.com/events](http://www.fpdcc.com/events), for updates and changes.

**Friday, 12/17; 7pm**

**River Trail Nightlife: Owl Prowl, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

A guided walk on our trails to search for local owls. *Registration and facemasks required. Ages 8 and*

up.

**Friday, 12/17; 7pm**

**Full Moon Hike, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills**

Enjoy a 1.5-mile guided walk under a full moon along our Burr Edge Trail. *Registration and facemasks required.*

**Saturday, 12/18; 4pm - 8pm**

**Winter Bonfire, Camp Shabbona Woods, South Holland**

Join us at Camp Shabbona Woods as we celebrate the beginning of winter with a large bonfire, artmaking, nature walks, and more. *Facemasks required.*

**Saturday, 12/18; 4pm**

**Sunset Hike, Camp Bullfrog, Willow Springs**

Join us for a stroll in the Forest Preserves and take in the evening sunset. Depending on snow conditions, snowshoes will be available to borrow for the hike. *Registration and facemasks required.*

**Saturday, 12/18; 6pm**

**Moon Walk, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

Let the full moon be our guide as we hike the 1-mile White Oak Trail, and warm up by a fire under the night sky afterwards. *All ages. Please bring binoculars. Limited pairs to lend. Registration and facemasks required.*

**Saturday, 12/18; 1:30pm**

**Winter Solstice Nature Hike, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Explore our trails with a naturalist as winter begins and enjoy hot snacks around a campfire afterwards. *Registration and facemasks required.*

**Saturday, 12/18; 3pm (Zoom)**

**Winter Botanical Embroidery**

Learn about nature and develop basic embroidery skills. *Registration required. Must have your own supplies. Ages 10 and up. For more information, call 224-456-8602.*

**Sunday, 12/19; 1:30pm**

**Whoooo... are the owls in your neighborhood? River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Join us and a special guest for a talk about owls. *Facemasks required.*

**Sunday, 12/19; 1pm**

**Frozen Feathers, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington**

Now that fall migration is mostly over, let us take a short walk to see what winter residents we find. Bring your own binoculars or borrow a pair of ours. *Ages 6 and up. Facemasks required.*

**Sunday, 12/19; 5:30am****Dawn Owl Prowl, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Listen for owls as part of the annual Christmas Bird Count, with John Elliot from Chicago Audubon. *Ages 10 and up. Registration and facemasks required.*

**Tuesday, 12/21; 10am - 1pm****Winter Break-Out Adventure, Thatcher Woods, Maywood**

Come out for fun and adventure during winter break. Snowshoeing (conditions permitting), hikes, crafts and other winter-related activities will be offered. *Facemasks required.*

**Tuesday, 12/21; 6:30pm - 9pm****Winter Solstice Night of Lights Walk, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

Join us for a relaxing candlelit walk through our woods to celebrate the equinox. *Registration and facemasks required. Call 708-839-6897.*

**Tuesday, 12/21; 6:30pm - 8pm****Solstice Bonfire, Stories, and Dance, Thatcher Woods, Maywood**

Join us around the bonfire for a sampling of stories from many cultures, enjoy a solstice dance by dance troupe "Terrain" with hot chocolate and s'mores. *Registration and facemasks required. Call 708-366-6530.*

**Wednesday, 12/22; 11am - 2pm****Winter Breakout, Camp Reinberg, Palatine**

Youth and families, join us for a fun winter day with a number of different outdoor activities such as fire building, snowshoeing and a winter-themed craft. *Facemasks required.*

**Sunday, 12/26; 10am****Winter Ornithology, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Birdy, it's cold outside! Birds have a variety of adaptations and strategies to survive the winter's cold. *Registration and facemasks required.*

**Sunday, 12/26; 1:30pm****Animal Encounter, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Join our staff for an up-close look at one of our animals. *Facemasks required.*

**Sunday, 12/26; 10am - 2pm****Hot Chocolate and Stories, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills**

Warm yourself by the fire while treating yourself to hot chocolate. Winter-themed books will be available for reading by the fireside. *Space is limited. Facemasks required.*

**Tuesday, 12/28; 10am - 1pm****Winter Breakout Adventures, Caldwell Woods, Chicago**

Come out for fun and adventure during winter break! Sledding and snowshoes (conditions permitting), hikes and more. *Facemasks required.*

**Wednesday, 12/29; 11am - 2pm**

**Winter Exploration Day, Dan Ryan Woods, Chicago**

Get outside and enjoy winter in the Preserves. This is a great opportunity for the whole family to enjoy snowshoeing (weather permitting), nature hikes, art making, campfires and more! *Facemasks required.*

**Wednesday, 12/29; 10am**

**Winter Hike, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Enjoy a trail hike with a naturalist. *Facemasks required.*

**Wednesday, 12/29; 1:30pm**

**A Secret Winter Ecosystem, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

The winter can appear barren of wildlife, but surprisingly so much is happening above, within, and beneath the snow. Join us for a walk to see what is going on! *Registration and facemasks required.*

**Thursday, 12/30; 11am - 2pm**

**Winter Exploration Day, Beaubien Woods, Chicago**

Get outside and enjoy winter in the Preserves. This is a great opportunity for the whole family to enjoy snowshoeing (weather permitting), nature hikes, art making, campfires and more! *Facemasks required.*

**Sunday, 1/2; 1pm**

**Resolution Walk, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Take time to set positive practices this year during this light 1-mile nature walk. *Registration and facemasks required.*

**Sunday, 1/2; 10:30am**

**New Year's Wellness Walk, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington**

Fulfill your resolution of being more active by talking a hike with a naturalist to kick off the new year! *Facemasks required.*

**Sunday, 1/2; 10am - 12pm**

**Renew, Rejuvenate, Restore, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

Begin the New Year by renewing, rejuvenating, and restoring habitats as well as your mind, body, and spirit. Enjoy a cup of hot chocolate, and warm up by the fire afterwards. *Registration and facemasks required.*

**Saturday, 1/8; 10am - 1pm**

**Winter Exploration Day, Schubert's Woods, Chicago Heights**

Get outside and enjoy winter in the Preserves. This is a great opportunity for the whole family to enjoy snowshoeing (weather permitting), nature hikes, art making, campfires and more! *Facemasks required.*



**Saturday, 1/8; 10am - 1pm****Winter Watercolors, Volunteer Resource Center (VRC), Chicago**

Join us for a winter art workshop as we explore the beauty of nature through watercolor painting. Materials provided. *All ages. Must register for demos. Drop in available for additional watercolor activities. Registration and facemasks required.*

**Sunday, 1/9; 10am - 12:30pm****Cold Weather Crafting, Swallow Cliff, Palos Park**

Enjoy a cozy winter morning inside, listening to the crackle of a fire while creating nature-themed art. *Registration and facemasks required. Call 312-533-5751.*

**Sunday, 1/9; 1pm Winter Insects, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Believe it or not, some insects are active through the winter. Search for these cold-hearty survivors. *Ages 14 and up. Registration and facemasks required.*

**Sunday, 1/9; 1pm****Winter Tree ID, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

Discover tips and clues to help identify trees when there are no leaves on them on this 1-mile adventure. *Registration and facemasks required.*

**COMMITTEE ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION**

**REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE MEETING OF 12/14/2021**

**21-0473 PROPOSED LICENSE REQUEST** Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”), as Licensor to grant a License to Nicor Gas Company (“Nicor”)

**CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING OF 12/14/2021**

**21-0485 REPORT** Report Title: 2022 Update to the 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan, Report Period: Five (5) Years, 2022-2026

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