



**Forest Preserve District of Cook County  
Board of Commissioners**

**Real Estate Committee**

**Tuesday, November 18, 2025**

**9:15 AM**

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

**Issued On: 11/12/2025**

**NOTICE AND AGENDA**

**There will be a meeting of the committee or subcommittee of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners at the date, time and location listed above.**

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

Authorization as a public speaker shall only be granted to those individuals who have registered, with the Secretary, to speak 24 hours in advance of the meeting. To register as a public speaker, go to the meeting details page for this meeting at <https://fpdcc.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx> to find a registration link. Duly authorized public speakers may speak live from the County Board Room at 118 N. Clark Street, 5th Floor, Chicago, Illinois or be sent a link to virtually attend the meeting and will be called upon to deliver testimony at a time specified in the meeting agenda. Authorized public speakers who are not present during the specified time for public testimony will forfeit their allotted time to speak at the meeting. Public testimony must not exceed three minutes; the Secretary will keep track of the time and advise when the time for public testimony has expired. After each virtual speaker has completed their statement, they will be removed from the meeting. Once removed, you will still be able to follow the proceedings for that day at: <https://www.cookcountyil.gov/service/watch-live-board-proceedings>, or in a viewing area at 69 W. Washington Street, 22nd Floor, Conference Room C, Chicago, Illinois. Persons authorized to provide public testimony shall not use vulgar, abusive, discriminatory, profane, or otherwise inappropriate language when addressing the Board; failure to act appropriately, or failure to adhere to the time requirements may result in expulsion from the meeting and/or disqualify the person from providing future testimony. Written comments will not be read aloud at the meeting, but will be posted on the meeting page and made a part of the meeting record.

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**COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 07/01/2025

[25-0359](#)

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

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE**

**AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE A FOREST PRESERVE NEAR BEAUBIEN WOODS**

**AN ORDINANCE CREATING A FOREST PRESERVE** in parts of Sections 34 and 35, Township 37 North, Range 14, East of the Third Principal Meridian, all in Cook County, Illinois near Beaubien 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; and

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

Section 1. That a unified Forest Preserve be and the same is hereby created within the District which shall contain and connect lands now owned and lands to be acquired in substantial accordance with the plat now on file in the office of the General Superintendent of the District, which by reference is hereby made 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:

S. Greenwood Avenue & E. 133rd Street, Chicago, Cook County, Illinois

THAT PART OF BLOCK 4 IN ALTGELD GARDENS SUBDIVISION, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 34, AND PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 35, ALL IN TOWNSHIP 37 NORTH, RANGE 14 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED MARCH 20, 1947 AS DOCUMENT NO. 14017505, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID BLOCK 4; THENCE NORTHERLY ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID BLOCK 4, BEING A 3233.00 FOOT RADIUS CURVE, CONCAVE WESTERLY, 33.23 FEET, THE CHORD OF SAID CURVE BEARS NORTH 06 DEGREES 09 MINUTES 53 SECONDS EAST, 33.23 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 25 MINUTES 07 SECONDS EAST, 37.50 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 59 DEGREES 34 MINUTES 46 SECONDS EAST, 64.07 FEET TO A POINT ON THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID BLOCK THAT IS 96.32 FEET EAST OF, THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID BLOCK, AS MEASURED ON SAID SOUTH LINE; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 25 MINUTES 07 SECONDS WEST, ON SAID SOUTH LINE, 96.32 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, ALL IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Part of PIN 25-35-100-020-0000

SAID PARCEL CONTAINING 2,224 SQUARE FEET, OR 0.05 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 purchase, condemn, or otherwise acquire from time to time the parcel(s) 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

**Legislative History :** 10/21/25 - FPD Board of Commissioners - refer to the Real Estate Committee

[25-0343](#)

**Presented by:** ADAM BIANCHI, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF REAL ESTATE**

**Department:** Legal Department

**Other Part(ies):** Chicago Housing Authority (“CHA”), Chicago, Illinois

**Request:** It is respectfully requested that this proposed purchase through an Intergovernmental Agreement with the CHA be approved.

**Description of Real Estate:** S. Greenwood Avenue & E. 133rd Street, Chicago, Cook County, Illinois

**Section:** N/A

**Parcel(s):** Part of PIN 25-35-100-020-0000

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**Fiscal Impact:** \$5,000.00 purchase price plus closing costs up to \$10,000.00 (up to \$15,000.00 in total).

**Accounts:** Real Estate and Land Acquisition Fund 51006.560010; and Land Improvements 51009.560019

**District:** 5

**Summary:** The proposed 130th Street Chicago Transit Authority (“CTA”) Station will be the new terminal station for the Red Line Extension located just to the east of the CHA Altgeld Gardens housing community. As mitigation for the effects of the extension project on the Forest Preserves of Cook County’s (“Forest Preserves”) Beaubien Woods and to support the CHA and other community members in the area, the CTA agreed to provide funding to the Forest Preserves to connect the Altgeld Gardens community to the Beaubien Woods Boat Launch (See Board Item Nos. 23-0515 and 23-0520).

The CTA therefore transferred two (2) parcels of land to the Forest Preserves for this connection through an intergovernmental agreement. The acquisition now before the Board with the CHA includes an intergovernmental agreement between the parties (the “IGA”) to allow for the CHA to transfer approximately 2,224 square feet of additional CHA land near Greenwood Avenue to complete this trail connection (the “Property”). This new trail connection will encourage the community to use Beaubien Woods and its facilities. This project also includes a new public restroom at Beaubien Woods, which will require a connection for water service through the proposed trail corridor. The IGA and conveyance permits this water connection as well.

Through negotiations, the CHA has agreed to sell the Property to the Forest Preserves for the sum of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00/100 (\$5,000.00) plus closing costs up to \$10,000.00 (up to \$15,000.00 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.

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, Land Acquisition Plan, and Acquisition and Disposition of Land Position Paper.

**Legislative History :** 10/21/25 - FPD Board of Commissioners - refer to the Real Estate Committee



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Secretary

Chair: Anaya

Vice-Chair: Moore

Members: Committee of the Whole