



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

Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Rd, Glencoe, IL 60022

BOARD NOTICE AND AGENDA

Tuesday, May 6, 2025, 10:00 AM

Issued On: 5/1/2025

CONSENT CALENDAR

Pursuant to Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code, the Secretary to the Board of Commissioners hereby transmits Consent Calendar Resolutions for your consideration. The Consent Calendar Resolutions shall be published in the Journal of Proceedings as prepared by the Secretary of the Board.

There are no Consent items for this meeting.

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 at the Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Rd, Glencoe, Illinois. 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. 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. The public will be able to follow the proceedings for that day at: <https://www.cookcountyil.gov/service/watch-live-board-proceedings>, or in a viewing area at 69 W. Washington Street, 22nd Floor, Conference Room F, Chicago, Illinois.

PRESIDENT**25-0186**

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 15, 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; 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:

20278 Cottage Grove Ave., Glenwood, Cook County, Illinois

THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 35 NORTH,
RANGE 14 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN (EXCEPT THE SOUTH 66 FEET

THEREOF CONVEYED TO CHICAGO DISTRICT PIPELINE COMPANY, A CORPORATION, BY DEED RECORDED AS DOCUMENT 14832873 AND EXCEPT THE NORTH 49.5 FEET OF THE SOUTH 115.5 FEET OF THE EAST 660.0 FEET THEREOF, CONVEYED TO CHICAGO DISTRICT PIPELINE COMPANY, A CORPORATION, BY DEED RECORDED ON SEPTEMBER 3, 1958 AS DOCUMENT 17306418), IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

PIN: 32-15-200-012-0000

SAID PARCEL CONTAINING 1,613,462 SQUARE FEET, OR 37.04 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

TOGETHER WITH A 60.00-FOOT WIDE NON-EXCLUSIVE CONDITIONAL INGRESS AND EGRESS EASEMENT FROM JOE ORR ROAD ALONG THE EASTERN PROPERTY BOUNDARY OF PIN 32-15-200-011-0000.

SAID EASEMENT CONTAINING 67,500 SQUARE FEET, OR 1.55 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.

25-0187

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

PROPOSED PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE

Department(s): Legal Department

Other Part(ies): Chicago Title Land Trust Company as Successor Trustee to the First National Bank in Chicago Heights, as Trustee under Trust Agreement dated May 11, 1966 and known as Trust Number

540; Walter J. Nykaza, Beneficiary (“Owners of Record”)

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

Description of Real Estate: 20278 Cottage Grove Ave, Glenwood, Cook County, Illinois

Section: NA

Parcel(s): PIN: 32-15-200-012-0000

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Fiscal Impact: \$2,960,000.00 purchase price plus closing costs up to \$10,000.00 (up to \$2,970,000.00 in total).

Accounts: Real Estate and Land Acquisition Fund 51006.560010

District(s): 5

Summary: The Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) has identified a parcel of land for acquisition that would add to the Forest Preserves’ current holdings near Sweet Woods (the “Property”). The Property, commonly known as 20278 Cottage Grove Ave, Glenwood, Cook County, Illinois, consists of approximately 37.04 ± acres. The Property has natural and fallowed land and contains a part of Third Creek.

Through negotiations, the Owners of Record (the “Sellers”), have agreed to sell the Property to the Forest Preserves for the sum of TWO MILLION NINE HUNDRED SIXTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00/100 (\$2,960,000.00) plus closing costs up to \$10,000.00 (up to \$2,970,000.00 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, Next Century Conservation Plan, and Acquisition and Disposition of Land Position Paper.

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

25-0162

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Department of Finance and Administration

Request: Refer to Contract Compliance Committee

Report Title: Forest Preserves of Cook County Annual Business Diversity Report FY 2024

Report Period: 1/1/2024 - 12/31/2024

Summary: In July 2012, state legislation authorized the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to establish provisions to address the underuse of Minority- and Women-Owned businesses with respect to procurement contracts. An ordinance establishing the program’s parameters and guidelines was passed in 2012 and amended in subsequent years by the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners. To remedy historic inequity and to facilitate greater inclusion, the Forest Preserves established aspirational contract goals for the participation of Minority- and Women-Owned businesses as set forth under the Forest Preserves of Cook County Code of Ordinances.

25-0190

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim 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 Friends of the Chicago River, Chicago, Illinois.

Reason: Friends of the Chicago River (“FOCR”) has received a grant through the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation’s Chi-Cal River Program to support stream and habitat restoration at Schubert’s Woods and King’s Grove in southeast Cook County. FOCR will utilize the grant award to hire a contractor to improve stream hydrology and habitat along Thorn Creek, a tributary of the Little Calumet River. Restoration activities will result in 2,970-feet of bank stabilization alongside revegetation with native species.

This project will improve water quality and ensure that Cook County residents have access to a thriving forest preserve. Total project costs are \$402,519.71, of which the Forest Preserves will contribute \$50,000.00 or approximately 12.5% in direct match.

Contract Period: Date of execution - 4/30/2028

Fiscal Impact: Not to exceed \$50,000.00 in direct match

Account(s): Professional Services 51036.520840; 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

25-0181

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

PROPOSED GRANT AWARD AMENDMENT

Department: Department of Planning and Development

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

Grantor: The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (“IDNR”), Springfield, Illinois

Request: Authorization to extend grant agreement.

Purpose: To implement outdoor recreation improvements at Beaubien Woods Forest Preserve in Chicago, including the development of a trail connection to the adjacent Altgeld Gardens neighborhood, which will increase outdoor recreation activities for all Cook County residents.

Supplemental Grant Amount: N/A

Grant Period: Two (2) years from date of full contract execution (10/1/2022 - 9/30/2024); first amendment 10/1/2024 - 9/30/2025 approved on 2/27/2024 (Board Item No. 24-0104)

Extension Period: 10/1/2025 - 9/30/2026

Fiscal Impact: Original: Not to Exceed \$3,054,500.00 (\$1,154,500.00 50% match + \$575,000.00 25% contingency + \$1,325,000.00 anticipated underground utility services to the site). There is no additional cost associated with this extension.

Accounts: Consulting Services 51009.520830, 51010.520830, 51028.520830, 51010.520830 and 51009.520831; Land Improvement 51009.560019, 51010.560019, 51028.560019, 51030.560019 and 51031.560019; Property Maintenance and Operations 51009.560105, 51010.560106, 51028.560105, 51030.560106 and 51031.560105; and future Construction and Development accounts

Date of Previous Board Authorization for Grant: 9/20/2022 (Board Item No. 22-0363); first amendment approved 2/27/2024 (Board Item No. 24-0104)

Previous Grant Amount: \$1,150,000.00

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

District(s): 4, 5

Summary: In 2022, the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners approved the acceptance of grant funding from IDNR’s Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) grant program to reconstruct and improve existing boat launch ramps and on-shore fishing boardwalk, add a fully-accessible canoe/kayak dock, new program shelter and interpretive signs, new restroom building and new trail connection to the adjacent Altgeld Gardens neighborhood. The Board previously approved a

one (1) year, no-cost time extension in 2024 (Board Item No. 24-0104).

A second one-year, no-cost time extension is needed to allow additional time for the acquisition of a small land area owned by the Chicago Housing Authority (CHA) that is needed to connect water service for a new restroom building and new trail connection. The CHA board is expected to approve the conveyance at their May 27, 2025 board meeting and submit to the Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) for final approval; however, HUD approval could take up to six (6) months. Other aspects of the grant-funded project are substantially complete.

25-0189

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Department: Department of Law Enforcement

Other Part(ies): Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, Martinsburg, West Virginia

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to enter into and execute a Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) for the purpose of utilizing eTrace for submitting, retrieving, storing and querying firearms trace related information.

Goods or Services: The parties desire to share services for firearms tracing related information.

Agreement Number(s): N/A

Agreement Period: Continuous term subject to termination by either party.

Fiscal Impact: N/A

Accounts: N/A

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: The proposed MOU would serve to memorialize the process by which Forest Preserves of Cook County Police Department may engage the eTrace system for firearms tracing. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) would like to extend their on-going commitment to the

law enforcement community by providing participating agencies with a paperless submission system and trace analysis module that is readily accessible through a connection to the World Wide Web (Internet). The application known as eTrace provides the necessary utilities for submitting, retrieving, storing and querying firearms traced related information. The firearms tracing process is a valuable service offered by ATF to the global law enforcement community. Information acquired through the firearm tracing process can be utilized to solve individual cases, to maximize the investigative information available for use in identifying potential illegal firearms traffickers, and to supplement the analysis of crime trends and trafficking patterns. Final MOU is subject to legal review and approval.

25-0188

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT AMENDMENT

Department: Department of Planning and Development

Other Part(ies): Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, (“MWRD”), Chicago, Illinois

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to amend an Intergovernmental Agreement with MWRD for Land Acquisition, Concept Planning and Preliminary Engineering for a Multi-Benefit Project in Southeast Cook County.

Goods or Services: Collaboration and cost sharing on the land acquisition, concept planning and preliminary engineering for a joint project to provide ecological restoration and nature-compatible outdoor recreation and flood control improvements along Deer Creek and Third Creek (the “Project”)

Agreement Number: N/A

Original Agreement Period: Two (2) years from the Effective Date of the Agreement (“Initial Term”) with one (1) one-year optional extension upon approval of the Parties’ respective Boards of Commissioners.

Proposed Agreement Extension: N/A

Original Fiscal Impact: Costs for this preliminary stage of the Project would be shared by the Parties but would be submitted separately to the Parties’ respective boards for approval. The Forest Preserves

would be responsible for land acquisition costs with support from MWRD if needed. Authority for land acquisition costs for each acquisition parcel would be submitted separately to the Forest Preserves Board of Commissioners and, if necessary, to MWRD's Board of Commissioners. MWRD would be responsible for all consultant costs associated with concept planning and preliminary engineering for the Project.

Proposed Fiscal Impact Increase: N/A

Accounts: N/A

District(s): 5, 6

Summary: Authorization is requested to amend the current Intergovernmental Agreement (the "IGA") between the parties as approved by the Forest Preserves' Board of Commissioners on June 11, 2024 (Board Item No. 24-0188). The current agreement specifies that land acquisition attempts in relation to the Project would first be made by the Forest Preserves. If the Forest Preserves was unsuccessful in acquiring certain parcels, MWRD could attempt to acquire and/or assist the Forest Preserves in acquiring those other necessary parcels, along with any other property rights (such as permanent or temporary easements).

The proposed amendment clarifies that if the parties mutually agree, MWRD would commence negotiations directly to acquire certain property interests necessary for the Project in coordination with the Forest Preserves. Any and each resultant acquisition would be subject to approval of both parties' Boards. Prior to closing on each parcel, the parties would coordinate to determine who would hold title to the parcel at or after closing. Any properties purchased by MWRD and conveyed to the Forest Preserves for the Project would reserve a permanent flood control easement for MWRD. The Forest Preserves would reimburse MWRD for any property acquired by MWRD for the Project. If the IGA, as amended, is terminated and the overall Project does not move forward, the properties conveyed to the Forest Preserves would remain in Forest Preserves ownership as part of the forest preserves system, and MWRD would thereafter release or extinguish its permanent flood control easement(s). Final amendment is subject to legal review and approval.

25-0198

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

PROPOSED AGREEMENT

Vendor: Lemont Quarries Operations, Inc. D/B/A The Forge, Lemont, Illinois

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

Reason: Contract #74000016056 pertains to a request for boat concessions at the Maple Lake Boat House. Following a competitive selection process, Lemont Quarries Operations, Inc. D/B/A The Forge (hereinafter referred to as “The Forge”) was identified as the most responsive and responsible of the three (3) respondents. Under this contract, The Forge will manage kayak, canoe, and rowboat rentals, provide concessions, and offer recreational programming at the facility. The initial contract term is three (3) years, with two (2) optional renewal periods of two (2) years each.

The Forge has agreed to pay the Forest Preserves the following annual fee(s), plus 5% of net sales.

2025 \$7,500.00, 2026 \$8,500.00, 2027 \$10,000.00, 2028 \$10,000.00, 2029 \$10,000.00, 2030 \$10,000.00, 2031 \$10,000.00

Contract Period: 5/6/2025 - 5/5/2028 with two (2) two-year renewal options subject to the discretion of the General Superintendent.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: Generation of an estimated \$110,000.00 in revenue over the term of the contract, including all renewal options

Account(s): Concession Fees 51001.411316

Contract Number(s): #74000016056 issued under Solicitation Number 25-40-011748

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

District(s): 17

25-0163

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Department of Facilities and Fleet

Vendor: Genuine Parts Company D/B/A NAPA Auto Parts, Naperville, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Aftermarket Vehicle Parts (Light, Medium and Heavy Duty)

Contract Value: \$800,000.00

Contract Period: 5/6/2025 - 1/10/2029 with three (3), one-year renewal options to be exercised at the discretion of the General Superintendent subject to the renewal of the underlying contract on which the piggyback contract is based.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2025 \$125,000.00, FY 2026 \$125,000.00, FY 2027 \$125,000.00, FY 2028 \$125,000.00, FY 2029 \$90,000.00 (optional), FY 2030 \$90,000.00 (optional), FY 2031 \$90,000.00 (optional), FY 2032 \$30,000.00 (optional)

Accounts: Equipment, Supplies and Maintenance Service 51001.540275

Contract Number(s): #74000016107

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

Piggyback contract based on a Cooperative Procurement Agreement with no MWBE participation goals.

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: The Forest Preserves of Cook County Facilities and Fleet Department is requesting the purchase of Aftermarket Vehicle Parts (Light, Medium and Heavy Duty) based on Sourcewell contract #100124-GPC with Genuine Parts Company D/B/A NAPA Auto Parts for Fleet operations. The vendor will provide the department with necessary parts that are frequently used to repair and maintain vehicles.

25-0168

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Department of Facilities and Fleet

Vendor: Atlas Bobcat, LLC, Elk Grove Village, 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) Cronkhite Heavy Duty Equipment Trailers

Contract Value: \$248,634.52

Contract Period: One-time purchase

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2025 \$248,634.52

Accounts: Clean Air and Clean Water Referendum 51034.540350

Contract Number(s): #74000016103

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

Sole Source contract with no MWBE participation goals

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: The Department of Facilities and Fleet is requesting the purchase of eight (8) Cronkhite heavy duty equipment trailers on a sole source basis; seven (7) will be assigned to the Landscape Maintenance Department and one (1) to the Facilities and Fleet Department. The request is time sensitive due to seasonal operations, which require transportation of newly acquired heavy-duty equipment, including lawn mowers, across the county for the maintenance of our forest preserves. Atlas Bobcat is the sole distributor for Cronkhite trailers in the Chicagoland area.

25-0182

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Department of Facilities and Fleet

Vendor: Arends, Hogan, Walker D/B/A AHW, LLC, Champaign, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): One (1) Deere Model 6120E Cab Tractor with one (1) Diamond DTF290-C 22’ 110” Rear, Left and Right Heavy Duty Mower

Contract Value: \$187,351.18

Contract Period: One-time purchase

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2025 \$187,351.18

Accounts: Clean Air and Clean Water Referendum 51034.540350

Contract Number(s): #74000016082

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

Piggyback contract based on a Cooperative Procurement Agreement with no MWBE participation goals.

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: The Forest Preserves of Cook County is requesting to purchase one (1) additional Deere Model 6120E Cab Tractor with one (1) Diamond DTF290-C 22' Rear, Left and Right Heavy Duty Mower to be assigned to the Department of Landscape Maintenance. Three (3) similar units were approved for purchase by the Board of Commissioners at the 12/17/2024 board meeting (Board Item No. 24-0496). Similar to the prior purchase, this proposed purchase is based on Sourcewell contract #082923-DAC, expiring 10/11/2027, with Deere and Company, fulfilled by local authorized dealer AHW, LLC.

25-0184

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Department of Conservation and Experiential Programming

Vendor: CELTS Pool Management, Crestwood, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Aquatic Center Operations and Management Services

Original Contract Period: 1/25/2023 - 2/1/2026; with two (2) one-year optional renewals at the discretion of the General Superintendent

Proposed Contract Period Extension: N/A

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$3,625,000.00

Original Approval: 1/24/2023, \$3,625,000.00

Previous Increase(s): N/A

This Increase Requested: \$395,000.00

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2025 \$179,000.00, FY 2026 \$106,000.00 (optional); FY 2027 \$110,000.00 (optional). This Estimated Fiscal Impact totaling \$395,000 is in addition to the \$2,173,978.20 remaining on the contract for fiscal years 2025-2027.

Accounts: Professional Services 51001.520840

Contract Number(s): #74000011721 (management) and #74000012119 (operations)

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

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

District(s): 4, 10, 16

Summary: The Forest Preserves seeks authorization to increase the CELTS Pool Management contract in relation to the operations for the three (3) aquatic centers. CELTS was selected in 2022 through a competitive RFP process for Aquatic Center Management (see Board Item No. 23-0128). The Forest Preserves pays a management fee plus all expenses to run the aquatic centers. In exchange, the Forest Preserves receives all revenue from admissions and programming as well as a share of concessions revenue in the form of a set fee and a percentage of sales.

This contract increase is needed due to higher equipment prices, potential shortages, and increased delivery fees primarily for the chemicals that are needed to chlorinate the water at the aquatic centers. Also, there has been an increase in maintenance costs and repairs that were needed to keep the pools running during the first two (2) years of the contract. Lastly, the vendor is experiencing higher labor costs due to recent changes to state law.

25-0191

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

PROPOSED PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ITEM AMENDMENT

Department: Department of Resource Management

Request: Amend item to authorize the sowing of additional types of agricultural crops on Forest Preserves land, subject to the approval of the Director of the Department of Resource Management

Item Number: 22-0423

Fiscal Impact: Potential revenue generation of up to \$138,240.00 over the remaining three (3) years of the contract (unchanged from original board item)

Account(s): Corporate Land Use Fees 51001.411366 (revenue generating)

District(s): 15

Original Text of Item: 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: including wheat, oats, industrial hemp, soybeans, and/or corn and/or other crops subject to the review and written approval of the Forest Preserves' Director of the Department of Resource Management. 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

25-0192

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Department of Facilities and Fleet

Request: Refer to Finance Committee

Report Title: Annual Energy Expense Report

Report Period: 1/1/2024 - 12/31/2024

Summary: On 1/26/2021, the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners authorized the Forest Preserves of Cook County to enter into agreements recommended by Ameresco, Inc. (Board Item No. 21-0125). Previously, on 10/20/2020, the Board of Commissioners had approved a contract with Ameresco, Inc. to provide, in part, procurement of electricity, natural gas, and renewable energy (Board Item No. 20-0363). On 11/14/2023, the Board of Commissioners approved an extension of the contract with Ameresco, Inc. until 9/30/2025 (Board Item No. 23-0452). As required by Board Item No. 21-0125, this report provides a monthly breakdown of related energy payments made during fiscal year 2024.

25-0027

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Department of Finance and Administration

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: 3/1/2025 - 3/31/2025

Report Period: Procurement and Disbursement Report

Summary: Submitting the Procurement and Disbursement Report for the period of March 2025. The report is to be received and filed in compliance with Section 1-8-2 (BB) of the District's Code of Ordinances.

25-0195

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Departments of Legal and Finance

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Workers' Compensation Report - March 2025

Report Period: 3/1/2025 - 3/31/2025

Summary: The Forest Preserves of Cook County Departments of Legal and Finance are submitting Workers' Compensation Claim Payments for the month of March 2025. Payments total \$120,342.47 for March 2025.

25-0185

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

PROPOSED CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Department: Department of Conservation and Experiential Programming

Summary: Forest Preserves of Cook County Calendar of Events and Activities 5/6/2025-6/9/2025

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

Thursday, 5/8; 5:30pm

Asian American and Pacific Islander Walk, Sundown Meadow, Countryside

This 2-mile walk will highlight Asian American and Pacific Islander conservation and environmental leaders from around the world. *For more information, please call (312) 533-5751.*

Saturday, 5/10; 8am - 11:30am

World Migratory Bird Day: Migration Madness-Bird Walk and Little Sit, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Join us for activities dedicated to our feathered neighbors! *For more information, please call (708) 868-0606.*

Saturday, 5/10; 8am - 12pm

World Migratory Bird Day: Bird Walk and Big Sit, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington

Drop-in and celebrate migrating birds on a guided bird walk or bird-watch from a fixed location. *All birding levels are welcomed, and binoculars are available to borrow. For more information, please call (847) 381-6598.*

Saturday, 5/10; 9am - 2pm

World Migratory Bird Day, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

Bring your family and learn about migratory birds! This event will have bird hikes, banding demonstrations and special exhibits. *For more information, please call (630) 257-2045.*

Saturday, 5/10; 10am - 12pm

Kite Fest, Carl R. Hansen Woods, Schaumburg

Celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month with all-things kites. This event will have timed flying demonstrations, crafts and much more! *For registration and inquiries, please visit the website.*

Saturday, 5/10; 10am - 12pm

Migratory Bird Day: Birding Basics, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Join us and learn the basics of bird watching. *Registration required. Ages 8 and up. Please call (847) 824-8360.*

Saturday, 5/10; 10am - 12pm

Nature Paint By Step, Evans Field, River Grove

Join us for a guided nature painting. *Registration required. Ages 18 and up. This program is for all artistic skill levels and supplies will be provided. Please call (312) 533-5751.*

Saturday, 5/10; 1:30pm

World Migratory Bird Day: Migration Madness-Meet our Birds, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Join us for activities dedicated to our feathered neighbors! *For more information, please call (708) 868-0606.*

Saturday, 5/10; 1:30pm - 2:30pm

Migratory Bird Day: Raptor Encounter, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Get up close with live birds of prey.

Saturday, 5/10; 2:30pm

World Migratory Bird Day: Migration Madness-Bird Craft, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Join us for activities dedicated to our feathered neighbors! *For more information, please call (708) 868-0606.*

Sunday, 5/11; 8am

Mother's Day Fun Run & Walk, Dan Ryan Woods-Central, Chicago

Join us for a joyful Mother's Day Fun Run! Let's celebrate mothers with family-friendly activities, movement and laughter. *For more information, please call 224-763-4317.*

Sunday, 5/11; 10:30am

Mother's Day Spring Nature Walk, Trailside Museum of Natural History, River Forest

Join us for a casual walk and take in the sights, sounds and scent of spring. *Registration required. Please call (708) 366-6530.*

Sunday, 5/11; 11am - 1pm

Moms in Nature, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs

Celebrate Mother's Day in nature by creating special arts and crafts gifts for mom. *For more information, please call (708) 839-6897.*

Sunday, 5/11; 5pm - 7pm

World Mental Health Celebration, Swallow Cliff Woods-North, Palos Park

Join us for a guided walk, climb the stairs, make music and explore mental health resources. *This event is presented with Advocate Aurora Health. For more information, please call (312) 533-5751.*

Thursday, 5/15; 5:30pm

Camping 101, Camp Reinberg, Palatine

Join us for a workshop to learn basic camping skills. You can learn how to set up a tent, build a fire, dress for the weather and more! *For more information, please visit the website.*

Friday, 5/16; 6pm - 8pm

Starry Night, Deer Grove-East, Palatine

Drop-in for star gazing, crafts and refreshments. *This event will be held at Grove 3. This is a family friendly program and is presented with North Suburban Astronomers. For more information, please visit the website.*

Friday, 5/16; 7:30pm

Night Hike, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Join us for an evening walk and learn about nocturnal animals at River Trail. *Registration required. The cost is \$5 per person. Please call (847) 824-8360.*

Friday, 5/16; 8pm

Community Science: Frog Monitoring, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington

Participants can contribute to science by collecting data on local frog species with a naturalist. *Registration required. Ages 12 and up. Participants must be able to walk 1.5 miles on uneven ground in the dark. Please call (847) 381-6598.*

Saturday, 5/17; 11am - 3pm**Nature Block Party, Eggers Grove, Chicago**

Join us for a day of celebration and exploration as we honor the incredible diversity of life at Eggers Grove. *For more information, please call 224-763-4317 or visit the website.*

Sunday, 5/18; 8am**Des Plaines Canoe and Kayak Marathon, Dam No. 2 Woods, Mount Prospect**

The second oldest continual canoe race in the United States begins in Libertyville and ends at Dam No. 2 Woods. *Registration required. This event will have live music and refreshments. For more information, please visit the website.*

Tuesday, 5/20; 11am - 5pm**Adaptive Kayaking, Camp Bullfrog, Willow Springs**

The Forest Preserves welcomes people of all abilities. Join us and learn how to climb, paddle and move along unpaved trails using our new GRIT Freedom Chairs. Caregivers, service providers and supporters can participate and get trained in the use of accessibility equipment as well. *Registration required. This program was partially funded and presented by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. For more information, please visit the website.*

Wednesday, 5/21; 10am - 2pm**Nature is Accessible, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

Patrons of all abilities are invited to celebrate nature through accessible activities. *For more information, please call (708) 839-6897.*

Thursday, 5/22; 1pm - 7pm**Adaptive Kayaking, Thatcher Pond, River Forest**

The Forest Preserves welcomes people of all abilities. Join us and learn how to climb, paddle and move along unpaved trails using our new GRIT Freedom Chairs. Caregivers, service providers and supporters can participate and get trained in the use of accessibility equipment as well. *Registration required. This program was partially funded and presented by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. For more information, please visit the website.*

Thursday, 5/22; 5pm - 7pm**Spring Nature Writing Retreat, Trailside Museum of Natural History, River Forest**

An introduction to utilizing the natural world for writing inspiration. *Registration required. Ages 16 and up. Writers of any experience and skill level are welcome to participate. Please call (708)*

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Friday, 5/23; 11am - 6pm**Adaptive Climbing, Camp Sullivan, Oak Forest**

The Forest Preserves welcomes people of all abilities. Join us and learn how to climb, paddle and move along unpaved trails using our new GRIT Freedom Chairs. Caregivers, service providers and supporters can participate and get trained in the use of accessibility equipment as well. *Registration required. This program was partially funded and presented by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. For more information, please visit the website.*

Saturday, 5/24; 1pm**Teen Exploration Day: Time In Nature, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Participants can disconnect from tech and spend time in nature's peace and solitude. *Ages 13-17. Materials will be provided to sketch and write poetry. For more information, please call (630) 257-2045.*

Saturday, 5/24 through Sunday, 5/25; 5pm**Family Campout, Camp Shabbona, South Holland**

Introduction to camping for families. *Registration required. This program will include meals, all camping gear and outdoor fun. The cost is \$75 per family of 6 people or less. For more information, please call (708) 868-0606 or visit the website.*

Saturday, 5/24; 10am - 6pm**Aquatic Center Free Day, Whealan Pool Aquatic Center, Chicago; Cermak Family Aquatic Center, Lyons; Green Lake Family Aquatic Center, Calumet City**

Swimming season starts today with free admission. See website for hours for the rest of the season, admission fees and more information.

Sunday, 5/25; 1:30pm**Animal Encounter, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

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

Monday, 5/26; 1:30pm**Animal Encounter, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

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

Sunday, 6/1; 11am - 3pm

Explore the Forest, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington

Celebrate everything the Forest Preserves has to offer through animal encounters, arts and crafts, recreation and more! *For more information, please call (847) 381-6598.*

Sunday, 6/1; 1pm**Conservation at Home, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Participants can learn how to attract pollinators and birds by including native plants in their garden. *Registration required. Please call (630) 257-2045.*

Monday, 6/2; 9:30am - 11:30am**Let's Play! Forest Exploration Day, Erickson Woods, Winnetka**

Bring the family and engage in creative, imaginative and child-directed, outdoor free-play! *For more information, please call (773) 758-8899.*

Tuesday, 6/3; 10am - 2pm**Live Healthy Discover Nature, Daley Plaza, Chicago**

The Forest Preserves comes to Daley Plaza and along with numerous partners will have information and fun to learn how everybody can create their own adventure in the preserves. Momenta Dance Company, a dance company inclusive of artists with disabilities will provide the noontime performance. *For more information, please visit the website.*

Tuesday, 6/3 through Thursday, 6/5; 12pm - 3pm**Summer Nature Camp, Rolling Knolls, Elgin**

Join us and learn the significance of summer in Native American culture while participating in various activities. *Registration required. This event is presented by Trickster Cultural Center. For more information, please call (773) 758-8899.*

Friday, 6/6; 10am**Afterlife in the Forest Walk, Spears Woods, Willow Springs**

Join us for a 2.5-mile guided walk and learn about decomposition, fungi as well as the importance of decay in the forest. *For more information, please visit the website.*

Friday, 6/6; 10am - 12pm**Senior Nature Collaging, Trailside Museum of Natural History, River Forest**

Participants can make collages of plants, animals, and landscapes with local artist Phyllis Frick. *Registration required. Ages 55 and up. Please call (708) 366-6530.*

Friday, 6/6; 7pm**Pride Night, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington**

Join us and celebrate Pride with an evening nature walk and s'mores around the campfire. *Registration required. LGBTQ2S+ people and allies are welcome to participate. Please call (847) 381-6598.*

Saturday, 6/7; 9am - 11:30am**IKES Fish for Fun, Rolling Knolls, Elgin**

A fishing extravaganza with give-a-ways and prizes. *Registration required. Ages 15 and under with an adult. This event is presented with City of Elgin and Izaak Walton League-Elgin. For more information, please call (773) 758-8899.*

Saturday, 6/7; 9:30am**Little Calumet River Clean-up, Kickapoo Woods, Riverdale**

Participant can learn about canoeing and kayaking while helping to clean the Little Calumet River. *Registration required. For more information, please visit the website.*

Saturday, 6/7; 10am - 12pm**Hike the Freedom Trail: Bus and Walking Tour, Beaubien Woods Boat Launch, Chicago**

Participants can learn about the tales of Freedom Seekers through the Calumet Region. *This program is presented by The Midwest Underground Railroad Network. For more information, please visit the website.*

Saturday, 6/7; 10am - 1pm**Community Book Swap, Swallow Cliff Woods-North, Palos Park**

Bring in your gently used books and leave with some new-to-you books. *Books can be any genre and reading level. For more information, please visit the website.*

Saturday, 6/7; 1pm**Sounds of the Slough, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

Join us for a 1-mile hike and learn about common animals heard and seen around the water. *For more information, please call (708) 839-6897.*

Sunday, 6/8; 10am - 12pm**Herp Hike, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

What is a "herp"? Join us for a guided walk and learn about and look for our herpetofauna, also known as reptiles and amphibians within a region. *Registration required. Please call (708) 868-0606.*

Sunday, 6/8; 1pm

Nests: Bird Baskets of Life, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

Participants can learn how to find and safely watch birds while they nest. *Registration required. Please call (630) 257-2045.*

Sunday, 6/8; 1pm - 3pm

Makin' Music Bluegrass Jam at Thatcher Pavilion, Thatcher Pavilion, River Forest

Join the jam! Participants can make a simple musical instrument or bring your own guitar, fiddle, etc. *All patrons are welcome to play their instrument or listen to the music. For more information, please call (708)366-6530.*

COMMITTEE ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

**RULES COMMITTEE
MEETING OF MAY 6, 2025**

25-0208 JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS Regular meeting held on 4/8/2025

**FINANCE COMMITTEE
MEETING OF MAY 6, 2025**

25-0193 RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (LITIGATION) Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Litigation – 5/6/2025

25-0028 REPORT Report Title: Corporate Fund Analysis of Revenue and Expenditures, Report Period: 1/1/2025 - 3/31/2025

**REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE
MEETING OF MAY 6, 2025**

25-0070 PROPOSED ORDINANCE Create a Forest Preserve Near Sweet Woods

25-0071 PROPOSED PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE Neil Nielsen, independent executor of the estate of Mary T. Bailey, deceased (Owner of Record), Description of Real Estate: 290 E. Glenwood Dyer Road, Glenwood, Illinois & Part of 220 E. Glenwood Dyer Road, Unincorporated Cook County, Illinois

25-0019 PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT New Trier Township High School District 203 (“School District”), Northfield, Illinois for maintenance of a portion of an access drive and underground sewer line (total area 0.23 acres) on Forest Preserves land and priority status for Forest Preserves playfield seasonal permits in exchange for payment of license fees and other benefits to the Forest Preserves including use of School District parking for Forest Preserves patrons and permittees
