



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

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**10:00 AM**

**Tuesday, June 9, 2026**

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

**ATTENDANCE**

**Present:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (16)

**Excused Absence:** S. Morrison (1)

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

There are no Consent items this meeting.

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

1. Miguel A. Rivera (Tito)
2. Abraham Magana - Concerned Citizen

**PRESIDENT**

**26-0118**

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

**REPORT**

**Department:** Office of the General Superintendent

**Request:** Receive and File

**Report Title:** Conservation and Policy Council Monthly Report

**Summary:** Created in 2014, the Conservation and Policy Council advises the President, Board and the General Superintendent about conservation policies and practices, including the implementation of the Next Century Conservation Plan's vision of vibrant, ecologically healthy and welcoming forest preserves system.

Each month, a member of the Conservation and Policy Council will provide a verbal report detailing the work that the Conservation and Policy Council is doing as well as their recommendations to the Board regarding policies, practices, and other strategic initiatives of the Forest Preserves.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Scott, to defer 26-0118. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Present:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (16)

**Excused Absence:** S. Morrison (1)

## **26-0289**

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

### **PROPOSED REAPPOINTMENT**

**Appointee(s):** Commissioner Tara S. Stamps

**Position:** Member of the Board

**Department/Board/Commission:** NeighborSpace Board of Directors

**Effective date:** Immediate

**Expiration date:** 6/30/2027

**Summary:** The Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) requests approval of the reappointment of Commissioner Tara S. Stamps to the Board of Directors of NeighborSpace, an affiliate partner of the Forest Preserves.

In 1997, the Forest Preserves entered into an agreement with the City of Chicago and the Chicago Park District to form NeighborSpace, a nonprofit urban land trust in Chicago that preserves and sustains gardens on behalf of dedicated community groups. NeighborSpace owns and manages property so that community groups can focus on gardening and their community-building vision. NeighborSpace-protected gardens give community members an opportunity to get their hands in the earth and enjoy nature right in their own neighborhoods.

A Forest Preserves Commissioner, the General Superintendent, and an additional Forest Preserves staff member sit on the Board of Directors of NeighborSpace along with representatives of the City of Chicago and the Chicago Park District.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner K. Morrison, to suspend the rules for 26-0289.**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner K. Morrison, to approve 26 0289. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Present:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (16)

**Excused Absence:** S. Morrison (1)

## **OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT**

**26-0287**

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

### **PROPOSED PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT AMENDMENT**

**Request:** Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to amend its Partnership Agreement with the Chicago Zoological Society (“CZS”), Brookfield, Illinois.

**Reason:** The Forest Preserves and the Chicago Zoological Society, which operates the Brookfield Zoo Chicago, seek to amend their Partnership Agreement in order to engage a veterinary technician position and coordinate the donation of a decommissioned Forest Preserves vehicle.

The veterinary technician position will be recruited and hired by the CZS to assist Forest Preserves wildlife biologists and provide field veterinary support, lab diagnostics, and research coordination associated with the ongoing veterinary residency and PhD programs (Board Items Nos. 22-0108, 24-0192, and 24-0326). The CZS will staff the position beginning in 2026, at a cost to the Forest Preserves of \$45,000.00 annually or not-to-exceed \$135,000.00 over the remaining term of the agreement.

Additionally, the Forest Preserves would like to donate a fleet vehicle to support veterinary residency program operations unless otherwise prohibited by ethical considerations and applicable law. The vehicle will be utilized by veterinarians and residents for the public purpose of educational, clinical, and outreach activities associated with veterinary training and wildlife care. The vehicle is anticipated to be approved this year for disposition by the Vehicle Steering Committee (VSC) pursuant to the Forest Preserves Code of Ordinances. Instead of being sold at auction, the proposed donation is intended to reduce barriers to transportation across the county and support more efficient travel for program-related activities. While no longer suitable for the rigors of Forest Preserves operations, donation of the vehicle to the CZS ensures the vehicle continues to provide community and educational benefit. Vehicle ownership and maintenance will be transferred to the CZS after (1) legal review of proposed amendment and proposed vehicle transfer, (2) approval of vehicle for disposition by VSC, and (3) board approval.

The original Partnership Agreement (Board Item No. 24-0326), allocated funding to support a post-residency veterinary PhD program, purchase veterinary diagnostic equipment, and provide funding for task order-based wildlife research initiatives resulting from shared collaborations with partners such as the University of Illinois and other visiting field researchers engaged by the CZS. The total costs of the Partnership Agreement, including funding under this proposed amendment, are not to exceed \$1,235,000.00

**Contract period:** 11/14/2024 - 11/13/2029

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** Not to exceed \$1,100,000.00 (up to \$375,000.00 for PhD program, \$625,000.00 for research collaborations, and \$100,000.00 for equipment).

**This Increase Requested:** Not to exceed \$135,000.00

**Fiscal Impact:** FY 2026 \$122,500.00, FY 2027 \$245,000.00, FY 2028 \$245,000.00, FY 2029 \$122,500.00 (totals include other previously approved but unspent costs and the requested additional funding).

**Account(s):** Professional Services 51034.520840; Grant and Mitigation 51010.521444 and 51010.520840; and all future Professional Services and Grant and Mitigation accounts

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

**District(s):** Districtwide

**A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner K. Morrison, to approve 26 0287. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Present:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (16)

**Excused Absence:** S. Morrison (1)

**26-0022**

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

## **PROPOSED CONTRACT**

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

**Vendor:** Rush Truck Centers of Illinois, Inc. D/B/A Rush Truck Center, Chicago Light and Medium Duty

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Two (2) Ford 2026 T350 KUV Transit Vans

**Contract Value:** \$174,157.99

**Contract Period:** One-time purchase

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** FY 2026 \$174,157.99

**Accounts:** Vehicle Purchase 51009.560266

**Contract Number(s):** #74000018345

**Concurrences:** The Vehicle Steering Committee has approved the purchase of the referenced vehicles.

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

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

**District(s):** Districtwide

**Summary:** The Department of Facilities and Fleet received permission from the Vehicle Steering Committee on 5/12/2026 to purchase as new or replacement vehicles two (2) 2026 Ford T350 KUV Transit Vans based on Sourcewell Contract #032824-RTG awarded to Rush Truck Centers of Texas, L.P., and fulfilled by its authorized local dealer, Rush Truck Centers of Illinois, Inc., D/B/A Rush Truck Center, Chicago Light and Medium Duty.

The units will be assigned to the Department of Facilities and Fleet.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Morrison, to approve 26-0022. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Present:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (16)

**Excused Absence:** S. Morrison (1)

**26-0256**

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

### **PROPOSED CONTRACT**

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

**Vendor:** GivePulse, Inc., Austin, Texas

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Volunteer Management System

**Contract Value:** \$125,000.00

**Contract Period:** 1/1/2027 - 12/31/2031 with two (2) one-year renewal options to be exercised at the discretion of the General Superintendent

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** FY 2027 \$17,000.00, FY 2028 \$18,000.00, FY 2029 \$18,000.00, FY 2030 \$18,000.00, FY 2031 \$18,000.00, FY 2032 \$18,000.00 (optional), FY 2033 \$18,000.00 (optional)

**Accounts:** Volunteer Resources Program 51001.521446

**Contract Number(s):** #74000018156 issued under Project 26-10-014035

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

The Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Ordinance is not applicable due to the contract value per year being equal to or less than \$25,000.00.

**District(s):** Districtwide

**Summary:** The proposed contract is to supply a Volunteer Management System to the Forest Preserves, for a period of five (5) years with two (2) available one-year renewal options. The Volunteer Management System is the foundation of the Forest Preserves' volunteer recruitment initiative and also serves as a volunteer event registration, recordkeeping, reporting and communication link.

The Forest Preserves issued a Request for Proposals and received a total of six (6) proposals. A review panel consisting of various Preserves staff selected GivePulse, Inc., which met all of the minimum and preferred qualifications.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner K. Morrison, to approve 26-0256. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Present:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (16)

**Excused Absence:** S. Morrison (1)

**26-0270**

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

## **PROPOSED CONTRACT**

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

**Vendor:** Sutton Ford, Inc., Matteson, Illinois

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Purchase of nine (9) 2026 Ford Vehicles: six (6) F350 SuperCab 4x4 Diesel Trucks and three (3) F350 Crew Cab Gas Trucks.

**Contract Value:** \$545,316.00

**Contract Period:** One-time purchase.

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** FY 2026 \$545,316.00

**Accounts:** Vehicle Purchase 51009.560266

**Contract Number(s):** #74000018325

**Concurrences:** The Vehicle Steering Committee has approved the purchase of the referenced vehicles.

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

Piggyback contract based on a Cooperative Procurement Agreement with no MWBE participation goals. The vendor is a certified Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprise.

**District(s):** Districtwide

**Summary:** The Department of Facilities and Fleet received permission from the Vehicle Steering Committee on 5/12/2026 to purchase as new or replacement vehicles nine (9) 2026 Ford Vehicles: six (6) F350 SuperCab 4x4 diesel trucks and three (3) F350 Crew Cab gas trucks based on Suburban Purchasing Cooperative (SPC) Request for Proposals/Contract #225 with Sutton Ford, Inc.

The units will be assigned as follows: six (6) units to the Department of Resource Management and three (3) units to the Department of Landscape Maintenance.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner K. Morrison, to approve 26-0270. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Present:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (16)

**Excused Absence:** S. Morrison (1)

**26-0272**

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

### **PROPOSED CONTRACT**

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

**Vendor:** Sutton Ford, Inc., Matteson, Illinois

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Purchase of thirteen (13) Ford 2026 Vehicles: Twelve (12) Police Interceptor Utility AWD Police Patrol Explorers and one (1) Police Interceptor AWD Admin Unit.

**Contract Value:** \$619,873.00

**Contract Period:** One-time purchase.

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** FY 2026 \$619,873.00

**Accounts:** Vehicle Purchase 51009.560266

**Contract Number(s):** #74000018332

**Concurrences:** The Vehicle Steering Committee has approved the purchase of the referenced vehicles.

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

Piggyback contract based on a Cooperative Procurement Agreement with no MWBE participation goals. The vendor is a certified Minority-and Women-owned Business Enterprise.

**District(s):** Districtwide

**Summary:** The Department of Facilities and Fleet received permission from the Vehicle Steering Committee on 5/12/2026 to purchase as new or replacement vehicles thirteen (13) Ford 2026 Vehicles: twelve (12) Police Interceptor Utility AWD Police Patrol Explorers and one (1) Police Interceptor AWD Admin Unit based on State of Illinois Contract #22-416CMS-BOSS4-P-41049 with Sutton Ford, Inc.

The units will be assigned as follows: twelve (12) units to the Department of Law Enforcement and one (1) unit to the Department of Conservation and Experiential Programming.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner K. Morrison, to approve 26-0272. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Present:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (16)

**Excused Absence:** S. Morrison (1)

**26-0273**

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

### **PROPOSED CONTRACT**

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

**Vendor:** Joe Johnson Equipment, LLC, D/B/A Standard Equipment

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** One (1) 2026 Elgin Whirlwind1 Street Sweeper

**Contract Value:** \$464,095.00

**Contract Period:** One-time purchase

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** FY 2026 \$464,095.00

**Accounts:** Vehicle Purchase 51009.560266

**Contract Number(s):** #74000018344

**Concurrences:** The Vehicle Steering Committee has approved the purchase of the referenced vehicle.

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

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

**District(s):** Districtwide

**Summary:** The Department of Facilities and Fleet received permission from the Vehicle Steering Committee on 5/12/2026 to purchase as a new or replacement vehicle one (1) 2026 Elgin Whirlwind1 Street Sweeper based on Sourcewell Contract #093021-ELG awarded to Elgin Sweeper Company, Division of Federal Signal Corporation, and fulfilled by its authorized local dealer, Joe Johnson Equipment, LLC D/B/A Standard Equipment.

This unit will be assigned to the Department of Landscape Maintenance.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner K. Morrison, to approve 26-0273. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Present:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (16)

**Excused Absence:** S. Morrison (1)

**26-0274**

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

## **PROPOSED CONTRACT**

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

**Vendor:** Sutton Ford Inc., Matteson, Illinois

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Thirty-two (32) Ford Vehicles (as described in the Summary below)

**Contract Value:** \$1,518,507.70

**Contract Period:** One-time purchase

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** FY 2026 \$1,518,507.70

**Accounts:** Vehicle Purchase 51001.560266

**Contract Number(s):** #74000018334

**Concurrences:** The Vehicle Steering Committee has approved the purchase of the referenced vehicles.

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

Piggyback contract based on a Cooperative Procurement Agreement with no MWBE participation goals. The vendor is a certified Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprise.

**District(s):** Districtwide

**Summary:** The Department of Facilities and Fleet received permission from the Vehicle Steering Committee on 5/12/2026 to purchase as new or replacement vehicles thirty-two (32) Ford Vehicles listed below and based on Sourcewell Contract #081325-SNF:

- One (1) 2026 Transit F350 High Roof AWD 12 Passenger Wagon,
- Four (4) 2026 Transit F350 XL Passenger Vans Med Roof 148 WB AWD,
- Five (5) 2026 Transit F350 Cargo Vans Low Roof 148 WB AWD,
- Four (4) 2026 Maverick XLT AWD Hybrids with no tow package,
- Six (6) 2026 Maverick XLT AWD Hybrids with tow package,
- Five (5) 2025 F150 Hybrid 145WB XL 4x4 Screw Trucks, and
- Seven (7) 2026 F150 Hybrid 157WB 4x4 Trucks.

The units will be assigned as follows: six (6) units to the Department of Conservation and Experiential Programming, seven (7) units to the Department of Facilities and Fleet, six (6) units to the Department of Landscape Maintenance, seven (7) units to the Department of Law Enforcement and six (6) units to the Department of Resource Management.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner K. Morrison, to approve 26-0274. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (16)

**Excused Absence:** S. Morrison (1)

**26-0285**

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

**PROPOSED CONTRACT**

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

**Vendor:** Patson, Inc., D/B/A TransChicago Truck Group

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Eleven (11) 2027 Freightliner Chassis (as described in the Summary below)

**Contract Value:** \$2,802,409.00

**Contract Period:** One-time purchase

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** FY 2026 \$2,802,409.00

**Accounts:** Vehicle Purchase 51001.560266

**Contract Number(s):** #74000018353

**Concurrences:** The Vehicle Steering Committee has approved the purchase of the referenced vehicles.

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

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

**District(s):** Districtwide

**Summary:** The Department of Facilities and Fleet received permission from the Vehicle Steering Committee on 5/12/2026 to purchase as new or replacement vehicles eleven (11) 2027 Freightliner Chassis as listed below:

- Four (4) 2027 Freightliner 108SD Plus Chassis with Loadmaster Enviromaster 20 Cubic Yard Split Refuse Body Trucks,
- Six (6) 2027 Freightliner 108SD Plus Chassis with Gladiator Dump Body, and
- One (1) 2027 Freightliner 108SD Plus Chassis with Palfinger MA13A98 LogLoader.

The proposed purchases are based on Sourcewell Contract #032824-DAI with Daimler Trucks North America, with fulfillment by authorized local dealer Patson, Inc., D/B/A TransChicago Truck Group.

The units will be assigned as follows: seven (7) units to the Department of Resource Management and four (4) units to the Department of Landscape Maintenance.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner K. Morrison, to approve 26-0285. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (16)

**Excused Absence:** S. Morrison (1)

**26-0263**

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

**PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

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

**Vendor:** H. W. Lochner, Inc., Chicago, Illinois

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Civil Engineering Services for districtwide bridge and structure inspection and design.

**Original Contract Period:** 6/14/2022 - 6/13/2025; (Administrative Extension) 6/14/2025 - 6/13/2026

**Proposed Contract Period Extension:** 6/14/2026 - 6/13/2027

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$367,840.00

**Original Approval:** 6/14/2022, \$334,400.00

**Previous Increase(s):** 6/14/2025, \$33,440.00 (Administrative Increase)

**This Increase Requested:** N/A

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** N/A

**Accounts:** Professional Services 51009.520830, 51033.520830, 51034.520830, 51036.520860, 51037.520830 and all future C&D accounts

**Contract Number(s):** #74000010694 issued under Project #22-80-06

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

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

**District(s):** Districtwide

**Summary:** A time extension is needed for H. W. Lochner, Inc. (“Lochner”) to assist with oversight of remaining bridge repair work at various locations including Edgebrook Golf Course. Repair work was scheduled to be completed by mid-June but started later than anticipated due to inclement weather earlier in the spring. Lochner was originally hired to inspect and design repair improvements but also provides structural expertise during construction to ensure the successful completion of the project. Repair work is expected to be completed this summer, but additional time may be needed for final inspections and closeout.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner K. Morrison, to approve 26-0263. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (15)

**Present:** Daley (1)

**Excused Absence:** S. Morrison (1)

**26-0264**

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

**PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

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

**Vendor:** Great Lakes Landscape Company, Bartlett, Illinois

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Construction services for pavement and drainage improvements to various North/Northwest locations.

**Original Contract Period:** 9/10/2024-06/17/2025; 6/18/2025 - 12/17/2025 (Administrative Extension); 12/18/2025 - 6/17/2026 (Administrative Extension)

**Proposed Contract Period Extension:** 6/18/2026 - 12/17/2026

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$2,893,994.65

**Original Approval:** 7/23/2024, \$2,893,994.65

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

**This Increase Requested:** \$140,479.30

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** FY 2026 \$140,479.30

**Accounts:** Land Improvements 51009.560019, 51010.560019, 51029.560019, 51033.560019, 51034.560019, 51035.560019 and 51036.560019 and future Construction and Development accounts.

**Contract Number(s):** #74000014447 issued under Project #19-80-67G-24C1

**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 Provisions via direct participation.

**District(s):** 9, 10, 14, 15, 17

**Summary:** A contract increase is needed for additional drainage improvements at Ted Lechowicz Woods and Chippewa Woods and for additional repairs for the Edens Trail Underpass. A contract extension is needed due to delays in acquiring permits for Chippewa Woods as well as inclement weather conditions delaying mobilization to the site. The project was originally approved by the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners on 7/23/2024 (Board Item No. 24-0292).

**A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner K. Morrison, to approve 26-0264. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (16)

**Excused Absence:** S. Morrison (1)

**26-0265**

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

## **PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

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

**Vendor:** Terra Engineering, Ltd. (“Terra”), Chicago, Illinois

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Design Engineering Phase II Services for bridge over Union Pacific Railroad tracks on the Des Plaines River Trail

**Original Contract Period:** 6/16/2020 - 12/31/2022; 1/1/2023 - 12/31/2023 (Administrative Extension); 1/1/2024 - 6/30/2025 (Board Approved Extension); 7/1/2025 - 6/30/2026 (Administrative Extension)

**Proposed Contract Period Extension:** 7/1/2026 - 12/31/2027

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$374,796.01

**Original Approval:** 6/16/2020, \$292,296.01

**Previous Increase(s):** 1/23/2024, \$82,500.00

**This Increase Requested:** N/A

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** N/A

**Accounts:** Professional Services 51010.520840, 51009.520840, 51033.520840, 51034.520840, 51036.520840, 51037.520840 and all future accounts.

**Contract Number(s):** #74000007884 issued under Project #17-80-31B

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

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

**District(s):** 9

**Summary:** A time extension and no-cost change in the scope of work for this contract is needed to update construction bid documents and perform other related services prior to bid posting by the Illinois Department of Transportation (“IDOT”) after an extended project delay. The scope of work under a prior contract amendment approved by the Forest Preserves Board of Commissioners on 1/23/2024 (Board Item No. 24-0002) has changed due to delays in securing permission from the Union Pacific Railroad and IDOT to construct and maintain a new pedestrian bridge over Union Pacific Railroad tracks on the Des Plaines River Trail. In addition to updating bid documents, related required services may include securing required real estate documentation services, responding to requests for information, reviewing shop drawings, and providing administrative support during construction.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner K. Morrison, to approve 26-0265. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (16)

**Excused Absence:** S. Morrison (1)

**26-0279**

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

**PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

**Department(s):** Legal Department

**Vendor:** Alia Drug Testing, LLC, Chicago, Illinois

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** On-site alcohol and controlled substance testing

**Original Contract Period:** 12/18/2022 - 12/31/2025; 1/1/2026 - 12/31/2027 (Exercise of Optional Extensions)

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

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$250,000.00

**Original Approval:** 11/15/2022, \$250,000.00

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

**This Increase Requested:** \$80,000.00

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** FY 2026 \$40,000.00; FY 2027 \$40,000.00

**Accounts:** Legal Services 51001.521055

**Contract Number(s):** #74000011375

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

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

**District(s):** Districtwide

**Summary:** The Forest Preserves currently uses the services of Alia Drug Testing (“Alia”) for on-site alcohol and controlled substance testing, including, without limitation, legally required random testing for CDL holders and post-accident testing. The Forest Preserves is seeking to increase the value of the contract to account for increased headcount and increased testing. Alia was selected pursuant to a Request for Proposals (“RFP”) in accordance with the Forest Preserves’ Procurement Code. Alia has provided on-site alcohol and controlled substance testing services to the Forest Preserves since 2018.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner K. Morrison, to approve 26-0279. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (16)

**Excused Absence:** S. Morrison (1)

**26-0280**

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

## **PROPOSED AUTHORITY TO EXERCISE CONTRACT EXTENSION OPTION**

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

**Vendor:** A B Petroleum Services, Inc., Crystal Lake, Illinois

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Supply and delivery of unleaded and diesel fuel

**Original Contract Period:** 7/6/2021 - 7/5/2025 with three (3) one-year optional renewal extensions to be exercised with the approval of the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners; the Board approved the exercise of the first one-year optional renewal on 6/10/2025, extending the contract term to 7/5/2026.

**Proposed Contract Period Extension:** 7/6/2026 - 7/5/2027

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$5,175,307.60

**Original Approval:** 6/22/2021, \$3,125,897.60; Amended 7/27/2021 \$3,125,307.60 (Board Item No. 21-0371)

**Previous Increase(s):** \$150,000.00, 11/22/2024 (Administrative Increase); \$700,000.00, 12/17/2024 (Board Item No. 24-0454); and \$1,200,000.00, 6/10/2025 (Board Item No. 25-0210)

**This Increase Requested:** \$1,200,000.00

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** FY 2026 \$600,000.00, FY 2027 \$600,000.00

**Accounts:** Automotive Operation and Maintenance 51001.540250

**Contract Number(s):** #74000009187 issued under solicitation #21-53-006083

**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):** Districtwide

**Summary:** The Forest Preserves issued a public solicitation in 2021 for the supply and delivery of unleaded and diesel fuel to twenty (20) Districtwide fueling stations. The Forest Preserves is requesting a \$1,200,000.00 increase and the second of three (3) one-year renewal extensions. The requested increase should provide the appropriate funding for the next twelve (12) months of this contract.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner K. Morrison, to approve 26-0280. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (16)

**Excused Absence:** S. Morrison (1)

**26-0030**

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

**REPORT**

**Department:** Department of Finance and Administration

**Request:** Receive and File

**Report Title:** Procurement and Disbursement Report

**Report Period:** 4/1/2026 - 4/30/2026

**Summary:** Submitting the Procurement and Disbursement Report for the period of April 2026. The report is to be received and filed in compliance with Section 1-8-2 (BB) of the District's Code of Ordinances.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner K. Morrison, to receive and filed 26-0030. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (16)

**Excused Absence:** S. Morrison (1)

**26-0267**

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

**REPORT**

**Department:** Office of the General Superintendent

**Request:** Receive and File

**Report Title:** Conservation and Policy Council Annual Progress Report

**Report Period:** 1/1/2025 - 12/31/2025

**Summary:** Each year the Conservation and Policy Council submits an annual progress report on the implementation of the Next Century Conservation Plan (NCCP). The report describes updates on progress toward goals of the NCCP as they relate to restoration, land acquisition, and engaging people. The annual report of the Conservation and Policy Council is required by Section 1-18-5 of the Forest Preserves' Code of Ordinances.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner K. Morrison, to receive and file 26-0267. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (16)

**Excused Absence:** S. Morrison (1)

**26-0277**

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

## **REPORT**

**Department:** Departments of Legal and Finance

**Request:** Receive and File

**Report Title:** Workers' Compensation Report - April 2026

**Report Period:** 4/1/2026 - 4/30/2026

**Summary:** The Forest Preserves of Cook County Departments of Legal and Finance are submitting Workers' Compensation Claim Payments for the month of April 2026. Payments total \$139,953.37 for April 2026.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner K. Morrison, to receive and file 26-0277. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (16)

**Excused Absence:** S. Morrison (1)

26-0266

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

## **PROPOSED CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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

**Summary:** Forest Preserves of Cook County Calendar of Events and Activities 6/9/2026 - 7/6/2026

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

**Tuesday, 6/9; 10am**

**Storytime in Polish, Trailside Museum of Natural History, River Forest**

A program for the youngest nature lovers. We will get to know insects, birds, and other animals and look for them in the forest through the help of well-known and beloved rhymes. *Registration required. This program will be presented in Polish. Please call (708) 366-6530.*

**Wednesday, 6/10; 5:30pm**

**Camping 101, Camp Bullfrog Lake, Willow Springs**

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

**Thursday, 6/11; 7:30pm**

**Campfire Stories, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Patrons can enjoy stories, songs, and s'mores around the campfire. *Registration required. The cost is \$5 per person. Please call (847)824-8360.*

**Friday, 6/12; 9:30am—12pm**

**Underground Railroad Walking Tour, Thatcher Glen Pond, River Forest**

Patrons can celebrate Juneteenth with a 1.5-mile walking tour highlighting notable sites connected to Freedom Seekers. *Registration required. This program is presented by the Midwest Underground Railroad Network. Please call (312)533-5751 or visit the website.*

**Friday, 6/12; 5:30pm—7pm**

**History of the Lagoons Paddle, Tower Road Boat Launch, Winnetka**

Patrons can explore the uniqueness of the Skokie Lagoons by water. *Registration required. Equipment and supplies will be provided. This program is presented with Chicago River Canoe and Kayak, LLC. Please call (773)758-8899 or visit the website.*

**Saturday, 6/13; 8am—10am**

**Birding by Ear, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Join us for a birding adventure to learn some mnemonics and other tips to ID birds by their songs.

*Registration required. Please call (708)868-0606 or visit the website.*

**Saturday, 6/13; 9am—3pm**

**Geology and Herpetology: The Bridging of Two Sciences, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Participants can learn how geological forces shape the ecology of reptiles and amphibians. *Registration required. This program is presented by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. Educators can earn professional development hours. Please visit the website.*

**Saturday, 6/13; 10am—1pm**

**Little Cal Paddles, Beaubien Woods Boat Launch, Chicago**

Participants can explore the history, people, and stories that shape the community through a 10-person canoe paddle. *This program is presented by the Chicago Adventure Therapy. For more information, please (708)771-9632 or visit the website.*

**Saturday, 6/13; 11am—3pm**

**Beaubien Woods Celebration, Beaubien Woods, Chicago**

Participants can enjoy archery, canoeing at Flatfoot Lake, and engaging activities from our community partners. *Registration is encouraged. For more information, please visit the website.*

**Sunday, 6/14; 1pm**

**LGBTQ2S+ Nature Trivia, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington**

Join us for a celebration of all things queer in nature. *For more information, please call (847)381-6592.*

**Sunday, 6/14; 1:30pm**

**All About Snakes, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Patrons can learn about local snakes. *For more information, please call (847)824-8360.*

**Sunday, 6/14; 1pm—3pm**

**Trailside Summer Bluegrass Jam, Trailside Museum of Natural History, River Forest**

Join us for this all-American music jam! Participants can make a simple musical instrument or bring their own. Participants can enjoy playing an instrument or have fun listening to the music. *For more information, please call (708) 366-6530.*

**Tuesday, 6/16; 5pm—7pm**

**Community Fishing Clinic, Cermak Woods, Lyons**

Join us for a free fishing clinic for new or novice anglers. *Ages 6-15 must be accompanied by an adult. Equipment and supplies will be provided. This program is presented with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. For more information, please call (312)533-5751 or visit the website.*

**Tuesday, 6/16; 7:30pm—9:30pm**

**Fantastic Fireflies, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Join a Sagawau firefly expert for a discussion of their ecology and a firefly viewing. *Registration required. Ages 12 and up. Please visit the website.*

**Wednesday, 6/17; 9am**

**Fishing Bass-ics, Trailside Museum of Natural History, River Forest**

Get hooked on the basics of fishing as we tackle a new topic each class. *For more information, please call (708) 366-6530.*

**Wednesday, 6/17; 7pm—8:30pm**

**Naturalist Night Out, Spears Woods, Willow Springs**

Join a naturalist for a themed stroll under the world's largest Urban Night Sky Place. *For more information, please call (312)533-5751 or visit the website.*

**Thursday, 6/18; 1:30pm—3pm**

**Nature Arts for Health: Plein Air Watercolor, Caldwell Woods Wellness Center, Chicago**

Patrons can experience the positive interaction between nature, art, and wellness in this fun, interactive art class. *Registration required. This program is presented by University of Illinois-Extension. Please call (773)758-8899 or visit the website.*

**Friday, 6/19; 10am—1pm**

**Family Fish Exploration Day, Rolling Knolls, Elgin**

Discover the wonders beneath the waters of the preserves. Patrons can learn to fish, examine specimens, and create art with your family. *Registration required. Please call (847)381-6592 or visit the website.*

**Friday, 6/19; 6pm—8:30pm**

**Juneteenth Freedom Ride, Dan Ryan Woods Visitor Center, Chicago**

Join us for a 16-mile cycling celebration with Major Taylor Trail Keepers and local bike clubs. *Participants must bring their own bike and helmet. For more information, please call (708)771-9632 or visit the website.*

**Saturday, 6/20; 9am—12pm**

**Busse Lake Outdoors Day and Fishing Derby, Busse Lake Boating Center, Elk Grove Village**

Participants can enjoy free fishing derby, nature play, animal encounters, and more! Local food vendors and chances of winning prizes will be available. *Registration required. This program will be held at Grove 25. Please visit the website.*

**Saturday, 6/20; 10am—12pm**

**Introduction to Kayaking Class, Saganashkee Slough Boat Launch, Willow Springs**

Join a naturalist for a themed stroll under the world's largest Urban Night Sky Place. *Registration required. Equipment and supplies will be provided. Please call (312)533-5751 or visit the website.*

**Saturday, 6/20; 10:30am**

**To Catch a Crayfish, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

Participants can help set out traps and learn about the amazing arthropods. *Ages 7 and up. Please call (708)839-6897 or visit the website.*

**Saturday, 6/20; 11am—1pm**

**American Indian Summer Solstice, Schiller Woods-East, Chicago**

Celebrate the solstice with dancing, drumming, storytelling, and a sun-themed art activity. *This program will be held at Grove 13, and it is presented by the American Indian Center of Chicago. Please call (312)533-5751 or visit the website.*

**Saturday, 6/20; 11am—3pm**

**Juneteenth Jubilee, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Celebrate freedom, family and country with activities, refreshments and performances highlighting Black history. *For more information, please call (708)868-0606 or visit the website.*

**Saturday, 6/20; 1:30pm**

**Hawk Talk, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Patrons can learn about one of our resident raptors. *For more information, please call (847)824-8360.*

**Sunday, 6/21; 1pm**

**America's Original Wildlife, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Patrons can learn how iconic species helped shape America's landscapes, ecosystems and culture. *Registration required. Ages 13 and up. Please visit the website.*

**Tuesday, 6/23; 9am—12pm**

**Teen Biodiversity Day, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Teens can spend the day in the field with naturalists to discover the diversity of life in the Forest Preserves. *Registration required. Ages 13 and up. Please visit the website.*

**Tuesday, 6/23; 10am**

**Furry but not Friendly, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington**

Join us for an indoor presentation on mustelids and focus on the weasels within Cook County. *Ages 12 and up. For more information, please call (847)381-6592.*

**Wednesday, 6/24; 7pm—9pm**

**Night of Nature Play, Dan Ryan Woods Visitor Center, Chicago**

Patrons can experience nature at night through open play, star gazing and s'mores. *For more information, please call (708)771-9632 or visit the website.*

**Thursday, 6/25; 10am**

**Food Security Gardens with Native Plants, Caldwell Woods Wellness Center, Chicago**

Patrons can explore native plants that are traditionally used as food. *Registration required. This program is presented by Wandering Paths Founder and flower farmer Navraaz Kaur Basati. Please call (773)758-8899 or visit the website.*

**Thursday, 6/25; 10am—11:30am**

**Owl Pellet Dissection, Swallow Cliff Woods-North, Palos Park**

Participants can dissect owl pellets and learn about local owls. *Supplies Registration required. Ages 10 and up. Ages 10-17 must be accompanied by an adult. Equipment and supplies will be provided. Please call (312)533-5751 or visit the website.*

**Friday, 6/26; 8pm—9pm**

**Evening Firefly Walk, Trailside Museum of Natural History, River Forest**

Join us for a guided walk on our woodland trails as twilight settles in and the fireflies begin to twinkle. *Registration required. Please call (708) 366-6530.*

**Friday, 6/26; 8:30pm**

**Nature's Fireworks, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington**

Patrons can watch and learn about the glowing insects of twilight on a casual guided stroll. *Registration required. Please call (847)381-6592.*

**Saturday, 6/27; 10am—12pm**

**International Mud Day Celebration, Caldwell Woods Wellness Center, Chicago**

Dress for a mess as you splash and squish in the mud! *This program is presented with Hive Center for the Book Arts and Niles-Maine Library. For more information, please call (773)758-8899 or visit the website.*

**Saturday, 6/27; 1pm**

**Nature Soundwalk, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

Patrons can enjoy an acoustic ecology hike. *Registration required. This program is presented with the Midwest Society for Acoustic Ecology. For more information, please call (708)839-6897.*

**Sunday, 6/28; 9am—12pm**

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

Participants can kayak 3 miles from Schuth's Grove to Plank Road Meadow. *Registration required. Beginners are welcome. Equipment and shuttle will be provided. Please call (312)533-5751 or visit the website.*

**Sunday, 6/28; 9:30am—12pm**

**Teen Restoration Sunday, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Teens can help us improve our wildlife habitat by cutting and removing invasive species. *Registration required. Ages 12 and up. Please call (708)868-0606.*

**Sunday, 6/28; 12pm—2pm**

**International Mud Day, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington**

Play and create with mud! *Children must be accompanied by an adult. Please dress accordingly for a muddy experience. For more information, please call (847)381-6592.*

**Thursday, 7/2; 11am—4pm**

**Feel Free Self-Guided Reflection Hike, Caldwell Woods, Chicago**

Patrons can explore freedom and resilience in nature while celebrating Independence Day through guided reflection prompts. *For more information, please call (773)758-8899 or visit the website.*

**Thursday, 7/2; 7pm—8:30pm**

**Calling of the Frogs, Whistler Woods, Riverdale**

Participants can join a frog monitor and learn how to identify local frogs by sound. *For more information, please call (708)771-9632 or visit the website.*

**Thursday, 7/2; 7pm—8:30pm**

**Naturalist Night Out, Spears Woods, Willow Springs**

Join a naturalist for a themed stroll under the world's largest Urban Night Sky Place. *Please call (312)533-5751 or visit the website.*

**Saturday, 7/4 through Monday, 7/6; 9am—4pm**

**Prairie Fireworks, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Patrons can follow signs for a self-guided hike to learn about prairie influence on history, culture, and its explosion of colorful flowers. *For more information, please visit the website.*

**Saturday, 7/4; 10am**

**Red, White, and Black, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Join us for a walk and presentation on local woodpeckers and learn about their amazing traits.

*Registration required. Please call (708)868-0606.*

**Saturday, 7/4; 10am—3:30pm**

**Freedom in Nature Self-Guided Reflection Hike, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Patrons can explore freedom and resilience in nature while celebrating Independence Day through guided reflection prompts along the trail. *For more information, please call (708)868-0606.*

**Saturday, 7/4; 1:30pm**

**Red, White, and Whooo, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Patrons can get an up and close look at one of our owls. *For more information, please call (847)824-8360.*

**Sunday, 7/5; 10am**

**Wild Edibles Walk, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Patrons can learn about wild plants they can grow in their landscapes with culinary and medicinal uses on a casual walk. *Registration required. Please call (708)868-0606.*

**Sunday, 7/5; 10:30am**

**Red, White, and Blue Nature Walk, Trailside Museum of Natural History, River Forest**

Join a naturalist for a guided hike on our trails and look for our nation's flag colors in nature. *Registration required. Please call (708) 366-6530.*

**Sunday, 7/5; 1:30pm**

**Red, White, and Whooo, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Patrons can get an up and close look at one of our owls. *For more information, please call (847)824-8360.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner K. Morrison, to receive and file 26-0266. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (16)

**Excused Absence:** S. Morrison (1)

**COMMITTEE ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION**

**LEGISLATION AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**

**26-0234**

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

**PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT**

**Department:** Planning and Development Department

**Other Part(ies):** Barrington Hills Park District, Barrington Hills, Illinois

**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement (“IGA”) with the Barrington Hills Park District (“BHPD”)

**Goods or Services:** Maintenance of Trails and Equestrian Facilities in the Spring Lake Preserve by BHPD; Conveyance of access easement from BHPD to the Forest Preserves

**Agreement Number(s):** IGA #26-0234

**Agreement Period:** 7/11/2026-7/10/2031, with three (3) options to extend for five (5) years each to be exercised at the discretion of the General Superintendent

**Fiscal Impact:** N/A

**Accounts:** N/A

**District(s):** 15

**Summary:** The Barrington Hills Park District and the Forest Preserves have overlapping constituencies and wish to provide valuable recreational facilities and programs to others in the most efficient and cost-effective manner as possible. The BHPD has been maintaining trails and equestrian event facilities (event jumps and horse trailer parking) in the Spring Lake Preserve for the last twenty (20) years and is seeking a new agreement to continue to maintain these trails and facilities in the Spring Lake Preserve. The proposed IGA will replace the IGA that was entered into on July 11, 2006, by the BHPD and the Forest Preserves expiring July 10, 2026. The Forest Preserves is recommending approval for another five

(5) years with three (3) additional options to renew for five (5) years each in exchange for continued maintenance of certain trails and facilities in the Spring Lake Preserve, subject to updated terms and conditions, including cooperation on a planning process for future improvements. The new IGA will also retain and renew access easement provisions for the Forest Preserves' non-exclusive use of BHPD's driveway at the Riding Center located at 361 Bateman Road. Final agreement subject to legal review and approval.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Britton, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to approve 26 0289. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (16)

**Absent:** Morrison (1)

**26-0246**

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

#### **PROPOSED APPOINTMENT**

**Appointee(s):** Adam Bianchi, General Superintendent of the Forest Preserves of Cook County

**Position:** Public Building Commissioner

**Department/Board/Commission:** Public Building Commission

**Effective date:** 7/1/2026

**Expiration date:** 9/30/2027

**A motion was made by Commissioner Britton, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to defer 26-0246. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (16)

**Absent:** Morrison (1)

#### **FINANCE**

**26-0275**

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

Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Litigation - 6/9/2026

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

Proposed Settlements Approved Fiscal Year 2026 to Present: \$0.00

Proposed Settlements to Be Approved: \$0.00

Legal Fees Approved Fiscal Year 2026 to Present: \$256,245.47

Legal Fees for 6/9/2026 to Be Approved: \$105,671.29

**A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner K. Morrison, to approve 26-0275. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (16)

**Absent:** Morrison (1)

**26-0276**

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

Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Workers' Compensation - 6/9/2026

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

Workers' Compensation Claims approved Fiscal Year 2026 to present: \$363,745.23

Workers' Compensation Claims to Be Approved: \$65,000.00

**A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner K. Morrison, to approve 26-0276. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (16)

**Absent:** Morrison (1)

**26-0104**

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

## **REPORT**

**Department:** Department of Finance and Administration

**Request:** Receive and File

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

**Report Period:** 1/1/2026 - 4/30/2026

**Summary:** Detailed Fund Analysis of Revenue and Expenditures for April 2026.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner K. Morrison, to receive and filed 26-0104. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (16)

**Absent:** Morrison (1)

## **RULES**

**26-0297**

## **JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

SECRETARY TO THE BOARD, Lynne M. Turner, presented in printed form a record of the Journal of

Proceedings of the regular meeting held on 05/05/2026.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to approve 26-0297. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (16)

**Absent:** Morrison (1)

## **CONTRACT COMPLIANCE**

**26-0236**

**Presented by:** ADAM BIANCHI, 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 2025

**Report Period:** 1/1/2025 - 12/31/2025

**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 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.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner McCaskill, to receive and filed 26-0236. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (16)

**Absent:** Morrison (1)

## **REAL ESTATE**

**26-0230**

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

## **PROPOSED LICENSE REQUEST**

**Request:** Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”), as Licensor to grant a License to Nicor Gas Company (“Nicor”), Grantee, to locate, operate and maintain approximately 754 feet of existing gas main with new main along the east side of Rand Road from the Des Plaines River to the southeast for approximately 700 feet. The Illinois Department of Transportation

(IDOT) is re-building Rand Road, and Nicor's gas lines need to be relocated to accommodate that construction. The existing mains are licensed under License #837. An original relocation plan was approved by the Board of Commissioners in 2024 (Board Item No. 24-0299 for License #1806), but the license agreement was never signed due to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers restrictions on impacts to an existing and nearby levee (Levee #50). The original plan was subsequently revised to shorten the main and shift the proposed bore pit approximately 150 feet to the west to avoid the levee. The shift would impact fourteen (14) trees, requiring payment of mitigation fees. In practice, more trees may need to be removed than originally estimated. Any increase in the tree mitigation fee will be in accordance with the Tree Mitigation Plan (see Board Item No. 20-0279), and if such increase is more than 20% of the original estimate, then approval will be sought from the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners. The new gas main will be installed via underground boring, and a construction access permit will be needed for a temporary staging area outside the road right-of-way.

**Term:** Ten (10) years

**License Fee:** \$24,925.62

**License Application Fee:** \$1,500.00

**Review Fee:** \$3,000.00

**YELAR Fee:** \$7,200.00

**Additional Fee:** \$3,000.00. This fee will be used to support restoration work in the Des Plaines River corridor.

Total one-time upfront fee of \$39,625.62 for the term of the License

**Tree Mitigation Fee:** \$146,328.53

**The area of the License is:** 0.26 Acres

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

Grantee will be required to meet the insurance requirements under the License Agreement.

The Forest Preserves staff have reviewed this license application and plans and have found them to be acceptable; therefore, it is recommended that the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners approve the issuance of this license.

**District(s):** 17

**A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to approve**

**26-0230. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (16)

**Absent:** Morrison (1)

**26-0243**

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

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE**

**AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE A FOREST PRESERVE NEAR ORLAND GRASSLAND**

**AN ORDINANCE CREATING A FOREST PRESERVE** in part of Section 21, Township 36 North, Range 12, East of the Third Principal Meridian, all in Cook County, Illinois near Orland Grassland in District 17.

**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:

Common Address: 9750 167th St, Orland Hills, Cook County, Illinois

PIN: 27-21-402-008-0000

THE EAST ½ OF THE EAST ½ OF THE EAST ½ OF THE SOUTHWEST ¼ OF THE SOUTHEAST ¼ OF SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 36 NORTH, RANGE 12, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

SAID PARCEL CONTAINING 217,800 SQUARE FEET, OR 5.00 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 17..end

**A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to approve 26-0243. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (16)

**Absent:** Morrison (1)

**26-0244**

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

**PROPOSED PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE**

**Department(s):** Legal Department

**Other Part(ies):** Marquette Bank, As Trustee Under Trust #30971, Dated 12/7/22 (Owner of Record)

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

**Description of Real Estate:** 9750 167th St, Orland Hills, Cook County, Illinois

**Section:** N/A

**Parcel(s):** 27-21-402-008-0000

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SAID PARCEL CONTAINING 217,800 SQUARE FEET, OR 5.00 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

**Fiscal Impact:** \$600,000.00 purchase price plus closing costs up to \$10,000.00 (up to \$610,000.00 in total).

**Accounts:** Real Estate and Land Acquisition Fund 51006.560010

**District(s):** 17

**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 Orland Grassland (the “Property”). The Property, commonly known as 9750 167th St, Orland Hills, Cook County, Illinois, consists of approximately 5.00 ± acres. The Property contains a portion of Marley Creek and wetlands.

Through negotiations, the Owner of Record (the “Seller”), has agreed to sell the Property to the Forest Preserves for the sum of SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00/100 (\$600,000.00) plus closing costs up to \$10,000.00 (up to \$610,000.00 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’ Land Acquisition Plan, Next Century Conservation Plan, and Acquisition and Disposition of Land Position Paper.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Moore, to approve 26-0244. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (16)

**Absent:** Morrison (1)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to adjourn. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (16)

**Absent:** Morrison (1)

Respectfully submitted,



Chairman

Secretary

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