



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

Camp Reinberg, 1801 North Quentin Road, Palatine, Illinois

BOARD AGENDA

Thursday, February 8, 2018, 11:00 AM

Please note offsite location

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Authorization as a public speaker shall only be granted to those individuals who have submitted in writing, their name, address, subject matter, and organization (if any) to the Secretary 24 hours in advance of the meeting. Duly authorized public speakers shall be called upon to deliver testimony at a time specified in the meeting agenda. Authorized public speakers who are not present during the specified time for public testimony will forfeit their allotted time to speak at the meeting. Public testimony must be germane to a specific item(s) on the meeting agenda, and the 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, or otherwise inappropriate language when addressing the Board; failure to act appropriately; failure to speak to an item that is germane to the meeting, or failure to adhere to the time requirements may result in expulsion from the meeting and/or disqualify the person from providing future testimony.

PRESIDENT

[18-0141](#)

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

PROPOSED ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2018

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County:

Section 1. That this Ordinance is and the same is hereby termed the “Ordinance for the Levy of Taxes for the Year 2018.”

Section 2. That the Committee on Finance of the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois has considered the subject of the Annual Tax Levy for the year 2018 and the several sums necessary to be levied to meet the needs and requirements of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County for said year and has recommended that this ordinance for the levy of taxes be adopted.

Section 3. That the Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, heretofore having approved and adopted the Annual Appropriation Ordinance for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County for the year commencing January 1, 2018 at its meeting held December 12, 2017, which ordinance was published by authority of said Board as provided by law and which portion of said Appropriation Ordinance pertaining to Fund and Departmental Appropriations (together with marginal columns captioned “ Payable from the Tax Levy” and “Payable from sources other than the Tax Levy” where applicable) is set forth hereinafter.

Section 4. That the sum of Ninety Four Million, Four Hundred Fifteen Thousand, Three Dollars and No

Cents (\$94,415,003), being the sum of Appropriations heretofore legally made which are to be paid from the collection of the Annual Tax Levy of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois for the Levy Year 2018 A.D. for the corporate purposes, for self-insurance, for the construction of improvements and development of the forests and lands, for real estate acquisition, for payment for principal and interest on bonded debt, for payment for contributions to Employees’ Annuity and Benefit Fund, and for the payment of amounts to the Chicago Zoological Society and the Chicago Horticultural Society, all as adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County at its meeting held December 12, 2017 and published by the authority of said Board according to law, is hereby levied on all the taxable property within said Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois for the Levy Year 2018 being composed of the specific amounts for the various purposes herein before named.

Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois

**ANNUAL TAX LEVY ORDINANCE
FOR THE YEAR COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2018**

**SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND SOURCES THEREOF
ALL FUNDS**

Section 5. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

	Appropriation	Payable From Tax Levy	Payable From Source Other Than The Tax Levy
Corporate	59,787,827	49,812,175	9,975,652
Self-Insurance	5,350,000	0	5,350,000
Const. & Development	5,820,000	6,000,000	-180,000
Bond & Interest	16,140,155	12,144,905	3,995,250
Bond & Interest Abatement	-500,000	-500,000	0
Employee Annuity & Benefit	4,139,267	3,724,926	414,341
Real Estate Acquisition	850,000	0	850,000
Resident Watchmen	223,000	0	223,000
Chicago Zoological	68,478,565	14,284,927	54,193,638
Chicago Horticultural	37,951,937	8,948,070	29,003,867
Total	\$198,240,751	\$94,415,003	\$103,825,748

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

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT[18-0129](#)**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent**PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT****Department:** Law Enforcement Department**Other Part(ies):** Cook County, Illinois**Request:** Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the “Preserves”) to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement**Goods or Services:** Grant not to exceed \$97,752.00 for Mobile Data Terminals to support law enforcement efforts**Agreement Number(s):** N/A**Agreement Period:** 2/15/2018 - 6/30/2018**Fiscal Impact:** Grant revenue up to \$97,752.00**Accounts:** N/A**District(s):** District-wide

Summary: The State of Illinois receives preparedness grant funds from the United States Department of Homeland Security/Office of Domestic Preparedness (“DHS”) pursuant to the Urban Area Security Initiative (“UASI”), established under 6 USC § 604, which provides financial assistance to address the unique multi-discipline planning, organization, equipment, training, and exercise needs of high-threat, high-density areas and to assist them in building and sustaining capabilities to prevent, protect against, respond to and recover from threats or acts of terrorism. Cook County has entered into an agreement with the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (“IEMA”), the agency designated by the State of Illinois, to receive and administer funding provided to the State by DHS pursuant to the Federal Fiscal Year 2015 UASI.

Cook County is committed to utilizing a portion of the funding provided to it under the agreement between Cook County and IEMA to provide financial assistance to sustain, maintain, and develop the Preserves’

Mobile Data Terminal systems. Such Mobile Data Terminals will support primary efforts to build and sustain the capabilities necessary to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from acts of terrorism, and other threats and hazards posing the greatest risk to the Urban Area, based on capability targets and gaps identified during the Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment process and Chicago/Cook County Urban Area Homeland Security Strategy which outlines high-priority needs relating to terrorism preparedness.

[18-0133](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED LICENSE AMENDMENT

Department(s): Planning and Development

Licensee: Oakton Community College (“OCC”) and the City of Des Plaines, Illinois (the “City”)

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County to amend the License Agreement with OCC to add the City as a third party to such agreement via a Limited Assignment of License Rights contract

Good(s) or Service(s): Consent to assignment to the City of the right to enter upon those premises identified in License No. 1760, granted to OCC to locate, operate, and maintain 1,295 linear feet of 12-inch water main (the “Facilities”), for the sole purpose of maintaining, repairing, or replacing the Facilities in the event that OCC fails or is unable to do so. The License covers approximately 0.446 acres.

Original Contract Period: Continuous

Proposed Contract Period Extension: N/A

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: N/A

Original Approval: 6/6/2017

Previous Increase(s): N/A

This Increase Requested: N/A

Estimated Fiscal Impact: N/A

Accounts: N/A

Contract Number(s): License No. 1760

Concurrences:

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

District(s): 9 and 17

Summary: The Preserves granted License No. 1760 to OCC for a water main to be constructed, owned, and maintained by OCC along the west side of Kloempken Prairie for the use and benefit of OCC, however the water main connects to, and is considered part of, the City's potable water supply. The City requests an agreement granting the limited right to enter upon those premises identified in the License for the sole purpose of maintaining, repairing, or replacing the Facilities in the event that OCC fails or is unable to do so.

[18-0134](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED LICENSE REQUEST

Request: Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the "Preserves"), as Licensor to grant a License to the Chicago Horticultural Society, dba Chicago Botanic Garden (the "Garden"), Grantee, to locate, operate and maintain fence extensions along the banks of the Skokie River on the south side of Dundee Road. The fence will extend from the Dundee Road bridge approximately 110 feet south on the east side and 90 feet south on the west side. The fence will be woven wire fabric 8 feet tall with steel posts every 10 feet. The fence is designed to reduce deer intrusion into the Garden from the Preserve's Skokie Lagoons across the shallow water, and the resultant damage to the Garden's world-class plant collections, research plots, and managed natural areas. As a partner with the Preserves, the Garden requests the waiver of all fees associated with the license.

Term: Ten (10) years

License Fee: \$4,200.00 - The Garden requests that this fee be waived.

License Application Fee: \$500.00 - The Garden requests that this fee be waived.

Level One Review Fee: \$3,000.00 - The Garden requests that this fee be waived.

YELAR Fee: \$6,300.00 - The Garden requests that this fee be waived.

Total one-time upfront fee of \$14,000.00 waived for the term of the License

(Sec. 5-2A-4 and 5-2B-4)

Tree Mitigation Fee: None

The area of the License is: 0.07 Acre

Concurrence(s):

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

Grantee has met 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 Preserve District Board of Commissioners approve the issuance of this license and waiving \$14,000 in fees.

District(s): 13 and 14

[18-0138](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Resource Management

Vendor: Friends of the Forest Preserves, Chicago, Illinois

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County to extend contract

Good(s) or Service(s): Northwest Conservation Corps internship program

Original Contract Period: 2/15/2017 - 2/14/2018

Proposed Contract Period Extension: 2/15/2018 - 12/31/2022

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$35,000.00

Original Approval: 1/17/2017

Previous Increase(s): N/A

This Increase Requested: N/A

Estimated Fiscal Impact: N/A

Accounts: Intern Programs 51009.521525, Habitat Enhancement 51009.521452, Habitat Restoration 51009.521444, Grant and Mitigation Accounts: 51010.29982 and 51010.22522

Contract Number(s): N/A

Concurrences:

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

District(s): 15

Summary: The Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Preserves”) would like to extend the Northwest Conservation Corps internship program for an additional five (5) years. Total project costs are \$232,307.00 annually, of which \$155,000.00 is being directly contributed towards work within the Preserves. Funds are being contributed by the Bobolink Foundation in conjunction with Friends of the Forest Preserves (“FOTFP”), at no added cost to the Preserves.

The Preserves previously entered into an agreement with FOTFP, following FOTFP’s receipt of a grant from the Bobolink Foundation to support Northwest Conservation Corps. The Northwest Conservation Corps engages four (4) participants, one (1) Crew Manager, and one (1) Assistant Crew Manager in hands-on ecological restoration activities including chainsaw operation, herbicide application, prescribed fire, native seed collection, and invasive species removal.

Ecological restoration is conducted in partnership with the Preserves, the Lake County Forest Preserves, Citizens for Conservation, and Audubon Great Lakes to advance joint goals in support of volunteer stewardship projects and invasive species management in the region. In the Preserves, the crew works at Spring Creek Preserve, Poplar Creek Preserve, and Schaumburg Road Grassland in Northwest Cook County. The crew also works on preserves owned and managed by the Lake County Forest Preserves, as well as at various Citizen’s for Conservation holdings in the Barrington area.

This project will leverage the volunteer stewardship expertise of the participating partner organizations and advance the Preserve’s Next Century Conservation Plan goal to mobilize people to heal and nurture the land.

[18-0139](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Finance and Administration

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Procurements and Disbursements

Report Period: 12/1/2017 - 12/31/2017

Summary: Submitting the Procurements and Disbursements Report for the period of December 2017. This Report is to be received and filed in compliance with Section 1-8-2 (BB) of the District's Code of Ordinances

[18-0142](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Department: Conservation and Experiential Programming

Summary: Forest Preserves of Cook County Calendar - 2/8/2018 to 3/13/2018

Daily, 2/10 - 3/25; 10 am - 4 pm

Asia in Bloom: The Orchid Show, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe

With more than 10,000 vibrant orchids, all blooming at once, this year's Orchid Show will evoke the beauty and serenity of Asia. Fee applies. *New:* Open until 8 p.m. on Thursdays (a cash bar will be available).

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 2/13 - 3/22; 10 am

Morning Music with Orchids, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe

Wednesday, 3/7; 6 pm - 8 pm

Evening with Orchids: Cocktail Tasting, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe

Fee applies.

Thursday, 3/29; 12 pm - 4 pm

Post-Orchid Show Plant Sale, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe

Noon to 2 p.m.: All Garden members. 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.: Public welcome. While supplies last.

Sunday, 2/11; 2 pm

Winter Walk in the McDonald Woods, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe

Saturday, 2/24; 10 am - 3 pm**Windy City Harvest Youth Farm Facilitator Training, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe**

Fee applies; contact Eliza Fournier at efournier@chicagobotanic.org

Saturday, 2/10; 6:30 pm and Sunday, 2/11; 11 am**Valentine's Dinner & Brunch, Chicago Zoological Society/Brookfield Zoo, Brookfield**

Celebrate Valentine's Day in a unique way with a cocktail reception and dinner or champagne brunch at Brookfield Zoo. For reservations, visit www.czs.org/Brookfield-Zoo/Events.

Sunday, 2/11; 10 am - 2 pm**Freeze Day, Chicago Zoological Society/Brookfield Zoo, Brookfield**

Enjoy free admission to the Zoo and join the Green Valley Dog Drivers for dogsled demonstrations, sled runs, and other winter animal fun.

Saturday, 2/24; 4 pm**Winter Wine and Whiskey Fest, Chicago Zoological Society/Brookfield Zoo, Brookfield**

Come out of your winter hibernation and warm up at Brookfield Zoo's first ever Winter Wine and Whiskey Fest! This fun-filled event features wine and whiskey samples, live music, and meet and greets with Animal Ambassadors. For reservations, visit www.czs.org/Brookfield-Zoo/Events.

Friday, 2/9; 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm**Sweetheart Night Hike, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

Sweethearts are invited to enjoy the Nature Center at their leisure. Enjoy a casual bite to eat, hike a short trail, sit by a campfire, roast marshmallows, or enjoy the exhibits inside. *Register by 2/5. Ages 21 & up. Limit 40. \$20/couple.*

Saturday, 2/10; 9 am - 3 pm**Surf the White Winter Wave, Sagawau Environmental Learning, Lemont**

Don't let the weather get you down! Join the fun as we take a Polynesian spin on winter by skiing the "frozen wave" our winter storms leave in their wake. After skiing, relax and enjoy surfing videos and live updates on surfing conditions from Oahu's North Shore. Dress Hawaiian and win a prize! *Event will take place if ski trails are open.*

Monday, 2/19; 12 pm - 3 pm;**Snowshoe Trekking - President's Day, Eggers Grove, Chicago**

Come out, get active and enjoy the Forest Preserves on Snowshoes! This free program is open to the whole family and will include guided nature hikes, skins and skulls and a warm fire. Snowshoeing requires

at least 4" of hard snow. Program will happen whether or not there is snow.

Sunday, 2/11; 1:30 pm

Sit Down With a Skunk, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Learn about skunks' unique adaptations and meet River Trail's resident Striped Skunk.

Monday, 2/12; 1:30 pm

Holiday Program: Chicago Megafauna, Past and Present, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Learn about the large mammals that were formerly found in our area and that are now making their way back to their historical range. We'll have skins and skulls for you to see and touch.

Saturday, 2/17; 9 am - 3 pm

Birch Leggings and the Birkie, Sagawau Environmental Learning, Lemont

How did an infant prince from the 12th century inspire the world's most famous Nordic ski race? Learn the history of the Birkebeiner Ski Race and how it became "the greatest show on the snow." Ski with wood skis and wool knickers or dress like a Viking and win a prize! *Event will take place if ski trails are open.*

Sunday, 2/18; 1 pm

Winter Bird Hike, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills

Open your closets, grab your warmest winter gear and your favorite optics for a winter bird hike. We will look for both winter migrants and resident birds on our local trail system.

Saturdays & Sundays, 2/24-3/17; 1:30 pm

Sap's Rising, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Walk in the sugar maple forest as winter comes to an end and learn about the sweet history of maple syrup making.

Saturday, 2/24; 12 pm - 4 pm

Outdoor Adventures, Winter Warm-up, North Creek Meadow, Chicago Heights

Bundle up the family and enjoy the 2018 Forest Preserves Winter Olympics! Put your physical skills to the test with winter-based sports and games. Challenge your mental skills with nature puzzles, bird quizzes and more. *Participants and spectators of all ages welcome.*

Saturday, 2/24; 8 am

The Birds Think it is Spring, Trailside Museum of Natural History, River Forest

As soon as days begin to lengthen, cardinals, chickadees and other birds sing to court and set up

territories. See what our resident birds are up to on a walk, feeder watch or both, depending on the weather. *For adults and teens.*

Saturday, 2/24; 1:30 pm**Camo Kids, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

Come dressed in your best camouflage outfit. We will do a scavenger hunt outside, demonstrating how blending in works for predators and prey. *Children ages 7 & up.*

Sunday, 2/25; 11 am - 3 pm**Black History Month: Underground Railroad Hike, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Join us to learn about Black History Month with an educational display and interactive history hike. An imaginary journey follows an Underground Railroad route used in Illinois in the mid-1800s.

Saturday, 3/3; 1:30 pm**Sun Gazing, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills**

Stop on by to learn about our nearest star and take a look with our filtered telescope.

Monday, 3/5; 11 am - 2 pm;**Snowshoe Trekking - Casimir Pulaski Day, St Mihiel Woods East, Tinley Park**

Come out, get active and enjoy the Forest Preserves on Snowshoes! This free program is open to the whole family and will include guided nature hikes, skins and skulls and a warm fire. Snowshoeing requires at least 4" of hard snow. Program will happen whether or not there is snow.

Saturday, 3/10; 1 pm**One Earth Film Festival, Trailside Museum of Natural History, River Forest**

Join us for a free showing of children's films at 9 am, teen films at 11 am, and the film "Jane," 1 pm. Discussions and other activities included. Meet at Thatcher Pavilion, 8030 Chicago Ave. For festival details, visit oneearthfilmfest.org.

Sunday, 3/11; 11 am - 1:30 pm**Outdoor Adventures, Conservation @ Home: Kick Start Your Home Garden!, Rolling Knolls, Elgin**

Join us as we celebrate the start of spring through gardening! Learn how to create a sustainable garden using conservation practices and talk to local organizations about native landscaping and gardening. There will be a Conservation@Home presentation at noon.

COMMITTEE ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE MEETING OF 2/6/2018

18-0118 PROPOSED LICENSE REQUEST Village of Westchester, Illinois

RULES COMMITTEE MEETING OF 2/8/2018

18-0150 JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS meeting held on 1/9/2018

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING OF 2/8/2018

18-0147 RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (WORKERS' COMPENSATION) Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Litigation - 2/6/2018

18-0145 RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (LITIGATION)
Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Litigation -1/9/2018

18-0137 PROPOSED DISBURSEMENT Matthew Paving, Inc., Oak Lawn, Illinois

18-0140 REPORT Corporate Fund Analysis of Revenue and Expense 1/1/2017 - 12/31/2017

18-0004 PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT Forest Preserve Fee Schedule--Approved Vendor List Fee