



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

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**Tuesday, April 5, 2022**

**10:00 AM**

**Cook County Building, Board Room,  
118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois  
(Board Room Closed to Public -  
Meeting Virtual for Public)**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Present:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller,  
Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Sims and Suffredin (16)

**Absent:** Silvestri (1) excused absence

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Sims, to allow for remote participation in meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller,  
Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Sims and Suffredin (16)

**Absent:** Silvestri (1)

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

**1. Dyrell Williams - Cook County Forest Preserves**

**2. Jermaine Redmond - Greencorps Chicago**

**3. Samuel Vergara - The Student Conservation Association**

**4. Cedric Bodley - Boy Scouts of America, Pathway to Adventure Council**

**5. Gloria Orozco - Friends of the Forest Preserves**

**6. Ebony Taylor - Friends of the Forest Preserves**

**7. Navraaz Basati - South Barrington River Trial Nature Center - Coyote**

**8. Carol Milan - Northbrook**

**9. Katherine Grant - Golden, Colorado**

**10. Campsie Grothendieck - Glenview**

**11. Irene Sewell - Glenview**

**12. Pete Soltesz - Cook DuPage Beekeepers Association**

**13. Nicole Milan - Northbrook**

**14. Jodie Wiederkehr - Chicago Alliance for Animals**

**15. Michelle Jorgensen - Chicago**

**16. Paula Oh - Glenview**

**17. Deanna Glenview - Glenview**

**OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT**

[22-0188](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED GRANT AWARD**

**Department:** Department of Planning and Development

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

**Grantor:** Illinois Department of Natural Resources (“IDNR”)

**Request:** Authorization to accept grant and enter into a grant agreement

**Purpose:** Grant award to improve approximately three (3) miles of trail and enhance ADA access at two (2) trailhead parking lots at Tinley Creek Trail, located in Oak Forest, Illinois in the southwestern part of Cook County, Illinois.

**Grant Amount:** \$200,000.00

**Grant Period:** 4/5/2022 - 3/31/2024

**Fiscal Impact:** Local match not to exceed \$514,000.00; total estimated project cost: \$714,000.00 (\$595,000.00 plus 20% contingency)

**Accounts:** Land Improvements 51010.560019 and 51029.560019

**Concurrences:**

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

**District(s):** 6

**Summary:** The IDNR has awarded Recreational Trail Program funds to the Forest Preserves for design and construction of improvements for roughly three (3) miles of trail and enhanced ADA access at two (2) trailhead parking lots at Tinley Creek Trail in Oak Forest, Illinois.

Total project costs are estimated at \$714,000.00 (original estimate of \$595,000.00 at time of grant application plus 20% contingency due to current market conditions). The grant will fund \$200,000.00. The Forest Preserves will fund the remaining project cost, estimated at no more than \$514,000.00, with motor fuel tax funds provided by the Cook County Department of Transportation & Highways through a separate intergovernmental agreement.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve**

**22-0188. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Sims and Suffredin (16)

**Absent:** Silvestri (1)

[22-0213](#)

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

**PROPOSED CONTRACT**

**Department(s):** Department of Finance and Administration

**Vendor:** AT&T, Chicago, Illinois

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Telephone Services

**Contract Value:** \$414,000.00

**Contract Period:** 4/5/2022 - 4/4/2025

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** FY 2022 \$103,500.00; FY 2023 \$138,000.00; FY 2024 \$138,000.00; FY 2025 \$34,500.00

**Accounts:** Communication Services 51001.520150

**Contract Number(s):** #740000010470

**Concurrences:**

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

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

**District(s):** Districtwide

**Summary:** The Forest Preserves requests authorization to enter into a contract with AT&T on a sole source basis, to continue bundling telephone service into a program offered called Easy Rate. The Easy Rate program is recommended for telephone service primarily used for local calling and with relatively

low usage. The agreement will save the Forest Preserves approximately \$114,871.00 annually. The term of the contract is for three-years. The Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners approved a previous three-year agreement with AT&T on 2/19/2019 (Board Item No. 19-0165).

As background, the Forest Preserves currently uses 230 AT&T phone lines that are of older technology using a voice-grade telephone service employing analog signal transmission over copper lines. This service was installed primarily at remote locations, such as maintenance yards, fueling stations, aquatic centers, and campgrounds, which are not connected to the County-wide telephone system.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 22-0213. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Sims and Suffredin (16)

**Absent:** Silvestri (1)

[22-0189](#)

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

**PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

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

**Vendor:** Interface Engineering, Chicago, Illinois

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Professional services to provide architectural and engineering design and construction administration services for a new heating and air conditioning system for the Forest Preserves’ General Headquarters located in River Forest.

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

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

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$202,296.00

**Original Approval:** 12/14/2021, \$184,846.00

**Previous Increase(s):** \$17,450.00

**This Increase Requested:** \$55,215.00

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** \$55,215.00

**Accounts:** Professional Services 51009.520830, 51028.520830, 51030.520830, 51031.520830, 51051.520830; and future Construction and Development accounts

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

**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 Business Enterprise Ordinance Provisions through direct participation.

**District(s):** 9

**Summary:** The original scope of work for this contract was for architectural and engineering services for the replacement of existing old and inefficient heating, ventilating and air conditioning (HVAC) systems at the Forest Preserves' General Headquarters (GHQ) building.

Diagnostic testing conducted under the original contract scope of work revealed the existing building envelope has severe air leaks that need correction to meet the energy efficiency performance requirements. Additional work is needed for design, energy modeling, bidding and construction administration for storm window alternatives. In addition, after the start of the project, an existing newer HVAC system, that was beyond its warranty period, failed and needs to be replaced. This replacement was not included in the original scope and will require additional design to integrate this unanticipated work with the proposed high efficiency system.

The original RFP for this project was solicited publicly and two (2) firms submitted proposals. A selection committee reviewed the proposals and determined Interface Engineering to be the most responsive.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 22-0189. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Sims and Suffredin (16)

**Absent:** Silvestri (1)

[22-0206](#)

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

**PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

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

**Vendor:** Friends of the Forest Preserves, Chicago, Illinois

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Palos Conservation Corps Program

**Original Contract Period:** 1/1/2018 - 12/31/2022

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

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$750,000.00

**Original Approval:** 11/14/2017

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

**This Increase Requested:** \$75,000.00

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** FY 2022 \$225,000.00 (including previously approved amounts)

**Accounts:** Professional Services 51031.520840; Grant and Mitigation 51010.521444 and 51010.520840

**Contract Number(s):** #74000002912 issued under RFP #17-31-117

**Concurrences:**

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

**District(s):** Districtwide

**Summary:** The Forest Preserves is requesting an increase in the overall authority for this program to accommodate State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (“SLFRF”) allocated to Cook County through the federal American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA”) for workforce development. These additional funds will supplement and expand capacity for this program for fiscal year 2022.

The Palos Conservation Corps Program engages four participants, one crew manager, and one assistant crew manager in hands-on ecological restoration work to restore habitat in the Palos region. Highly skilled participants contribute to herbaceous and woody invasive species control, prescribed burn, and native seed collection activities. Additionally, the Palos Conservation Corps hosts volunteer workdays in partnership with the local site stewards to bolster volunteer recruitment and engagement in the region. The Palos Conservation Corps Program is administered by Friends of the Forest Preserves through a contract issued under RFP #17-31-117, which was originally approved by the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners on 11/14/2017 (Board Item No. 17-0390). Conservation Corps programs provide youth and young adult participants with paid environmental education and job skills training within the conservation field, with a focus on ecological restoration in the Forest Preserves.

The Forest Preserves intends to issue through its public solicitation process a Request for Proposals for additional Conservation Corps opportunities to bring to the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners for approval later in 2022.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 22-0206. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Sims and Suffredin (16)

**Absent:** Silvestri (1)

[22-0207](#)

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

**PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

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

**Vendor:** Friends of the Forest Preserves, Chicago, Illinois

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Calumet Conservation Corps

**Original Contract Period:** 11/17/2020 - 12/31/2022

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

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$150,000.00

**Original Approval:** 11/17/2020

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

**This Increase Requested:** \$125,000.00

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** FY 2022 \$200,000.00 (including previously approved amounts)

**Accounts:** Professional Services 51031.520840; Grant and Mitigation 51010.521444 and 51010.520840

**Contract Number(s):** N/A

**Concurrences:**

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

**District(s):** 4, 5, 6

**Summary:** The Forest Preserves is requesting an increase in the overall authority for this program to accommodate State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (“SLFRF”) allocated to Cook County through the federal American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA”) for workforce development. These additional funds will supplement and expand capacity for this program for fiscal year 2022.

The Calumet Conservation Corps Program engages a Crew Manager, an Assistant Crew Manager, and three (3) adult participants in hands-on ecological restoration activities centered on invasive species control and restoration of native plants in the Calumet region. Participants receive training in herbicide application, prescribed fire, stewardship, and chainsaw operation, in addition to experience leading various community engagement and volunteer workday events promoting forest preserve awareness. The Calumet Conservation Corps Program is administered by Friends of the Forest Preserves through an agreement that was originally approved by the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners on 11/17/2020 (Board Item No. 20-0411). Conservation Corps programs provide youth and young adult participants with paid environmental education and job skills training within the conservation field, with a focus on ecological restoration in the Forest Preserves.

The Forest Preserves intends to issue through its public solicitation process a Request for Proposals for

additional Conservation Corps opportunities to bring to the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners for approval later in 2022.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 22-0207. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Sims and Suffredin (16)

**Absent:** Silvestri (1)

[22-0208](#)

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

**PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

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

**Vendor:** Friends of the Forest Preserves, Chicago, Illinois

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Career Immersion Program

**Original Contract Period:** 1/1/2018 - 12/31/2022

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

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$1,000,000.00

**Original Approval:** 11/14/2017

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

**This Increase Requested:** \$50,000.00

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** FY 2022 \$250,000.00 (including previously approved amounts)

**Accounts:** Professional Services 51031.520840; Grant and Mitigation 51010.521444 and 51010.520840

**Contract Number(s):** #74000002916 issued under RFP #17-31-117

**Concurrences:**

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

**District(s):** Districtwide

**Summary:** The Forest Preserves is requesting an increase in the overall authority for this program to accommodate State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (“SLFRF”) allocated to Cook County through the federal American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA”) for workforce development. These additional funds will supplement and expand capacity for this program for fiscal year 2022.

The Career Immersion Program gives approximately twelve adult participants the opportunity to work alongside Forest Preserves staff fisheries biologists, wildlife biologists, and resource management forestry and trails crews. Participants receive important resource management skills and leadership development training, while exploring various career opportunities in conservation. The Career Immersion Program is administered by Friends of the Forest Preserves through a contract issued under RFP #17-31-117, which was originally approved by the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners on 11/14/2017 (Board Item No. 17-0387).

The Forest Preserves intends to issue through its public solicitation process a Request for Proposals for additional Conservation Corps opportunities to bring to the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners for approval later in 2022.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 22-0208. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Sims and Suffredin (16)

**Absent:** Silvestri (1)

[22-0210](#)

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

**PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

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

**Vendor:** Friends of the Forest Preserves, Chicago, Illinois

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** North Branch Conservation Corps Program

**Original Contract Period:** 1/9/2018 - 12/31/2019; Board Extension 1/1/2020 - 12/31/2021;  
Administrative extension 1/1/2022 - 12/31/2022

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

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$600,000.00

**Original Approval:** 1/9/2018, \$300,000.00

**Previous Increase(s):** 12/17/2019, \$300,000.00

**This Increase Requested:** \$180,000.00

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** FY 2022 \$180,000.00

**Accounts:** Professional Services 51031.520840; Grant and Mitigation 51010.521444 and 51010.520840

**Contract Number(s):** #74000004350

**Concurrences:**

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

**District(s):** 9, 10, 12, 13, 14

**Summary:** The Forest Preserves is requesting an increase in the overall authority for this program to accommodate State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (“SLFRF”) allocated to Cook County through the federal American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA”) for workforce development. These additional funds will supplement and expand capacity for this program for fiscal year 2022.

The North Branch Conservation Corps Program engages three participants, one crew manager, and one assistant crew manager in hands-on ecological restoration activities including invasive species control, herbicide application, seed collection and dispersal, and prescribed fire. Participants receive the training

and technical expertise necessary to pursue a long-term career in ecological restoration and related fields. The North Branch Conservation Corps Program is administered by Friends of the Forest Preserves through a contract which was originally approved by the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners on 1/9/2018 (Board Item No. 18-0113), and subsequently amended on 12/17/2019 (Board Item No. 19-0497) to extend the program for an additional two-year term ending in 2021. An administrative extension has the program ending on 12/31/2022. The Forest Preserves now seeks to add \$180,000.00 in authority and to bring the total program costs to approximately \$780,000.00 over five years. Conservation Corps programs provide youth and young adult participants with paid environmental education and job skills training within the conservation field, with a focus on ecological restoration in the Forest Preserves.

The Forest Preserves intends to issue through its public solicitation process a Request for Proposals for additional Conservation Corps opportunities to bring to the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners for approval later in 2022.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 22-0210. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Sims and Suffredin (16)

**Absent:** Silvestri (1)

[22-0190](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, 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 AT&T, Inc. (“AT&T”), Grantee, to locate, operate and maintain 690 feet of buried fiber optic cable northwest of Archer Avenue at Henry De Tonty Woods. This new underground cable line will replace existing, obsolete telephone line, originally licensed in 1960. The fiber optic cable will run to Rowell Chemical Corporation, the property owner landlocked between De Tonty Woods and the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal. No tree impacts or trail closures are anticipated as part of this license request.

**Term:** Ten (10) years

**License Fee:** \$21,859.50

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

**License Review Fees:** \$3,000.00

**YELAR Fee:** \$6,900.00

Total one-time upfront fee of \$33,259.50 for the term of the License  
(Sec. 5-2A-4 and 5-2B-4)

**Tree Mitigation Fee:** N/A

**The area of the License is:** 0.2376 Acre

**Concurrence(s):**

The Chief Financial Officer has approved this item. Final 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 Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to refer 22-0190 to the Real Estate Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Sims and Suffredin (16)

**Absent:** Silvestri (1)

[22-0204](#)

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

**PROPOSED BID RECOMMENDATION**

**Department:** Department of Resource Management

**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to enter into a contract with Trees “R” Us, Inc., primary place of business Wauconda, Illinois, for tree removals adjacent to the North Branch trail system.

**Reason:** Contract #74000010457 issued under Project #22-31-102 North Branch Tree Removals consists of the removal of four hundred and ninety-eight (498) trees and other related work as specified in the plans and specifications between Lake-Cook Road and Foster Avenue following the North Branch trail system. Trees marked for pruning and removal occur along both paved and multi-use trails within the North Branch trail system, as well as along roadsides and private property interfaces.

This vendor has been awarded more than \$150,000.00 in fiscal year 2022, therefore, the contract is being presented to the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners for approval per the Forest Preserves’ Procurement Code.

**Bid Opening Date:** 3/23/2022

**Bid Results:**

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
1. Trees “R” Us, Inc.	\$139,562.00
2. Clean Cut Tree Service, Inc.	\$147,420.00
3. Homer Tree Service, Inc.	\$209,525.00
4. Certified Solutions, Inc.	\$549,092.50

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** \$139,562.00

**Contract Period:** Ninety (90) working days from issuance of purchase order

**Account Name/Number:** Professional Services 51031.520840

**District:** 10, 12, 13, 14

**Concurrence(s):**

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

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

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 22-0204. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Sims and Suffredin (16)

**Absent:** Silvestri (1)

[22-0201](#)

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

**PROPOSED DISBURSEMENT**

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

**Action:** Authorization to disburse payment

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Five (5) Ford F550 Dump Trucks

**Fiscal Impact:** \$514,222.40

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

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

**District(s):** Districtwide

**Summary:** Payment for five (5) Ford F550 Dump Trucks, utilizing a contract awarded by the City of Chicago (contract #32916) as approved by the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners on 11/17/2020 (Board item No. 20-0326). The Vehicle Steering Committee approved the acquisition of these additional vehicles prior to Board approval.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 22-0201. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Sims and Suffredin (16)

**Absent:** Silvestri (1)

[22-0202](#)

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

**PROPOSED DISBURSEMENT**

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

**Action:** Authorization to disburse payment

**Payee:** Sutton Ford, Matteson, Illinois

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Sixteen (16) Ford Police Utility Hybrid Explorers

**Fiscal Impact:** FY 2022 \$806,673.43

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

**Contract Number(s):** #74000009111

**District(s):** Districtwide

**Summary:** Payment for sixteen (16) Ford Police Utility Hybrid Explorers, utilizing a contract awarded by the City of Chicago (contract #101191) as approved by the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners on 5/11/2021 (Board item No. 21-0265). The Vehicle Steering Committee approved the acquisition of these additional vehicles prior to Board approval.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 22-0202. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Sims and Suffredin (16)

**Absent:** Silvestri (1)

[22-0192](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, 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 2021

**Report Period:** 1/1/2021 - 12/31/2021

**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 by the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners in September 2012. This initiative is significantly benefitting the residents of Cook County by increasing the pool of qualified minority and women-owned businesses that have the opportunity to be selected for contracts awarded by the Forest Preserves each year.

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 Preserve District of Cook County Code of Ordinances.

The Minority and Women-Owned Businesses program accomplishments in FY 2021 include 57% of awarded contracts; and 43% of contract payments were made to minority and women-owned businesses either as prime contractors or sub-contractors.

The Forest Preserves participated in nine (9) outreach and workshop conferences, many in collaboration with various government entities.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to refer 22-0192 to the Contract Compliance Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Sims and Suffredin (16)

**Absent:** Silvestri (1)

[22-0205](#)

**Presented by:** MARY MODELSKI, County Auditor

**REPORT**

**Department:** Office of the County Auditor

**Request:** Refer to Audit Committee

**Report Title:** FY'22 1st Quarter Open Recommendation Status Report

**Report Period:** March 2022

**Summary:** Report on the status of open audit recommendations.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to refer 22-0205 to the Audit Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Sims and Suffredin (16)

**Absent:** Silvestri (1)

[22-0195](#)

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

**REPORT**

**Department:** Department of Finance and Administration

**Request:** Receive and File

**Report Title:** Forest Preserves of Cook County Annual Fee Waiver and Discount Report FY 2021

**Report Period:** 1/1/2021 - 12/31/2021

**Summary:** Under the Forest Preserves of Cook County Code of Ordinances certain discounts are granted to veteran or non-profit organizations with respect to recreational use of Forest Preserves property or amenities. Additional discounts may be offered at the discretion of the General Superintendent. The Forest Preserves of Cook County implemented a Fee Waiver Policy (Policy Number: 02.30.00) establishing the process for when discounts or waivers would be granted. The policy requires an annual report to the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners on discounts and waivers for the sake of transparency. The Fee Waiver and Discount Report describes specific discount categories and various passes issued pursuant to Forest Preserves of Cook County Board Approved Resolution, 16-0314, dated July 12, 2016.

In 2021, the Forest Preserves of Cook County issued a total of \$57,504.54 in fee waiver permit discounts to various groups. In addition, a total of two thousand four hundred ten (2,410) passes with an estimated value of \$62,434.50, were distributed across nineteen (19) various programs, partners and/or events.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to receive and file 22-0195. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Sims and Suffredin (16)

**Absent:** Silvestri (1)

[22-0193](#)

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

## **REPORT**

**Department:** Department of Finance and Administration

**Request:** Receive and File

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

**Report Period:** 1/1/2022 - 2/28/2022

**Summary:** Detailed Fund Analysis of Revenue and Expenditures for February 2022.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to receive and file 22-0193. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Sims and Suffredin (16)

**Absent:** Silvestri (1)

[22-0194](#)

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

**REPORT**

**Department:** Department of Finance and Administration

**Request:** Receive and File

**Report Title:** Procurement and Disbursements Report

**Report Period:** 2/1/2022 - 2/28/2022

**Summary:** Submitting the Procurement and Disbursements Report for the period of February 2022. 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 Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to receive and filed 22-0194. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Sims and Suffredin (16)

**Absent:** Silvestri (1)

[22-0196](#)

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

**REPORT**

**Department:** Departments of Legal and Finance

**Request:** Receive and File

**Report Title:** Workers' Compensation Report - February 2022

**Report Period:** 2/1/2022 - 2/28/2022

**Summary:** The Forest Preserves of Cook County Departments of Legal and Finance are submitting Workers' Compensation Claim Payments for the month of February 2022. Payments total \$121,491.31 for February 2022.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to receive and filed 22-0196. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Sims and Suffredin (16)

**Absent:** Silvestri (1)

[22-0198](#)

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

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

Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Litigation - 3/15/2022

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

Proposed Settlements Approved Fiscal Year 2022 to Present: \$207,000.00

Proposed Settlements to Be Approved: \$0.00

Legal Fees Approved Fiscal Year 2022 to Present: \$162,071.96

Legal Fees for 3/15/2022 to Be Approved: \$69,370.59

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 22-0198. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Sims and Suffredin (16)

**Absent:** Silvestri (1)

[22-0218](#)

**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 03/15/2022.

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 22-0218. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Sims and Suffredin (16)

**Absent:** Silvestri (1)

[22-0203](#)

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

**PROPOSED CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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

**Summary:** Forest Preserves of Cook County Calendar: 4/5/2022 - 5/10/2022

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

**Wednesday, 4/6; 5:30pm**

**Camping 101, Camp Reinberg, Palatine**

Join us for a workshop covering basic camping skills. *Registration required.*

**Friday, 4/8; 7pm - 9pm**

**Nocturnal Nature Walk, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs**

Pop on over for a naturalist-led outdoor activity. Mother Nature will choose what is in store for the day. *Registration required.*

**Friday, 4/8; 7:30pm**

**Evening Under a Half Moon, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington**

Enjoy a night hike under the light of the moon! *Ages 10 and up. Registration required.*

**Saturday, 4/9; 8am**

**Fishing Derby, Papoose Lake, Palos Park**

Join the Village of Palos Park and the Forest Preserves for a family-fun day of fishing.

**Saturday, 4/9; 2pm**

**Conservation@Home: Go Native and Get Wild, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Learn about the best plant species and benefits to yourself, pollinators and birds of planting native flowers,

grasses, shrubs, and trees in your backyard. *Ages 18 and up. Zoom presentation.*

**Sunday, 4/10; 1pm**

**Prime Real Estate, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington**

See why and how we provide cavity nesting birds with accommodation, then stay to see the tree swallows compete. *Registration required.*

**Sunday, 4/10; 1pm**

**Sagawau Art: Drawing Birds, Sagawau Nature Center, Lemont**

Class will focus on gesture sketching and development of a completed drawing of an avian subject. *Ages 12 and up.*

**Tuesday, 4/12; 10am - 1pm**

**Spring Breakout Adventures, Caldwell Woods, Chicago**

Welcome spring with nature as your muse. Take a hike or join a scavenger hunt, create a work of art, try archery, and more. Drop-in.

**Wednesday, 4/13; 11am - 2pm**

**Spring Breakout Adventure, Dan Ryan Woods, Chicago**

Spend your time on break, outside! Enjoy a chance to try your hand at several outdoor recreation activities. Explore, discover, and create!

**Thursday, 4/14; 11am - 2pm**

**Spring Breakout Adventure, Beaubien Woods- Boat Launch, Chicago**

Spend your time on break, outside! Enjoy a chance to try your hand at several outdoor recreation activities. Explore, discover, and create!

**Saturday, 4/16; 11am - 2pm**

**Animal Supplies Drop 'n Drive, Miller Meadow, Maywood**

Join in helping animals in need by donating supplies. *This is a drop-off event; donation drop off location is at Miller Meadow Off-Leash Dog Area. Call 312-533-5751 for more information.*

**Friday, 4/22; 10am - 2pm**

**Earth Day, Sauk Trail Woods, Chicago Heights**

Celebrate Earth Day by doing your part in helping clean up litter in the Preserves. We will have litter pick up supplies for individuals or families to check-out during the afternoon.

**Friday, 4/22; 7:30pm**

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

An evening of stories and s'mores around our campfire. *\$3 per person. Registration required by 4/20.*

**Friday, 4/22; 1pm - 3pm****Earth Day Cleanup, Schiller Woods-East, Chicago**

Celebrate Earth Day by doing your part in helping clean up litter in the Preserves. We will have litter pick up supplies for individuals or families to check-out during the afternoon.

**Friday, 4/22; 10am - 1pm****Earth Day Clean-up, Caldwell Woods, Chicago**

Celebrate Earth Day by doing your part in helping clean up litter in the Preserves. Litter pick-up supplies for individuals or families available to check-out during the afternoon.

**Friday, 4/22; 12pm - 2pm****Earth Day Cleanup, Miller Meadow-South, Maywood**

Celebrate Earth Day by doing your part in helping clean up litter in the Preserves. We will have litter pick up supplies for individuals or families to check-out during the afternoon.

**Friday, 4/22; 10am - 1pm****Earth Day Celebration with the BackYard Nature Center, Erickson Woods, Winnetka**

Welcome spring with nature as your muse. Take a hike or join a scavenger hunt, create a work of art, try archery, and more. Drop-in.

**Friday, 4/22; 3:30pm - 4:45pm****Earth Day: After School Earth Day Activities Drop-In, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Help us celebrate Earth Day by planting a tree, making a bird feeder, and creating "recycled" art.

**Friday, 4/22; 3pm - 6pm****Earth Day Cleanup, Jerome Huppert Woods, River Grove**

Celebrate Earth Day by doing your part in helping clean up litter in the Preserves. We will have litter pick up supplies for individuals or families to check-out during the afternoon.

**Friday through Sunday, 4/22 - 4/24; 9:30am - 11:30am****Earth Day: Restoration Weekend - Garlic Mustard Pull, Sagawau Nature Center, Lemont**

Celebrate Earth Day by welcoming back native plants and wildlife by pulling invasive garlic mustard.

**Saturday, 4/23; 11am - 2pm****Earth Day, Beaubien Woods, Chicago**

Celebrate Earth Day by doing your part in helping clean up litter in the Preserves. We will have litter pick up supplies for individuals or families to check-out during the afternoon.

**Saturday, 4/23; 10am - 3pm****Earth Day, Green Lake Woods, Calumet City**

Celebrate Earth Day with the opening of our new pollinator garden, themed games, a self-guided litter cleanup and more. *Call 708-868-0606 to learn more.*

**Saturday, 4/23; 8am - 12pm****Earth Day Every Day for Girl Scouts, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs**

Girl Scouts, spend time outside learning conservation activities, Leave No Trace principles, birding, nature art making, orienteering and guided hikes. *Ages 9 and up. Registration required.*

**Saturday, 4/23 to Sunday, 4/24****Camping Leadership Immersion Course, Camp Sullivan, Oak Forest**

CLIC is an overnight training at Camp Sullivan in Oak Forest designed to give participants the skills and experience to plan and lead camping trips at Camp Sullivan. The overnight training course covers camping safety, day-hiking, tent and stove-set up, teambuilding and leadership skills. Educational offerings and will help familiarize you with the reservation process. By completing the CLIC training, leaders gain access to the CLIC gear library (onsite) and designated group site at Camp Sullivan. *Must be at least 18 years old and be affiliated with an organization to participate. Fee is \$25 per person and includes food and camping gear for the night. Register at [experience.camping@cookcountyl.gov](mailto:experience.camping@cookcountyl.gov). For more info go to visit the Forest Preserves website.*

**Saturday, 4/23; 8am - 10am****Earth Day River Cleanup, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Join us to help clean up litter in Thatcher Woods in honor of Earth Day. A great Service Project for students, families, and Scouts! Held with partner organization the River Forest Park District. Bags and gloves provided; check in and get the supplies in Trailside Museum's lobby.

**Sunday, 4/24; 7:30pm - 9:45pm****Night of the Frogs, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs**

Join a bilingual Spanish walk and use your sense of hearing to identify which frogs are calling. Data is used for the Calling Frog Survey for the Chicago Wilderness Region. *Ages 10 and up. Registration required.*

**Sunday, 4/24; 10:30am and 1:30pm****Wildflower Walk, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Learn about spring woodland wildflowers on a casual walk. *Registration required.*

**Friday, 4/29; 10am - 12pm**

**Arbor Day Celebration, Bunker Hill, Niles**

Celebrate the grandeur of trees and why they are vital to our community and world. Enjoy tree ID hikes, scavenger hunts, and more.

**Saturday, 4/30; 10am - 3pm**

**Murdered & Missing Indigenous Women Awareness Day, Bunker Hill, Niles**

Join the American Indian Health Service of Chicago, American Indian Center-Chicago, St. Kateri Center, Trickster Cultural Center, and the Forest Preserves of Cook County to bring awareness to the obstacles the native communities have faced historically in seeking justice for these women and their families.

**Sunday, 5/1; 11am - 3pm**

**Spring Festival & Trailside's 90th Anniversary Celebration, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Celebrate 90 years of nature education and springtime at Trailside Museum! Enjoy an ice cream social and participate in family-friendly historical activities. Enjoy animal encounters, kids' tree climb, guided wildflower walks, bird banding, dip netting, building a bird house to take home, and much more!

**Sunday, 5/1; 1pm**

**April Showers Bring May Flowers, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington**

Search for the first blooms of spring emerging along the forest floor.

**Sunday, 5/1; 11am - 12pm**

**Conservation@Home: Homegrown National Park, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs**

Let's help the goal of establishing 20 million acres of native gardening on private land. It is easy and we will show you how. Free plants! *Registration required.*

**Thursday, 5/5; 5:30pm**

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

Join us for a workshop covering basic camping skills. *Registration required.*

**Friday, 5/6; 11am - 3pm**

**Sand Ridge Nature Center 60th Anniversary, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Celebrate 60 years of Sand Ridge Nature Center's conservation, recreation, and educational work. *Find more info about daily activities on Sand Ridge Nature Center's Facebook page.*

**Saturday, 5/7; 10am - 12pm**

**World Migratory Bird Day, LaBagh Woods, Chicago**

Celebrate these spring visitors and participate in family-friendly activities.

**Saturday, 5/7; 9am - 12pm Spring Photography Workshop, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook** Capture nature through hands-on instruction. *Registration required by 5/5. Participants must bring their own digital camera. Ages 18 and up. Registration required.*

**Tuesday, 5/10; 5pm - 7pm World Mental Health Month Celebration, Swallow Cliff Woods, Palos Park**

Exercise and time in nature are proven ways to improve your mental health. Climb the stairs, join a guided walk, and explore mental health resources. *In partnership with Advocate Aurora Health.*

**ITEMS TO BE DISCHARGED FROM COMMITTEE**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**A motion was made by Commissioner LUIS ARROYO JR., seconded by Commissioner DENNIS DEER, that this was suspend the rules.. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Sims and Suffredin (16)

**Absent:** Silvestri (1)

[22-0175](#)

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

**REPORT**

**Department:** Department of Facilities and Fleet

**Request:** Refer to Finance Committee

**Report Title:** Annual Energy Expense Report

**Report Period:** 1/1/2021 - 12/31/2021

**Summary:** On 1/26/2021, the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners authorized the Forest Preserves to enter into agreements for energy providers 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). As required by Board Item No. 21-0125, this report provides a monthly breakdown of related energy payments made during fiscal year 2021.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to receive and file 22-0175. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Sims and Suffredin (16)

**Absent:** Silvestri (1)

**COMMITTEE ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION**

**REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE**

[22-0133](#)

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

**PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT**

**Department:** Department of Planning and Development

**Other Part(ies):** Streamwood Park District, Streamwood, Illinois

**Request:** Authority for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement (“IGA”) with the Streamwood Park District (the “Park District”).

**Goods or Services:** The Streamwood Park District is requesting an IGA to improve and maintain 891 feet of existing unpaved access road that extends north of Schaumburg Road to a former watchman residence in the Arthur L. Janura Preserve to allow for joint access to Forest Preserves land and adjacent Park District land where the Park District is proposing community garden facilities. Proposed improvements on Forest Preserves land include new gravel on the roadway and approved pull-off areas, new speed limit signs, new access gates and demolition of a former watchman residence. The Park District is seeking a license for 0.31 acres or 13,365 square feet (891 linear feet times the requested 15-foot license width).

**Agreement Number(s):** N/A

**Agreement Period:** Thirty (30) years, with successive automatic one (1) year renewal terms until terminated

**Fiscal Impact:** N/A

**License Fee:** \$28,227.27 (waived)

**License Application Fees:** \$3,500.00 (waived)

**YELAR Fee:** \$6,900.00 (waived)

**Tree Mitigation Fee:** N/A

**Accounts:** N/A

**District(s):** 15

**Summary:** The Forest Preserves owns and maintains an existing access road on the north side of Schaumburg Road west of Bartlett Road that provides access to a former watchman residence in the Arthur L. Janura Preserve, also known as Poplar Creek. The Park District acquired adjoining property for a variety of improvements including a new community garden facility located behind other office and maintenance facilities and is seeking more direct access to the garden facilities via shared use of the Forest Preserves access road. In addition to proposed roadway improvements described above, the Park District will demolish a former watchman residence as part of a larger construction package for improvements on adjacent Park District land. The Park District will be responsible for design, construction and future maintenance costs associated with the project and for opening and closing the new access gate to the community garden area. No trees are proposed to be removed. The license fee, license application fee, and the YELAR fee will be waived in consideration of the proposed improvements at no cost to the Forest Preserves. The IGA constitutes a license for the Streamwood Park District to construct and maintain the access road for thirty (30) years, with successive automatic one (1) year renewal terms until terminated. Final agreement is subject to legal review and approval.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Moore, to approve 22-0133. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Sims and Suffredin (16)

**Absent:** Silvestri (1)

**LAW ENFORCEMENT**

[22-0170](#)

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

**REPORT**

**Department:** Forest Preserves of Cook County Law Enforcement

**Request:** Refer to Law Enforcement Committee

**Report Title:** Model Policing

**Report Period:** March 2022

**Summary:** Report on the status to achieve the goal of a Model Forest Preserves Police Department

**A motion was made by Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Arroyo, to receive and file 22-0170. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Sims and Suffredin (16)

**Absent:** Silvestri (1)

**LABOR**

[22-0128](#)

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

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**PROPOSED COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT, SALARY SCHEDULE, WAGE ADJUSTMENTS AND HEALTHCARE PLAN RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS,** the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act (5 ILCS 315/1 *et seq.*) has established regulations regarding collective bargaining with a union; and

**WHEREAS,** the collective bargaining agreement for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2024, has been negotiated between the Forest Preserves of Cook County (“the Forest Preserves”) and the Sheet Metal Workers International Association, Local No. 73 (“Sheet Metal Workers Union”); and

**WHEREAS,** the Forest Preserves is obligated to pay the prevailing rate for these categories of employees pursuant to the state statute, 820 ILCS 130 *et seq.*, and the collective bargaining agreement between the Forest Preserves and the Sheet Metal Workers Union; and

**WHEREAS,** salary adjustments and prevailing wage increases are reflected in the collective bargaining agreement negotiated between the Forest Preserves and Sheet Metal Workers Union; and

**WHEREAS,** the union representing the category of employees has properly certified that the below listed rates are the prevailing rates for the effective date(s) set forth herein; and

<u>Title Represented</u>	<u>Wage Rate</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Sheet Metal Worker	\$47.50	6/2021

WHEREAS, the current healthcare plan shall be revised as follows:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Upon Approval by Forest Preserves Board</u>		
	<u>Current</u>	<u>12/1/2022</u>	<u>12/1/2023</u>
<b>HMO Health Insurance</b>			
Employee Only	1.50%	1.75%	2.25%
Employee + Spouse	2.00%	2.50%	3.25%
Employee + Child(ren)	1.75%	2.25%	2.75%
Employee + Family	2.25%	3.00%	4.00%
<b>PPO Health Insurance</b>			
Employee Only	2.50%	2.75%	3.25%
Employee + Spouse	3.00%	3.50%	4.25%
Employee + Child(ren)	2.75%	3.25%	3.75%
Employee + Family	3.25%	4.00%	5.00%

**Emergency Room Copay** Increased to \$100.00, effective December 1, 2022.

**Out of Pocket Maximum (PPO)**

<i>Current:</i>	\$1,600/\$3,200 (single/family; in network)
	\$3,200/\$6,400 (single/family; out of network)
<i>12/1/22:</i>	\$2,000/\$4,000 (single/family; in network)
	\$4,000/\$8,000 (single/family; out of network)

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Forest Preserves Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the collective bargaining agreement, including the healthcare plan revisions negotiated between the Forest Preserves and the Sheet Metal Workers Union.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Forest Preserves Director of Human Resources, Chief Financial Officer and Comptroller are hereby authorized to implement the prevailing rates and salary adjustments pursuant to state statute, 820 ILCS 130 *et seq.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to approve 22-0128. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Sims and Suffredin (16)

**Absent:** Silvestri (1)

[22-0129](#)

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

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**PROPOSED COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT, SALARY SCHEDULE, WAGE ADJUSTMENTS AND HEALTHCARE PLAN RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act (5 ILCS 315/1 *et seq.*) has established regulations regarding collective bargaining with a union; and

**WHEREAS**, the collective bargaining agreement for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2024, has been negotiated between the Forest Preserves of Cook County (“the Forest Preserves”) and the Chicago Journeymen Plumbers Local Union 130, U.A. (“Plumbers Union”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Forest Preserves is obligated to pay the prevailing rate for these categories of employees pursuant to the state statute, 820 ILCS 130 *et seq.*, and the collective bargaining agreement between the Forest Preserves and the Plumbers Union; and

**WHEREAS**, salary adjustments and prevailing wage increases are reflected in the collective bargaining agreement negotiated between the Forest Preserves and Plumbers Union; and

**WHEREAS**, the union representing the category of employees has properly certified that the below listed rates are the prevailing rates for the effective date(s) set forth herein; and

<u>Title Represented</u>	<u>Wage Rate</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Plumber	\$52.80	6/2021

**WHEREAS**, the current healthcare plan shall be revised as follows:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Upon Approval by Forest Preserves Board</u>		
	<u>Current</u>	<u>12/1/2022</u>	<u>12/1/2023</u>
<b>HMO Health Insurance</b>			
Employee Only	1.50%	1.75%	2.25%
Employee + Spouse	2.00%	2.50%	3.25%
Employee + Child(ren)	1.75%	2.25%	2.75%
Employee + Family	2.25%	3.00%	4.00%
<b>PPO Health Insurance</b>			
Employee Only	2.50%	2.75%	3.25%
Employee + Spouse	3.00%	3.50%	4.25%
Employee + Child(ren)	2.75%	3.25%	3.75%
Employee + Family	3.25%	4.00%	5.00%

Emergency Room Copay Increased to \$100.00, effective December 1, 2022.

**Out of Pocket Maximum (PPO)**

<i>Current:</i>	\$1,600/\$3,200 (single/family; in network)
	\$3,200/\$6,400 (single/family; out of network)
12/1/22:	\$2,000/\$4,000 (single/family; in network)
	\$4,000/\$8,000 (single/family; out of network)

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Forest Preserves Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the collective bargaining agreement, including the healthcare plan revisions negotiated between the Forest Preserves and the Plumbers Union.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Forest Preserves Director of Human Resources, Chief Financial Officer and Comptroller are hereby authorized to implement the prevailing rates and salary adjustments pursuant to state statute, 820 ILCS 130 *et seq.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to approve 22-0129. The motion carried by the following vote:**

- Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Sims and Suffredin (16)
- Absent:** Silvestri (1)

[22-0130](#)

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

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**PROPOSED COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT, SALARY SCHEDULE, WAGE ADJUSTMENTS AND HEALTHCARE PLAN RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act (5 ILCS 315/1 *et seq.*) has established regulations regarding collective bargaining with a union; and

**WHEREAS**, the collective bargaining agreement for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2024, has been negotiated between the Forest Preserves of Cook County (“the Forest Preserves”) and the International Brotherhood of Painters and Allied Trades, District Council #14 (“the Painters and Allied Trades Union”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Forest Preserves is obligated to pay the prevailing rate for these categories of

employees pursuant to the state statute, 820 ILCS 130 *et seq*, and the collective bargaining agreement between the Forest Preserves and the Painters and Allied Trades Union; and

**WHEREAS**, salary adjustments and prevailing wage increases are reflected in the collective bargaining agreement negotiated between the Forest Preserves and the Painters and Allied Trades Union; and

**WHEREAS**, the union representing the category of employees has properly certified that the below listed rates are the prevailing rates for the effective date(s) set forth herein; and

<u>Title Represented</u>	<u>Wage Rate</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Painter	\$49.30	6/2021

**WHEREAS**, the current healthcare plan shall be revised as follows:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Upon Approval by Forest Preserves Board</u>		
	<u>Current</u>	<u>12/1/2022</u>	<u>12/1/2023</u>
<b>HMO Health Insurance</b>			
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Employee + Spouse	2.00%	2.50%	3.25%
Employee + Child(ren)	1.75%	2.25%	2.75%
Employee + Family	2.25%	3.00%	4.00%
<b>PPO Health Insurance</b>			
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Employee + Spouse	3.00%	3.50%	4.25%
Employee + Child(ren)	2.75%	3.25%	3.75%
Employee + Family	3.25%	4.00%	5.00%

**Emergency Room Copay** Increased to \$100.00, effective December 1, 2022.

**Out of Pocket Maximum (PPO)**

<i>Current:</i>	\$1,600/\$3,200 (single/family; in network) \$3,200/\$6,400 (single/family; out of network)
12/1/22:	\$2,000/\$4,000 (single/family; in network) \$4,000/\$8,000 (single/family; out of network)

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Forest Preserves Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the collective bargaining agreement, including the healthcare plan revisions negotiated between the Forest Preserves and the Painters and Allied Trades Union.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Forest Preserves Director of Human Resources, Chief

Financial Officer and Comptroller are hereby authorized to implement the prevailing rates and salary adjustments pursuant to state statute, 820 ILCS 130 *et seq.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to approve 22-0130. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Sims and Suffredin (16)

**Absent:** Silvestri (1)

[22-0131](#)

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

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**PROPOSED COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT, SALARY SCHEDULE, WAGE ADJUSTMENTS AND HEALTHCARE PLAN RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS,** the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act (5 ILCS 315/1 *et seq.*) has established regulations regarding collective bargaining with a union; and

**WHEREAS,** the collective bargaining agreement for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2024, has been negotiated between the Forest Preserves of Cook County (“the Forest Preserves”) and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 134 (“IBEW”); and

**WHEREAS,** the Forest Preserves is obligated to pay the prevailing rate for these categories of employees pursuant to the state statute, 820 ILCS 130 *et seq.*, and the collective bargaining agreement between the Forest Preserves and IBEW; and

**WHEREAS,** salary adjustments and prevailing wage increases are reflected in the collective bargaining agreement negotiated between the Forest Preserves and IBEW; and

**WHEREAS,** the union representing the category of employees has properly certified that the below listed rates are the prevailing rates for the effective date(s) set forth herein; and

<u>Title Represented</u>	<u>Wage Rate</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Electrician	\$51.00	6/2021

**WHEREAS,** the current healthcare plan shall be revised as follows:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Upon Approval by Forest Preserves Board</u>		
HMO Health Insurance	Current	12/1/2022	12/1/2023

Employee Only	1.50%	1.75%	2.25%
Employee + Spouse	2.00%	2.50%	3.25%
Employee + Child(ren)	1.75%	2.25%	2.75%
Employee + Family	2.25%	3.00%	4.00%

PPO Health Insurance	Current	12/1/2022	12/1/2023
Employee Only	2.50%	2.75%	3.25%
Employee + Spouse	3.00%	3.50%	4.25%
Employee + Child(ren)	2.75%	3.25%	3.75%
Employee + Family	3.25%	4.00%	5.00%

Emergency Room Copay Increased to \$100.00, effective December 1, 2022.

**Out of Pocket Maximum (PPO)**

<i>Current:</i>	\$1,600/\$3,200 (single/family; in network) \$3,200/\$6,400 (single/family; out of network)
12/1/22:	\$2,000/\$4,000 (single/family; in network) \$4,000/\$8,000 (single/family; out of network)

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Forest Preserves Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the collective bargaining agreement, including the healthcare plan revisions negotiated between the Forest Preserves and IBEW.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Forest Preserves Director of Human Resources, Chief Financial Officer and Comptroller are hereby authorized to implement the prevailing rates and salary adjustments pursuant to state statute, 820 ILCS 130 *et seq.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to approve 22-0131. The motion carried by the following vote:**

- Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Sims and Suffredin (16)
- Absent:** Silvestri (1)

**ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Commissioner LUIS ARROYO JR., seconded by Commissioner DEBORAH SIMS, to adjourn this meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

- Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Sims and Suffredin (16)

**Absent:** Silvestri (1)

Respectfully submitted,

*Lynne M. Turner*

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Secretary

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