Memorandum

To: Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners

From: Damon Howell, Chief Financial Officer

cc: President Toni Preckwinkle
General Superintendent Arnold Randall

Date: 9/7/2023

RE: Board Items 23-0449

Board Item 23-0449 is the Forest Preserves' Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (i.e., ACFR) for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2022. The ACFR has been prepared in accordance with the principles and standards for financial reporting set forth by the Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB), and audited by Baker Tilly US, LLP, a firm of independent auditors retained by the District. Baker Tilly issued an unmodified ("clean") opinion on the District's financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2022.

Among the ACFR highlights:

- As of the close of the 2022 fiscal year, the District's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of $111.3 million, an increase of $17.4 million in comparison with the prior year. Approximately $47.6 million is available for spending at the government's discretion (unassigned fund balance). However, $9.2 million has been designated under the District's minimum fund balance policy and cannot be spent.
- General revenues accounted for $112.3 million in revenue or 86% of all governmental revenues. Program specific revenues in the form of charges for services and fees and grants accounted for $18.3 million or 14% of total governmental revenues of $130.6 million.
- The District had $(1.9) million in expenses related to government activities, $80.9 million when adjusting for $(82.8) million change in actuarial assumption. However, only $18.3 million of these expenses were offset by program specific charges and grants.
- At the end of the current fiscal year, unassigned fund balance for the Corporate Fund was $49.7 million, or 82% of total Corporate Fund expenditures. This is an increase of $21.0 million over last year.
- The District's total long-term liabilities (excluding total postemployment benefit liability and net pension liability) decreased by $21.0 million during the current year.