



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

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

BOARD AGENDA

Tuesday, April 23, 2019, 10:00 AM

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

[19-0233](#)

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

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

TITLE 3 - POLICE REGULATION, CHAPTER 1 - POLICE FORCE

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Title 3 - Police Regulations, Chapter 1 - Police Force of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as follows:

3-1-1: - POLICE FORCE ESTABLISHED; COMPOSITION.

There is hereby established a police force to be known as a Police Force. The Police Force of the District shall consist ~~of~~ of police members who shall constitute the regular Police Force of the District.

~~A. The President and members of the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District, the officers and heads of various departments and divisions of the District, who shall be known as "Deputy" Police.~~

~~B. Police members who shall constitute the regular Police Force of the District.~~

3-1-2: - COMMAND; RULES AND REGULATIONS.

The entire force for police duty, either emergency or general, shall be under the command of the ~~General Superintendent~~ Chief of Police who shall make such rules and regulations for the government and discipline of the police as he may consider necessary and as are not inconsistent with the provisions of the rules and regulations established by the District Board of Commissioners for the government and regulation of the officers and employees of the District and of such ordinances as may be from time to time passed by the Board of Commissioners.

3-1-3: - OATH OF OFFICE.

All members of the regular Police Force shall, ~~before they enter on the duties of their respective offices,~~ take and subscribe to the following oath or affirmation before the Clerk of the County Court of Cook County or the District's Chief of Police or such Chief of Police's designee:

"I do solemnly swear (or affirm, as the case may be) that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office (insert here name of office, etc., etc.) according to the best of my ability."

The ~~General Superintendent~~ Chief of Police shall cause a permanent record to be kept of said oath of office. The appointment of any person to any office in the regular Police Force, with the exception of Emergency Police, shall not be deemed complete ~~until the foregoing oath of office is subscribed to unless~~ that person has been awarded, within six months of his or her initial full-time employment, a certificate attesting to his or her successful completion of the Minimum Standards Basic Law Enforcement Training Course as prescribed by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards Board ("ILETSB"); or has been awarded a certificate attesting to his or her satisfactory completion of a training program of similar content and number of hours and which course has been found acceptable by ILETSB; or by reason of extensive prior law enforcement or county corrections experience the basic training requirement is determined by ILETSB to be illogical and unreasonable.

State Law reference- S.H.A. 50 ILCS 705/1 et seq.

3-1-4: - POWERS AND DUTIES.

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B. ~~Arrest Powers:~~ All members of the Police Force, as specified in Section 3-1-1 hereof, shall have power and are hereby severally authorized to arrest and it shall be the duty of the members of the regular Police Force to arrest, on view, with or without process, any person found in the act of violating, within the territory under the jurisdiction of the District Board of Commissioners, any ordinance of the Forest Preserve District, or law of the State of Illinois, or aiding or abetting in such violation, and shall take all

~~such persons so arrested before the nearest court of competent jurisdiction in the District. In case no such court is in session, the persons so arrested may be detained in any police station within the District, or safe place provided for such purpose by the Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District, until such person so arrested can be brought before such court for trial without unnecessary delay and exercise police powers over the territory within the District for the preservation of the public peace, and the observance and enforcement of the ordinances and laws, such as are conferred upon and exercised by the police of organized cities and villages; but such police force, when acting within the limits of any city or village, but outside the territory owned, leased, or licensed by the District and property over which the District has easement rights, shall act in aid of the regular police force of such city or village and shall then be subject to the direction of its chief of police, city or village marshals, or other head thereof.~~

C. *Arrests*: Every person under arrest shall be treated kindly and humanely by the police officer making the arrest, and by those police who are in charge of such person.

State Law reference- S.H.A. 70 ILCS 810/15.

3-1-5: - RETURN OF PARAPHERNALIA.

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~~3-1-6: PARTICIPATION IN ILLINOIS POLICE TRAINING ACT.~~

~~The Forest Preserve District hereby elects to participate in the program provided for in the Illinois Police Training Act.~~

~~Before an individual may commence regular employment as a Forest Preserve police officer, he must have been certified by the Illinois Local Governmental Law Enforcement Officers' Training Board as having successfully completed an approved training course as provided in the Act. Such basic training must be completed by the trainee as soon as practical.~~

~~(1989 Code)~~

~~State law reference—S.H.A. 50 ILCS 705/1 et seq.~~

~~3-1-7: EMERGENCY PRESERVE POLICE.~~

~~In case of emergency, the General Superintendent is hereby authorized and empowered to appoint Emergency Police and such Emergency Police shall have the same powers and authority as the regular members of the Police Force; provided, that such appointments shall in no case continue for more than forty eight (48) hours.~~

(1989 Code)

3-1-86: - RESISTING, IMPERSONATING POLICE.

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3-1-97: - POLICY ON USE OF FORCE-CHOKE HOLDS PROHIBITED.

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Effective date: This ordinance shall be in effect immediately upon adoption (or give specific date)

COMMISSIONERS

[19-0241](#)

Sponsored by: JOHN P. DALEY, LARRY SUFFREDIN, JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, BRIDGET GAINER, LUIS ARROYO JR., SCOTT R. BRITTON, BRANDON JOHNSON, STANLEY MOORE, BILL LOWRY, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, PETER N. SILVESTRI and DEBORAH SIMS, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN WAIVE THE PARKING FEE FOR VETERANS OF THE U.S. ARMED FORCES ON MEMORIAL DAY AND VETERANS DAY

WHEREAS, the Chicago Botanic Garden is one of the great living museums and a renowned conservation science center located in Cook County.

WHEREAS, more than one million people visit the Garden's 27 gardens and four natural areas annually, which are uniquely situated on 385 acres on and around nine islands, with six miles of lake shoreline; and

WHEREAS, the Chicago Botanic Garden has a long history of assisting veterans that dates back to the Chicago Horticultural Society and today the Garden serves veterans through its horticultural therapy programs and through the Windy City Harvest urban agriculture training program; and

WHEREAS, the Chicago Botanic Garden also offers internship programs for veterans and host events designed to provide veterans the training and services needed to reintegrate into civilian life and

successfully obtain future employment; and

WHEREAS, in gratitude to our veterans for their service the Chicago Botanic Garden provides free parking to active duty U.S. military personnel and/or their families, reservists, and former POWs for their years of service; and

WHEREAS, complimentary access to parking at the Garden for all veterans of the United States Armed Forces on Memorial Day and Veterans Day will ensure more veterans are able to access the healing environment of the Garden on a more frequent basis; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Forest Preserves District Board of Commissioners requests that the Chicago Botanic Garden extend complimentary parking to all veterans of the United States Armed Forces on the following holidays as observed by the Chicago Botanic Garden: Memorial Day and Veterans Day; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that a suitable copy be tendered to any veterans' organizations or organizations that assist veterans in Cook County upon request.

[19-0242](#)

Sponsored by: JOHN P. DALEY, LARRY SUFFREDIN, JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, LUIS ARROYO JR., SCOTT R. BRITTON, BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON, BILL LOWRY, STANLEY MOORE, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, PETER N. SILVESTRI and DEBORAH SIMS, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CHICAGO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY WAIVE THE
PARKING FEE AT THE BROOKFIELD ZOO FOR VETERANS OF THE U.S. ARMED
FORCES ON MEMORIAL DAY AND VETERANS DAY**

WHEREAS, the Brookfield Zoo is a world-renowned zoo that inspires guests through extraordinary connections with animals, nature and each other; and

WHEREAS, the Brookfield Zoo is set within a 216-acre nature park and has captivated and educated visitors since 1934 and is home to 2,000+ animal residents and is also an accredited arboretum; and

WHEREAS, the Brookfield Zoo is open every day and welcomes more than two million guests yearly. It is managed by the Chicago Zoological Society and sits on land owned by the Forest Preserves of Cook County; and

WHEREAS, the Brookfield Zoo has a long history of serving veterans through programs such as VA Hospital Connections, Wounded Warrior Project and USO “Tickets for Troops” Program; and

WHEREAS, the Brookfield Zoo host veterans events including an annual Veterans Day ceremony; and

WHEREAS, in gratitude to military members and veterans for their service the Brookfield Zoo provides free admission to active duty U.S. military personnel and veterans every day of the year; and

WHEREAS, complimentary access to parking at the Brookfield Zoo for all veterans of the United States Armed Forces on Memorial Day and Veterans Day will ensure more veterans are able to access the healing environment of the Brookfield Zoo on a more frequent basis; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners requests that the Chicago Zoological Society extend complimentary parking at the Brookfield Zoo to all veterans of the United States Armed Forces on the following holidays as observed by the Chicago Zoological Society: Memorial Day and Veterans Day; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that a suitable copy be tendered to any veterans’ organizations or organizations that assist veterans in Cook County upon request.

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

[19-0184](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Department: Planning and Development

Other Part(ies): Village of Niles, Illinois

Request: Authority for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement (“IGA”) with the Village of Niles, Illinois (“Niles”).

Goods or Services: Niles is requesting an IGA to provide a connection to the North Branch Trail, extending from a proposed bike path on the north side of Touhy Avenue, and continuing east to Caldwell Avenue. The IGA includes terms allowing Niles to install a new sidewalk on the south side of Touhy

Avenue, from Harts Road to Caldwell Avenue.

Agreement Number(s): N/A

Agreement Period: Perpetual, subject to termination after twenty (20) years

Fiscal Impact: None

License Fee: \$26,356.75 (waived)

License Application Fee: \$3,000.00 (waived)

YELAR Fee: \$6,300.00 (waived)

Tree Mitigation Fee \$38,969.89

Accounts: N/A

District(s): 13

Summary: The Forest Preserves operates and maintains the North Branch Bicycle Trail in Northern Cook County. Niles proposes to construct trail connections to connect residents and businesses to the trail as part of a larger bike and pedestrian improvement program. Niles will be responsible for design, construction and future maintenance costs associated with the project. Eight (8) trees on Forest Preserves land are proposed to be removed. Niles will pay a Tree Mitigation Fee of \$38,969.89. The license fee, license application fee, and the YELAR fee will be waived, per the usual practice for trail connection project requests from municipalities. There is no cost to the Forest Preserves. Niles has funding for the design and construction of the trail segments. The IGA constitutes a license for Niles to construct and maintain the trail in perpetuity, subject to termination by the Forest Preserves after twenty (20) years.

[19-0213](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED LICENSE REQUEST

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves"), as Licensor to grant a License to the Illinois State Archaeological Survey ("ISAS"), a subset of the University of Illinois, Grantee, to locate, operate and maintain approximately 200 square feet of workspace in the

property commonly known as Rolling Knolls Pavilion, 11N260 Rohrssen Road, Elgin, Illinois. ISAS provides technical support and guidance for the Forest Preserves to maintain compliance with state archaeological resource laws. ISAS also provides expertise for assessing our cultural resources and provides interpretation of the history of Cook County for public displays and events. Its location at Rolling Knolls provides better access to the Forest Preserves for technical projects, and a venue for public outreach programs.

Term: Date of execution through 12/31/2022

License Fee: \$0.00

License Application Fee: \$0.00

YELAR Fee: Waived

Total one-time upfront fee of N/A 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: Approximately 200 square feet of workspace in the property commonly known as Rolling Knolls Pavilion, 11N260 Rohrssen Road, Elgin, Illinois.

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 Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners approve the issuance of this license.

District(s): 15

[19-0215](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

REQUEST APPROVAL TO EXERCISE CONTRACT RENEWAL OPTION

Department(s): Facilities and Fleet Maintenance

Vendor: Black Dog Petroleum, LLC (formerly Black Dog Corporation), Lyons, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Diesel and Unleaded Fuel

Original Contract Period: 4/1/2018 - 4/30/2019 with two (2) one-year optional renewals

Proposed Contract Period Extension: 5/1/2019 - 4/30/2020

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$1,200,000.00

Original Approval: 3/13/2018, \$1,200,000.00

Previous Increase(s): N/A

This Increase Requested: \$1,200,000.00

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2019 \$750,000.00, FY 2020 \$450,000.00

Accounts: Automotive, Operation, and Maintenance 51001.540250

Contract Number(s): 1684-15558 CC

Concurrences:

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.

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: On 3/21/2019, the Cook County Board of Commissioners approved a contract amendment to exercise their option to extend and increase the current contract managed by the Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways. The Forest Preserves piggybacked onto Cook County’s contract at our 3/13/2018 Board meeting and would like to also exercise an option to extend and increase.

[19-0217](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

EASEMENT REQUEST

Request: Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to grant permanent and temporary easements to the Chicago Department of Transportation (“CDOT”) at Foster Avenue and the northbound Edens Expressway on-ramp at LaBagh Woods Forest Preserve. CDOT is requesting 0.019 acre of permanent easement and 0.029 acre of temporary easement or 825 square feet of permanent easement and 1,279 square feet of temporary easement.

Reason: CDOT requests a permanent easement for sidewalk construction and temporary easement for grading purposes in conjunction with intersection improvements on Foster Avenue at the northbound on-ramp for the Edens Expressway. The intersection improvements are part of a \$60 million retail development project on the south side of Foster Avenue. The intersection improvements include turn lanes, traffic signals and crosswalks. The new sidewalk, signals, and crosswalks will provide improved pedestrian access to LaBagh Woods.

Easement Fee: \$8,000.00 for the permanent easement and \$4,000.00 for the temporary easement for a total of \$12,000.00, based on appraised market value.

Tree Mitigation Fee: None

Concurrence(s):

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

District(s): 12

[19-0221](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED LICENSE AMENDMENT REQUEST

Request: Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”), as Licensor to amend a License to the Village of Burr Ridge (“Burr Ridge”), Grantee, to locate, operate and maintain a 36-inch watermain. Burr Ridge has an existing 36-inch water main under License No. 1625 granted by the Forest Preserves in 1996. Part of water main is proposed to be relocated approximately 60 feet to the southeast due to the Illinois Tollway’s Mile Long Bridge reconstruction project (Board Agenda Item 19-0185). The relocation route includes 154 more linear feet than the existing license route. The license will be amended to show the new location along with an additional 154 feet of water main.

Term: Continuous

License Fee: \$4,560.61

License Application Fee: \$3,500.00

YELAR Fee: \$6,450.00

Total one-time upfront fee of \$14,510.61 for the term of the License
(Sec. 5-2A-4 and 5-2B-4)

Tree Mitigation Fee: None

The area of the License is: 154 linear feet of additional water main at a standard license area of 15 feet for a total of 2,310 square feet, or 0.05 acre.

Concurrence(s):

The Chief Financial Officer has approved this item. Final amendment, including any required insurance, is subject to legal review and approval.

The Forest Preserves staff have reviewed the plans associated with this license amendment 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 amendment.

District(s): 17

[19-0222](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED LICENSE AMENDMENT REQUEST

Request: Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves"), as Licensor to amend a License to Wood River Pipelines, LLC ("Wood River"), Grantee, to locate, operate and maintain a 14-inch petroleum pipeline. Wood River has an existing 14-inch petroleum pipeline under License No. 868 granted by the Forest Preserves in 1971. Part of pipeline is proposed to be relocated and extended approximately 409 feet due to the Illinois Tollway's Mile Long Bridge reconstruction project (Board Agenda Item 19-0185). The current license expires on September 7, 2021. The license will be renewed/amended for a ten (10) year term for the entire length of the pipeline in the Forest Preserves, including the additional 409 feet of new pipeline, at the current on-time renewal rate.

Term: Ten (10) Years

License Fee: \$17,324.38

License Application Fee: \$3,500.00

YELAR Fee: \$6,450.00

Total one-time upfront fee of \$27,274.38 for the term of the License
(Sec. 5-2A-4 and 5-2B-4)

Tree Mitigation Fee: None

The area of the License is: 0.40 Acre

Concurrence(s):

The Chief Financial Officer has approved this item. Final amendment, including any required insurance, is subject to legal review and approval.

The Forest Preserves staff have reviewed the plans associated with this license amendment 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 amendment.

District(s): 17

[19-0226](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Department: Resource Management

Other Part(ies): Illinois Department of Natural Resources State Historic Preservation Office (“SHPO”), Springfield, Illinois; and the Illinois State Museum, Springfield, Illinois

Request: Authorization to enter into an intergovernmental agreement to streamline the permitting process between the agencies related to compliance with the Archaeological and Paleontological Resources Protection Act (20 ILCS 3435/.01 et seq.) (the “Act”).

Goods or Services: This agreement will serve as a general permit to conduct archaeological investigations on lands owned, managed, and leased by the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) as required by the Act in lieu of the issuance of individual permits.

Agreement Number(s): N/A

Agreement Period: Five (5) years from date of execution

Fiscal Impact: None

Accounts: N/A

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: The Forest Preserves is responsible for protecting and preserving archaeological and paleontological resources on public lands owned by the Forest Preserves, pursuant to the Act. The Forest Preserves, through the Illinois State Archaeological Survey, has undertaken a records review of its archaeological resources - both known and unknown - following management priorities established within the Natural and Cultural Resources Master Plan. This work has involved verification and identification of new site areas, identification of threats to archaeological resources, and development of appropriate resource management strategies for cultural resources located on Forest Preserves land, so that these invaluable resources can be preserved and protected for future generations.

This intergovernmental agreement stipulates personnel requirements, field and laboratory methods, reporting, and curation obligations for work under the Act for the purpose of reducing the number of individual permits to be issued across the many investigation sites occurring on Forest Preserves property, increasing efficiencies for all involved agencies. A functionally identical agreement was previously in place since 2016, but has since expired.

The SHPO is the state office designated as the lead agency responsible for implementation of the Act. The Illinois State Museum, a division of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, is a statewide system of museums responsible for curation and data recordation under the Act, for the purpose of preserving and maintaining a tangible record of Illinois' natural and cultural heritage.

[19-0232](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

RIGHT OF ENTRY AGREEMENT

Department(s): Planning and Development

Vendor: United States of America, Department of the Army (the "Army")

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Right of Entry Agreement is for the Army to survey, make test borings, and carry out other exploratory work on Forest Preserves property as may be necessary in connection with

the Army's proposed work with the McCook Levee. The McCook Levee is an existing levee along the Des Plaines River which reduces the risk of flooding in the communities of McCook, Lyons, and Summit, Illinois.

Contract Value: N/A

Contract period: Six (6) months from the date of full execution

Estimated Fiscal Impact: None

Accounts: N/A

Contract Number(s): N/A

Concurrences:

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

Forest Preserves staff have reviewed the plans associated with this proposed right of entry agreement and have found them to be acceptable; therefore, it is recommended that the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners approve this proposed agreement.

District(s): 16

Summary: The Army plans to do soil borings and other exploratory work on both property owned by the Forest Preserves and property owned by Metropolitan Water Reclamation District ("MWRD") and leased to the Forest Preserves. For property directly owned by the Forest Preserves, the Army is requiring the execution of a Right of Entry Agreement. Under such Right of Entry Agreement, the Forest Preserves is forgoing its standard fees as well as standard agreement terms such as insurance and indemnification. However, the Forest Preserves will require MWRD to complete a Construction Access Permit with all of the Forest Preserves standard terms, excluding fees. This waiver of fees is consistent with the Memorandum of Understanding between the Forest Preserves and MWRD approved by the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners on May 11, 2017.

[19-0219](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED MISCELLANEOUS ITEM OF BUSINESS

Department: Resource Management

Summary: Requesting authority, pursuant to Section 9 of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Act (70 ILCS810/9), to submit Harms Woods for Illinois Nature Preserve ("INP") dedication.

This dedication contributes to one of the key goals set forward in the Next Century Conservation Plan to dedicate 20,000 acres by 2025 as INPs. Dedication of a site as an INP provides the highest level of protection for land in Illinois, and is granted only to natural areas of exceptional ecological quality.

Harms Woods is an approximately 170 acre preserve adjacent to the Village of Glenview in northeast Cook County. The site consists of high quality mesic oak woodlands, mesic upland forest, and floodplain forest along the Chicago River, which divides the preserve in half. Ecological management of the site began in the 1980s by volunteers and Forest Preserves of Cook County staff, and today the site remains under management by a vibrant volunteer community. The site features beautiful woodlands, a diverse set of wildflowers, and a number of rare state-listed species.

The Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) currently has twenty-four (24) dedicated Nature Preserves and four (4) Land and Water Reserves. The addition of Harms Woods would establish the 25th INP and bring the Forest Preserves’ total INP protected lands to approximately 9,860 acres.

It is respectfully requested that authority be granted to the Forest Preserves to submit Harms Woods to the Illinois Nature Preserves Commission for review and formal dedication as an Illinois Nature Preserve.

District(s): 14

[19-0229](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Finance and Administration

Request: Refer to Contract Compliance Committee

Report Title: Forest Preserves of Cook County Annual Business Diversity Report FY 2018

Report Period: 1/1/2018 - 12/31/2018

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 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 District 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 as set forth under the ordinances that comprise the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Municipal Code.

The Minority and Women-Owned Businesses program accomplishments in FY 2018 include; awarded contracts achieved 47% minority and women-owned businesses participation; 55% of contract payments were made to minority and women-owned businesses either as prime contractors or sub-contractors.

The Forest Preserves participated in 16 outreach and workshop conferences, many in collaboration with various government entities. Also, in 2018, the Board approved an amendment to the Minority and Women Business Enterprise Ordinance to create the Established Business Enterprise Program which allows for weighted program participation as Minority and Women-Owned Businesses grow and graduate from the program.

[19-0223](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Finance and Administration

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Procurement and Disbursements Report

Report Period: 2/1/2019 - 2/28/2019

Summary: Submitting the Procurement and Disbursements Report for the period of February 2019. The report is to be received and filed in compliance with Section 1-8-2 (BB) of the District's Code of Ordinances.

[19-0107](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CALENDAR OF EVENTS**Department: Conservation and Experiential Programming****Summary: Forest Preserves of Cook County Calendar - 4/23/2019 - 5/21/2019****Saturday, 4/27; 9am - 1pm****Earth Day Celebration and Preserves Clean Up, Beaubien Woods, Chicago**

Clean up the preserves in partnership with Friends of the Parks and enjoy fun nature activities and snacks during your break. Registration required for groups of 10 or more. Call 708-386-4042.

Saturday, 4/27; 12pm - 4:30pm and Sunday, 4/28; 10am - 4:30pm**Midwest Daffodil Society Display and Floral Design Show, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe**

The Midwest Daffodil Society's show features hundreds of daffodils on display that will be judged by the society. The show includes cut blooms, floral design, and photography competitions. The show will include floral designs inspired by the gardens at the Chicago Botanic Garden. Daffodil growers of all skill levels are invited to participate.

Saturday, 4/27; 6:30pm - 12am**Annual Whirl Gala, Chicago Zoological Society/Brookfield Zoo, Brookfield**

The Chicago Zoological Society's Women's Board and Board of Trustees will host its 38th annual black-tie gala on Saturday, April 27, at Brookfield Zoo. This year's theme "Roaring Whirl 2019" celebrates the 100th anniversary of the land donation to the Forest Preserves of Cook County for the express purpose of creating a modern zoo. The event includes a cocktail hour featuring up-close experiences with many of the zoo's animal ambassadors, a three-course dinner, and dancing. *Tickets are available on Brookfield Zoo website.*

Sunday, 4/28; 12:30pm - 3pm**Earth Day Celebration with the BackYard Nature Center, Erickson Woods, Winnetka**

Join the BackYard Nature Center for an afternoon of service, learning and fun. Activities include restoration, a fishing clinic, nature hikes and pop-up nature play.

Sunday, 4/28; 1pm**Forest Bathing, Thatcher Woods Pavilion, River Forest**

Join Roberta Janssen for a forest therapy walk and experience nature in a healthy way that will help you get out of your head, live in our body and reduce stress in your life. *For adults and teens. Space is limited. Call 708-366-6530 to register.*

Sunday, 4/28; 1pm

Spring Pollinators, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

Meet the mining bees and other early pollinators and learn to welcome them in your landscape. Indoor presentation followed by hike. *Ages 14 and up. Registration required. Call 630-257-2045.*

Thursday, 5/2; 7:30am

Bird Walk, Perkins Woods, Evanston

Join the Evanston North Shore Bird Club for birding in this small spring migrant hotspot. Added bonus: spring wildflowers. Beginners welcome; binoculars available. *For more information, visit the Evanston North Shore Bird Club website.*

Saturday, 5/4; 6am - 12pm

Birding Big Sit, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

Sagawau is counting each individual bird as it visits a specific area. Stay as long as you want. *Binoculars available for loan. All Ages.*

Saturday, 5/4; 9am - 11am Rain Date: Sunday, 5/5; 9am - 11am

Ralph Frese Memorial Paddle, Willow Road Dam, Winnetka

Bring your canoe or kayak and celebrate the legacy of canoe legend Ralph Frese by paddling the Chicago River from Willow Road Dam to Linne Woods. A shuttle bus runs 8am to 2pm from Linne Woods to Willow Road Dam. Launch at 9am.

Saturday, 5/4; 6am - 12pm

Big Sit, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs

Help identify all the birds seen or heard from a 17-foot-diameter stationary circle.

Sunday, 5/5; 6am - 1pm

The Big Sit, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

We need birders of any experience to help at any part of the day, counting the numbers and types of birds.

Sunday, 5/5; 11am - 3pm

Spring Festival, Trailside Museum of Natural History, River Forest

Celebrate spring with a fun day of activities for all ages, including animal encounters, kids' tree climb, guided spring wildflower walks, bird banding, dip netting, seed planting, a kid's craft, building a bird house to take home and much more!

Friday, 5/10; 7pm - 8:30pm

Spring Evening Awakening, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Use your sense of hearing to identify frogs during a night hike. *Registration required.*

Friday, 5/11; 4pm and Saturday 5/12; 9am**Camping with the Birds, Camp Reinberg, Palatine**

Join Chicago Audubon Society for an overnight camping trip with an owl walk, campfire sing-along (with s'mores!) and a morning bird walk during the height of spring migration. Tent sites are available for half-price at \$17.50 (cabins are sold out). Chicago Audubon activities are free; bring your own Friday night dinner and Saturday morning breakfast. Subject to weather and Camp Reinberg cancellation policies. *Contact 312-636-9750 to register.*

Saturday, 5/11; 11am - 3pm**International Migratory Bird Day and Big Sit, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills**

Join us for a bird walk to see who is winging in and experience the perils of migration in our Migration Obstacle Course.

Saturday, 5/11; 6am - 12pm**The Big Sit Birdwatching, Trailside Museum of Natural History, River Forest**

Stop and sit a while as we see how many birds we can spot or hear without leaving a 17-foot circle. *Binoculars and guidance provided.*

Saturday, 5/11; 9am - 12pm**Chicago River Day Clean-up, Whistler Woods, Riverdale**

Celebrate the 27th annual Chicago River Day with the Forest Preserves of Cook County on the Little Calumet River. *All ages. See Chicago River website for more information.*

Saturday, 5/11; 10am - 5pm (weather permitting)**Model Railroad Garden: Landmarks of America, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe**

It's the 20th anniversary for this family favorite. Eighteen model G-scale trains run on 18 tracks, winding over bridges and trestles, and around nearly 50 models of American landmarks such as the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. and the White House.

Every Day, 5/11 - 9/29**Brick Safari, Chicago Zoological Society/Brookfield Zoo, Brookfield**

Brick Safari features more than 40 life-size animal sculptures created from millions of individual colored LEGO bricks! The menagerie of animals will be located along a winding, wooded pathway on the east side of the park, and many of the sculptures are based on some Brookfield Zoo favorites, such as the

lion, giraffe, snow leopard, and pangolin. Open during zoo hours.

Sunday, 5/12; 1:30pm

Mother's Day Wildflower Walk, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Learn about spring woodland wildflowers on a casual hike.

Sunday, 5/12; 9am, 11am, 1pm (Seating)

Mother's Day Brunch, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe

Treat mom to spring in the Garden and an elegant brunch buffet that includes a carving station and made-to-order omelets. Parties of eight or fewer may share a table with other guests. *Reservation required; fees include parking.*

Friday, 5/17; 11am - 12:30pm or 3:30pm - 5pm

River Kayaking 101, Trailside Museum of Natural History, River Forest

Introductory class provided prior to a short paddle along the Des Plaines River to Maywood Grove. Perfect for new kayakers. *Ages 5 and up. Registration required. Call 312-533-5751.*

Friday, 5/17; 7:30pm - 9pm

'Scopes in the City', Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Join Adler Planetarium astronomy staff for a fun night under the stars! We will start with a presentation, then learn how a telescope works and view our beautiful moon.

Saturday, 5/18; 9am - 11:30am

World Migratory Bird Day Celebration, LaBagh Woods, Chicago

Welcome back birds at this year's World Migratory Bird Day Celebration. Watch scientists band and release birds migrating from Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean. Enjoy crafts, snacks, bird walks and more.

Saturday, 5/18; 7:30pm - 10:30pm

Night Sky Programs: Viewing the Night Sky with Binoculars, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs

Peek at the universe through telescopes; guided by the Chicago Astronomical Society.

Saturday, 5/18; 11am - 3pm

Nature Block Party, Eggers Grove, Chicago

Get your hands dirty and participate in land restoration or relax with games, biking, walks and more.

Limited number of bikes available. *All ages. Registration required for groups of 20 or more. Call 708-386-4042.*

Saturday, 5/18; 10am - 4pm

Get Growing Plant Sale, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe

A new splash of color or a bit of texture can help freshen up your garden for spring. Come early to a one-of-a-kind plant sale hosted by the Women's Board of the Chicago Horticultural Society. Look for unique plants and planters, as well as arrangements design by Garden horticulturists. Need inspiration or advice? Our staff experts will lead demonstrations to get you started.

Sunday, 5/19; 8am

Des Plaines Canoe and Kayak Marathon, Dam No. 2 Woods, Mt. Prospect

Join the second oldest continual canoe race in the United States! Race begins at Oak Springs Road in Libertyville and ends at Dam #2. Free for spectators. Activities at Dam #2 begin at 11am. *Register on Canoe Marathon Website.*

Sunday, 5/19; 10am

Canyon Tour, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

Sagawau Canyon highlights the geology of Northeast Illinois. Hike is over rough terrain; wading through a stream is necessary. *Registration required. Starts the Monday prior to the program date.*

Sunday, 5/19; 2pm - 4pm

Camping Open House, Camp Reinberg, Palatine, Camp Bullfrog Lake, Willow Springs, Camp Sullivan, Oak Forest, Camp Dan Beard, Northbrook, Camp Shabbona, South Holland

See the sites and learn more at all five campgrounds.

Tuesday, 5/21; 5:30pm - 7pm

Camping 101, Camp Bullfrog, Willow Springs

Free, hands-on workshop series teaching basic camping skills. No youth groups. *All ages. Children 16 and under with adult.*

COMMITTEE ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

RULES COMMITTEE MEETING OF 4/23/2019

19-0246 JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS meeting held on 3/19/2019

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING OF 4/23/2019

19-0230 RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (LITIGATION) Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Litigation– 3/19/2019

19-0234 RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (WORKERS' COMPENSATION) Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Workers' Compensation– 4/23/2019

19-0216 PROPOSED DISBURSEMENT Swim Chicago Southland, Bridgeview, Illinois

19-0224 REPORT Corporate Fund Analysis of Revenue and Expense 1/1/2018 – 2/28/2019

REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE MEETING OF 4/23/2019

19-0185 PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT- Illinois State Toll Highway Authority (the "Tollway")