



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

**Journal of Proceedings for the FPD Board of Commissioners**

**10:00 AM**

**Tuesday, January 13, 2026**

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

**ATTENDANCE**

**Present:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Trevor and Vásquez (13)

**Excused Absence:** Moore, Morita, Scott and Stamps (4)

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**26-0001**

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

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING THE FOREST PRESERVES OF COOK COUNTY'S BUSSE FOREST NATURE PRESERVE FOR RECEIVING A CHICAGO WILDERNESS EXCELLENCE IN ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION ACCREDITATION, AND THE FOREST PRESERVES OF COOK COUNTY'S POWDERHORN LAKE HABITAT RESTORATION PROJECT FOR RECEIVING A CHICAGO WILDERNESS FORCE OF NATURE AWARD**

**WHEREAS**, on October 22, 2025, the Forest Preserves of Cook County's Busse Forest Nature Preserve was honored with a Platinum Accreditation, the highest level possible, from the Chicago Wilderness Excellence in Ecological Restoration Accreditation Program, and the Forest Preserves' Powderhorn Lake Habitat Restoration project was honored with a Chicago Wilderness George B. Rabb Force of Nature Award at a ceremony at the Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum in Chicago, Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, the Excellence in Ecological Restoration Accreditation Program recognizes the organization's management of the largest and highest-quality natural areas in the Chicago region and highlights projects that set an example of best practices in natural resource management and ecological restoration; and

**WHEREAS**, the 1,213-acre Busse Forest Nature Preserve is the seventh largest nature preserve in the State of Illinois and is part of the 3,558-acre Ned Brown Preserve, popularly known as Busse Woods in northwest Cook County near Elk Grove Village, Illinois and receives tens of thousands of visitors each year who seek out the preserve for outdoor recreation and nature exploration; and

**WHEREAS**, Busse Forest Nature Preserve protects a mosaic of habitats including woodlands, a sedge meadow, shrub swamp, and freshwater marsh, and the subtle changes in the site's topography and soils foster an intermingling of natural communities and create a hot spot of biological diversity, including over two hundred seventy (270) native plant species, including several state-listed species; and

**WHEREAS**, the George B. Rabb Force of Nature Awards recognize individuals and organizations whose conservation, restoration, advocacy or educational activities in the region are inspirational examples for others; and

**WHEREAS**, the Powderhorn Lake Habitat Restoration project was completed in 2023 and restored more than 100 acres of wetlands by reconnecting the Forest Preserves' 50-acre Powderhorn Lake to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources' 950-acre Wolf Lake; and

**WHEREAS**, Powderhorn Lake is located within Powderhorn Forest Preserve on the southeast side of Chicago, an area that has been shaped by significant urban and industrial development and yet still harbors a globally rare dune and swale habitat and is considered one of the most biodiverse natural areas in Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2016, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources' Coastal Management Program supported the development of a hydrology plan for Powderhorn Lake that the Forest Preserves did not anticipate being able to implement due to cost and complexity; and

**WHEREAS**, Audubon Great Lakes, a long-time Forest Preserves conservation and community engagement partner, secured funding from the Great Lakes Commission and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to conduct this visionary and ambitious project leading to the successful hydrologic reconnection between Powderhorn Lake and Wolf Lake, reestablishing vital marsh habitat for migratory birds, thriving fish nursery, and reducing flooding and erosion in neighboring communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Powderhorn Lake Habitat Restoration project also benefitted from the support of = numerous other partner organizations including The Nature Conservancy, Chicago Park District, The Wetlands Initiative and others and demonstrates what is possible through the collective expertise, coordination, and collaboration of dedicated partners.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Toni Preckwinkle, President, and the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserves Cook County, congratulate the staff and partners involved in both the Chicago Wilderness Excellence in Ecological Restoration Accreditation and George B. Rabb Force of Nature Award and thank them for their commitment to the mission of the Forest Preserves; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to the awardees as a token of appreciation for their service to the Forest Preserves of Cook County and the residents of Cook County...end

**A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner K. Morrison, to approve 26-0001. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Trevor and Vásquez (13)

**Excused Absence:** Moore, Morita, Scott and Stamps (4)

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

1. George Blakemore

**PRESIDENT**

**26-0118**

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

**REPORT**

**Department:** Office of the General Superintendent

**Request:** Receive and File

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

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

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

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

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Trevor and Vásquez (13)

**Excused Absence:** Moore, Morita, Scott and Stamps (4)

**26-0010**

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

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**APPROVING EXTENSION OF THE TERM OF A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT NEGOTIATED BETWEEN THE FOREST PRESERVES OF COOK COUNTY AND THE ILLINOIS FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE LABOR COUNCIL (POLICE OFFICER UNIT)**

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

**WHEREAS**, a Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) and the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council (Police Officer Unit) is currently in effect for a term of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2025 covering Police Officers in the Law Enforcement Department of the Forest Preserves (Board Item Nos. 23-0523 and 24-0309); and

**WHEREAS**, the Forest Preserves and the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council (Police Officer Unit) have negotiated an extension to the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Forest Preserves of Cook County and the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council (Police Officer Unit) through December 31, 2027.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby approves, with respect to such above-referenced Collective Bargaining Agreement, the proposed time extension, a one-time lump sum payment, salary adjustments and general wage increases as follows:

- (a) Extension of the Collective Bargaining Agreement by and between the Forest Preserves of Cook County and the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council (Police Officer Unit) for the period of January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2027;
- (b) Effective upon board approval of the extension, a one-time lump sum payment of \$2,500.00 will be paid on the payroll date closest to forty-five (45) days after board approval, to bargaining unit members in the classification of Police Officer in active status on December 31, 2025;
- (c) Effective the first full pay period on or after January 1, 2026, the pay rates for the classification of Police Officer shall be increased by 2%;
- (d) Effective the first full pay period on or after July 1, 2026, the pay rates for the classification of Police Officer shall be increased by 2%;
- (e) Effective the first full pay period on or after January 1, 2027, the pay rates for the classification of Police Officer shall be increased by 4%.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council (Police Officer Unit) members who retired from the Forest Preserves on or after January 1, 2026 are eligible for retroactive pay from January 1, 2026 for hours worked in the Police Officer position included in the extended Collective Bargaining Agreement, as negotiated between the Forest Preserves and Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council (Police Officer Unit).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Forest Preserves’ Interim Director of Human Resources, Chief Financial Officer, and Comptroller are hereby authorized to implement the salary adjustments and general wage increases as negotiated and otherwise outlined above.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Forest Preserves’ Comptroller is hereby directed to make all payments consistent with this resolution.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner K. Morrison, to approve 26-0010. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Trevor and Vásquez (13)

**Excused Absence:** Moore, Morita, Scott and Stamps (4)

**26-0011**

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

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**APPROVING EXTENSION OF THE TERM OF A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT NEGOTIATED BETWEEN THE FOREST PRESERVES OF COOK COUNTY AND THE SHEET METAL, AIR, RAIL & TRANSPORTATION WORKERS (SMART), LOCAL NO. 73**

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

**WHEREAS**, a Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) and the Sheet Metal, Air, Rail & Transportation Workers (SMART), Local No. 73 is currently in effect for a term of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2025 (Board Item Nos. 22-0128, 22-0497 and 24-0249); and

**WHEREAS**, the Forest Preserves and the Sheet Metal, Air, Rail & Transportation Workers (SMART), Local No. 73 have negotiated an extension to the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Forest Preserves of Cook County and the Sheet Metal, Air, Rail & Transportation Workers (SMART), Local No. 73 through December 31, 2027.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby approves, with respect to such above-referenced Collective Bargaining Agreement, the proposed time extension, a one-time lump sum payment, salary adjustments and general wage increases as follows:

- (a) Extension of the Collective Bargaining Agreement by and between the Forest Preserves of Cook County and the Sheet Metal, Air, Rail & Transportation Workers (SMART), Local No. 73 for the period of January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2027;
- (b) Effective upon board approval of the extension, a one-time lump sum payment of \$2,500.00 will be paid on the payroll date closest to forty-five (45) days after board approval, to bargaining unit members in active status on December 31, 2025; and
- (c) Salary adjustments and prevailing wage increases will be approved pursuant to state law for the extended term.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Forest Preserves' Comptroller is hereby directed to make all payments consistent with this resolution.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Forest Preserves' Interim 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 Anaya, seconded by K. Commissioner Morrison, to approve 26-0011. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Trevor and Vásquez (13)

**Excused Absence:** Moore, Morita, Scott and Stamps (4)

**26-0012**

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

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**APPROVING EXTENSION OF THE TERM OF A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT NEGOTIATED BETWEEN THE FOREST PRESERVES OF COOK COUNTY AND THE INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS, LOCAL 134**

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

**WHEREAS**, a Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 134 is currently in effect for a term of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2025 (Board Item Nos. 22-0131, 22-0497 and 24-0248); and

**WHEREAS**, the Forest Preserves and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 134

have negotiated an extension to the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Forest Preserves of Cook County and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 134 through December 31, 2027.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby approves, with respect to such above-referenced Collective Bargaining Agreement, the proposed time extension, a one-time lump sum payment, salary adjustments and general wage increases as follows:

(a) Extension of the Collective Bargaining Agreement by and between the Forest Preserves of Cook County and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 134 for the period of January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2027;

(b) Effective upon board approval of the extension, a one-time lump sum payment of \$2,500.00 will be paid on the payroll date closest to forty-five (45) days after board approval, to bargaining unit members in active status on December 31, 2025; and

(c) Salary adjustments and prevailing wage increases will be approved pursuant to state law for the extended term.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Forest Preserves' Comptroller is hereby directed to make all payments consistent with this resolution.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Forest Preserves' Interim 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 Anaya, seconded by Commissioner K. Morrison, to approve 26-0012. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Trevor and Vásquez (13)

**Excused Absence:** Moore, Morita, Scott and Stamps (4)

#### **26-0013**

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

#### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **APPROVING EXTENSION OF THE TERM OF A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT NEGOTIATED BETWEEN THE FOREST PRESERVES OF COOK COUNTY AND THE INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF PAINTERS AND ALLIED TRADES DISTRICT COUNCIL #14**

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

**WHEREAS**, a Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") and the International Brotherhood of Painters and Allied Trades District Council #14 is currently in effect for a term of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2025 (Board Item Nos. 22-0130, 22-0497 and 24-0247); and

**WHEREAS**, the Forest Preserves and the International Brotherhood of Painters and Allied Trades District Council #14 have negotiated an extension to the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Forest Preserves of Cook County and International Brotherhood of Painters and Allied Trades District Council #14 through December 31, 2027.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby approves, with respect to such above-referenced Collective Bargaining Agreement, the proposed time extension, a one-time lump sum payment, salary adjustments and general wage increases as follows:

- (a) Extension of the Collective Bargaining Agreement by and between the Forest Preserves of Cook County and the International Brotherhood of Painters and Allied Trades District Council #14 for the period of January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2027;
- (b) Effective upon board approval of the extension, a one-time lump sum payment of \$2,500.00 will be paid on the payroll date closest to forty-five (45) days after board approval, to bargaining unit members in active status on December 31, 2025; and
- (c) Salary adjustments and prevailing wage increases will be approved pursuant to state law for the extended term.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Forest Preserves' Comptroller is hereby directed to make all payments consistent with this resolution.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Forest Preserves' Interim 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 Anaya, seconded by Commissioner K. Morrison, to approve 26-0013. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Trevor and Vásquez (13)

**Excused Absence:** Moore, Morita, Scott and Stamps (4)

**26-0014**

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

### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **APPROVING EXTENSION OF THE TERM OF A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT NEGOTIATED BETWEEN THE FOREST PRESERVES OF COOK COUNTY AND THE CHICAGO JOURNEYMEN PLUMBERS LOCAL UNION 130, U.A.**

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

**WHEREAS**, a Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") and the Chicago Journeymen Plumbers Local Union 130, U.A. is currently in effect for a term of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2025 (Board Item Nos. 22-0129, 22-0497 and 24-0246); and



**WHEREAS**, the Forest Preserves and the Chicago Journeymen Plumbers Local Union 130, U.A. have negotiated an extension to the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Forest Preserves of Cook County and the Chicago Journeymen Plumbers Local Union 130, U.A. through December 31, 2027.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby approves, with respect to such above-referenced Collective Bargaining Agreement, the proposed time extension, a one-time lump sum payment, salary adjustments and general wage increases as follows:

- (a) Extension of the Collective Bargaining Agreement by and between the Forest Preserves of Cook County and the Chicago Journeymen Plumbers Local Union 130, U.A. for the period of January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2027;
- (b) Effective upon board approval of the extension, a one-time lump sum payment of \$2,500.00 will be paid on the payroll date closest to forty-five (45) days after board approval, to bargaining unit members in active status on December 31, 2025; and
- (c) Salary adjustments and prevailing wage increases will be approved pursuant to state law for the extended term.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Forest Preserves' Comptroller is hereby directed to make all payments consistent with this resolution.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Forest Preserves' Interim 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 Anaya, seconded by Commissioner K. Morrison, to approve 26-0014. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Trevor and Vásquez (13)

**Excused Absence:** Moore, Morita, Scott and Stamps (4)

**OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT**

**26-0015**

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

**PROPOSED MISCELLANEOUS ITEM OF BUSINESS**

**Department:** Office of the General Superintendent

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Advertising and Promotional Services

**Fiscal Impact:** \$300,000.00 per year for up to two (2) years, for a total of \$600,000.00

**Accounts:** Advertising and Promotional Services 51001.520610

**Summary:** The Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) is requesting authorization for the General Superintendent or a designee to have discretionary spending up to \$300,000.00 per year for up to two (2) years, totaling up to \$600,000.00, beginning March 1, 2026, and ending February 29, 2028, for advertising and promotional services with a variety of media vendors to promote and showcase the amenities, programs and natural areas of the Forest Preserves. The media vendors would be engaged for periods of one (1) year or less. Media purchases would align with the communications goals of the Forest Preserves, which include focused geographic and demographic outreach to communities in Cook County that have been identified by the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning as Economically Disconnected Areas.

The advertising and promotional spending packages would be suggested by the Forest Preserves’ Communications Division as part of an integrated marketing plan that may include electronic, print, broadcast and out-of-home (billboard) advertising and vetted based on the desired audience, frequency, reach and budget offered by local media. The marketing strategy also complements the short- and long-term goals of the Forest Preserves.

**Concurrences:** The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

**District(s):** Districtwide

**A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner K. Morrison, to refer 26-0015 to the Finance Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Trevor and Vásquez (13)

**Excused Absence:** Moore, Morita, Scott and Stamps (4)

**26-0005**

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

### **PROPOSED LICENSE REQUEST**

**Request:** Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”), as Licensor to grant a License to Nicor Gas Company, Grantee, to locate, operate and maintain a 4-inch gas main, the total length of which is 2,728 linear feet of pipe on Forest Preserves land, including 2,112 feet on land designated for the operation of a zoo by the Chicago Zoological Society (“Zoo-designated land”) and the remaining 616 feet outside Zoo-designated land. At the standard license width of 15 feet, the license area is 0.21 acre(s) outside Zoo-designated land and 0.73 acre(s) inside Zoo-designated land. Historically, the Zoo has had the autonomy to allow utility infrastructure installation deemed essential to its operation and maintenance without going through the Forest Preserves’ license approval process. Due to part of the licensed area being outside Zoo-designated land, this license request is being submitted to the Board of Commissioners for approval. License fees are only being charged for the portion of the gas main which will be located outside Zoo-designated land. The Zoo’s risk management staff have indicated this secondary gas line is needed as backup service in case of emergencies to avoid disruption in natural gas service. One (1) tree (a callery pear) will need to be removed. The new line will be located substantially within existing rights-of-way and a large portion will be under an existing shared use path.

**Term:** Ten (10) years

**License Fee:** \$20,787.88

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

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

**YELAR Fee:** \$7,350.00

Total one-time upfront fee of \$32,637.88 for the term of the License (Sec. 5-2A-4 and 5-2B-4)

**Tree Mitigation Fee:** \$323.87

**The area of the License is:** 0.94 acre(s), of which 0.21 acre(s) is outside Zoo-designated land.

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

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

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

**District(s):** 16

**A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner K. Morrison, to refer 26-0005 to the Real Estate Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Trevor and Vásquez (13)

**Excused Absence:** Moore, Morita, Scott and Stamps (4)

**26-0004**

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

### **PROPOSED AGREEMENT**

**Vendor:** Memory Lane Stables, Inc., Willow Springs, Illinois

**Request:** Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to enter into a parking and trail connection use agreement

**Reason:** The Forest Preserves currently owns Buffalo Woods, a forest preserve on the east side of Willow Springs. Buffalo Woods surrounds the property owned by Memory Lane Stables, Inc. (“Memory Lane”), a small business that provides primarily equestrian services in the area, including horse rides through Buffalo Woods. Memory Lane is seeking authorization to utilize a small gravel lot, just west of Kean Avenue on Forest Preserves property, for patron parking, as well as a small trail connection directly to the west of its property to stage its horses and access the designated equestrian trail (approximately 3,660 square feet for both areas). The proposed agreement would allow for nonexclusive parking on and access to the small parking area and use of the trail connection by Memory Lane after the payment of the permit fees below. It would also require Memory Lane to maintain the parking area and trail connection throughout the agreement term. The agreement would not be assignable, and Memory Lane would indemnify the Forest Preserves and maintain proper insurance throughout the agreement’s term.

**Contract Period:** 1/1/2026 (retroactive) - 12/31/2030, with two (2) five-year renewal options to be exercised at the discretion of the General Superintendent

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** N/A (Revenue Generating). \$2,520.00 per year for the Initial Term; \$2,680.00 per year for the First Renewal Term; and \$2,970.00 per year for the Second Renewal Term. Payment for the 2026 calendar year will be due March 1, 2026. All subsequent payments will be due by December 1st of the prior year for the upcoming calendar year (e.g. 12/1/2026 for the payment to cover calendar year 2027 etc.)

**Account(s):** Miscellaneous Income 51001.411467

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

**District(s):** 17

**A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner K. Morrison, to approve 26-0004. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Trevor and Vásquez (13)

**Excused Absence:** Moore, Morita, Scott and Stamps (4)

**26-0003**

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

## **PROPOSED CONTRACT**

**Department(s):** Department of Landscape Maintenance

**Vendor:** Lakeshore Recycling Systems, LLC, Rosemont, Illinois

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Provide Refuse and Recycling Disposal Sites Districtwide

**Contract Value:** \$900,000.00

**Contract Period:** 3/1/2026 - 2/28/2029, with one (1) two-year extension option to be exercised at the discretion of the General Superintendent

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** FY 2026 \$140,000.00, FY 2027 \$171,000.00, FY 2028 \$178,000.00, FY 2029 \$185,000.00, FY 2030 \$193,000.00 (Optional), FY 2031 \$33,000.00 (Optional)

**Accounts:** Scavenger and Material 51001.520050

**Contract Number(s):** #74000017429 issued under RFP 26-52-0001

**Concurrences:** The Chief Financial Officer has approved this item. Final contract 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 would like to contract with Lakeshore Recycling Systems, LLC to provide disposal sites for both refuse and recycling generated throughout the Forest Preserves. The Forest Preserves issued a Request for Proposals (“RFP”) for refuse and recycling services at the four regions throughout the Forest Preserves and received two (2) responses. Lakeshore Recycling Systems, LLC submitted a proposal for regions 1, 2, 3, and 4, and Allied Waste Transportation submitted a proposal regarding regions 1, 3, and 4 only. After a comprehensive review of the proposals, an evaluation committee determined that Lakeshore Recycling Systems, LLC presented the most qualified and cost-effective option for the disposal of refuse Districtwide.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner K. Morrison, to approve 26-0003. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Trevor and Vásquez (13)

**Excused Absence:** Moore, Morita, Scott and Stamps (4)

**26-0007**

## **REPORT**

**Department:** Departments of Legal and Finance

**Request:** Receive and File

**Report Title:** Workers’ Compensation Report - November 2025

**Report Period:** 11/1/2025 - 11/30/2025

**Summary:** The Forest Preserves of Cook County Departments of Legal and Finance are submitting Workers' Compensation Claim Payments for the month of November 2025. Payments total \$75,789.39 for November 2025.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner K. Morrison, to receive and file 26-0007. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Trevor and Vásquez (13)

**Excused Absence:** Moore, Morita, Scott and Stamps (4)

**26-0008**

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

**REPORT**

**Department:** Department of Finance and Administration

**Request:** Receive and File

**Report Title:** Procurement and Disbursement Report

**Report Period:** 11/1/2025 - 11/30/2025

**Summary:** Submitting the Procurement and Disbursement Report for the period of November 2025. This report is to be received and filed in compliance with Section 1-8-2 (BB) of the District's Code of Ordinances.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner K. Morrison, to receive and file 26-0008. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Trevor and Vásquez (13)

**Excused Absence:** Moore, Morita, Scott and Stamps (4)

**26-0115**

**Presented by:** HEATH WOLFE, County Auditor

**REPORT**

**Department:** Office of the County Auditor

**Request:** Refer to Audit Committee

**Report Title:** Fiscal Year 2026 Audit Plan for Forest Preserve District of Cook County

**Report Period:** Fiscal Year 2026

**Summary:** Proposed Fiscal Year 2026 Audit Plan for Forest Preserve District of Cook County

**A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner K. Morrison, to approve 26-0115. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Trevor and Vásquez (13)

**Excused Absence:** Moore, Morita, Scott and Stamps (4)

**26-0002**

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

### **PROPOSED CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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

**Summary:** Forest Preserves of Cook County Calendar of Events and Activities  
1/13/2026-2/2/2026

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

**Wednesday, 1/14; 11am—2pm**

**Crafternoon: Snow Inspired Art, Camp Sullivan, Oak Forest**

Drop-in and let the winter landscape inspire you. Participants can create different arts and crafts. *This program is suitable for people of all abilities. For more information, please call (312)533-5751.*

**Wednesday, 1/14; 4:30pm—6:30pm**

**Winter Waterland, Thatcher Woods Pavilion, River Forest**

Drop-in and learn about the water cycle and freshwater ecology through water quality testing and activities. *For more information, please call (312)533-5751.*

**Thursdays, 1/15 - 2/26; 4pm—8pm**

**Winter Open Climb, Camp Sullivan, Oak Forest**

Patrons can scale Camp Sullivan’s indoor climbing wall. *Registration required. Participants must weigh over 40 pounds and sign a waiver. Participants 17 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Accessible equipment will be available. For more information, please visit the website.*

**Thursday, 1/15; 5:30pm—7:30pm**

**Crafting Circle, Caldwell Woods, Chicago**

Drop in and unwind while sharing tips, techniques and inspiration with fellow crafters of all skill levels. *Participants should bring their own materials because available supplies are limited. For more information, please call (773)758-8899 or visit the website.*

**Friday, 1/16; 9:30am—12pm**

**Bird Painting Workshop Step-by-Step: Red-breasted Nuthatch, Trailside Museum of Natural History, River Forest**

Participants can sketch and paint a 9”x 12” canvas using acrylic paints. *Registration required. Ages 13 and up. The cost is \$5 per person. All materials will be provided. Please call (708) 366-6530.*

**Saturday, 1/17; 8am—10am**

**Winter Brr-ding, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Join us for an early morning walk to see our brave winter residents followed by hot chocolate. *Registration required. Please call (708)868-0606.*

**Sunday, 1/11; 9am—11am**

**Winter Photography, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

An outdoor workshop focusing on amazing winter scenes. *Registration required. Ages 13 and up. Please call (847)824-8360.*

**Saturday, 1/17; 10am—12pm**

**Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service Day, Caldwell Woods Wellness Center, Chicago**

Patrons can give back and join the community for a litter clean up to commemorate Martin Luther King, Jr. *For more information, please call (773)758-8899 or visit the website.*

**Saturday, 1/17; 10am—2pm**

**Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service and Brush Pile Burn, Eggers Grove, Chicago**

Patrons can learn what it takes to keep our forest healthy and remove invasive plant species. *S'mores will be provided. For more information, please visit the website.*

**Saturday, 1/17; 12:30pm—2:30pm**

**Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Stewardship, Evans Field, River Grove**

Patrons can give back by joining a litter clean up and restoration workday by stewarding your preserve. *For more information, please visit the website.*

**Sunday, 1/18; 1pm**

**Winter Trees, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Join a nature expert as we discover several ways to identify trees in winter. *Registration required. Ages 18 and up. Please call (630)257-2045.*

**Sunday, 1/18; 1:30pm**

**Where in Winter, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

Life in our forest preserves doesn't hibernate when the cold weather begins because our wildest residents have clever tricks to make it through the winter. Patrons can discover and learn their survival secrets. *For more information, please call (708)839-6897.*

**Sunday, 1/18; 1pm**

**Winter Insects, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Believe it or not, some insects are active through the winter. Participants can search for these cold-hardy survivors. *Registration required. Ages 14 and up. Please call (630)257-2045.*



**Monday, 1/19; 9am—2pm**

**Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Patrons can participate in a self-led litter pick-up. *Garbage bags and disposable gloves are available. Students can earn service-learning hours. For more information, please call (708)868-0606.*

**Monday, 1/19; 10am—1pm**

**Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service, Dan Ryan Woods Pavilion, Chicago**

Join us for an afternoon of crafts, cocoa, and a clothing drive. *Registration is required for groups of 10 or more participants. For more information, please visit the website.*

**Monday, 1/19; 12pm—2pm**

**Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service: Teen Day of Restoration, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington**

Participants can put on some gloves and join us to remove invasive species. *Registration required. Ages 13-17. Tools and equipment will be provided. Students can earn service-learning hours. Please call (847)381-6592.*

**Monday, 1/19; 1pm—3pm**

**Martin Luther King Jr. National Day of Service, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Patrons can make River Trail better on this official day of community service. *Ages 10 and up. Ages 10-17 must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, please call (847)824-8360.*

**Monday, 1/19; 1pm—3pm**

**Martin Luther King Jr. Service Celebration, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

Patrons can unwind and relax after your day of service by enjoying hot cocoa and refreshments in a cozy setting. *For more information, please call (708)839-6897.*

**Tuesday, 1/20; 10:30am—12:30pm**

**Cozy Campground Book Club, Camp Reinberg, Palatine**

Join this camping themed book club. *Registration required. Please visit the website.*

**Wednesday, 1/21; 10am—12pm**

**Do It Yourself Weather Station, Bemis Woods-South, Oak Brook**

Patrons can learn about the importance of weather and climate data, and how to set up a weather station. *Ages 18 and up. This program will meet at Grove 7. For more information, please call (312)533-5751.*

**Friday, 1/23; 2pm—4pm**

**Nature Photography, Sauk Trail Woods-Central, South Chicago Heights**

Enjoy the winter landscapes and bring a camera to capture the beauty along our trail. *For more information, please visit the website.*

**Friday, 1/23; 6pm**

**Saving Dark Skies, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

Discover how light pollution dims our view of the night sky with an indoor presentation and a view through telescopes! *Registration required. Please call (708)839-6897.*

**Saturday, 1/24; 10:30am—12:30pm**

**Winter Trails and Camp Fire Details, Camp Reinberg, Palatine**

Enjoy a short hike, watch a campfire building demo, and relax by the fireside with hot beverages and s'mores. *For more information, please visit the website.*

**Saturday, 1/24; 10:30am—1:30pm**

**All About Fire, Thatcher Woods Pavilion, River Forest**

Patrons can learn safe practices for fire building and containment, make fire inspired art, build your own fire, and roast marshmallows. *For more information, please call (312)533-5751.*

**Sunday, 1/25; 1:30pm**

**Conservation at Home: Winter Seed Sowing, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Participants can use native seeds to make a winter sowing milk jug and take it home. *Registration required. Ages 13 and up. Supplies will be provided. Please call (847)824-8360.*

**Thursday, 1/29; 1pm**

**Animal Enrichment Studio, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington**

Patrons can create new items for our ambassador animals, then watch how enrichment is used as an important part of their care. *For more information, please call (847)381-6592.*

**Thursday, 1/29; 5:30pm—7:30pm**

**Dungeons and Dragons, Caldwell Woods, Chicago**

Join us for a nature-themed Dungeons and Dragons one-shot campaign. *Participants must bring their own dice. All experience levels are welcomed. For more information, please call (773)758-8899 or visit the website.*

**Saturday, 1/31; 9am—12pm**

**Build a Birdhouse, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Patrons can learn the basics of backyard avian husbandry, build and paint a birdhouse and participate in a Q and A session. *Registration required. Please call (708)868-0606.*

**Saturday, 1/31; 10am—12pm**

**Fire Mosaics, Swallow Cliff Woods Pavilion, Palos Park**

Join us for an indoor fire and create your own mosaic piece. *Supplies will be provided. For more information, please call (312)533-5751.*

**Sunday, 2/1-2/8; 9 am—4pm**

**Black History Month Walk, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington**

Learn about the impacts Black environmentalists have on the natural world on a self-guided trail exhibit. *For more information, please call (847)381-6592.*

**Sunday, 2/1-2/28; 9am—4pm**

**Underground Railroad Walks, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Join us for self-guided walks throughout February for Black History Month. *For more information, please call (708)868-0606.*

**Sunday, 2/1; 1pm—3pm**

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

Join the jam! Participants can bring their own guitar, fiddle, etc. All participants are welcome to play or enjoy the music. *Please call (708) 366-6530.*

**Sunday, 2/1; 1:30pm**

**Groundhog Day, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Patrons can learn the story behind this peculiar holiday. *For more information, please call (847)824-8360.*

**Monday, 2/2; 6pm**

**Full Moon Walk, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington**

Patrons can discover the Crabtree Nature Center at night by the light of the Snow Moon. *Registration required. Ages 8 and up. Please call (847)381-6592.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner K. Morrison, to receive and file 26-0002. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Trevor and Vásquez (13)

**Excused Absence:** Moore, Morita, Scott and Stamps (4)

**COMMITTEE ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION**

**25-0423**

**Sponsored by:** STANLEY MOORE, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT**

**Request:** Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to enter into a Partnership Agreement with the Eugene S. Pike House Foundation, Inc. (the “Foundation”) and the Beverly Area Arts Alliance (the “Alliance”) for the preservation, restoration, operation and long-term maintenance of the Eugene S. Pike House located at 1826 W. 91st Street, Chicago, Illinois (the “Pike House”).

**Reason:** This former watchman residence that was built in 1894 has fallen into disrepair and requires significant expenditure to restore the building. Under the proposed agreement, the building and adjacent yard area, approximately 0.3 acres (the “Licensed Area”), would be restored and maintained by the Foundation and the Alliance as a community center at no cost to the Forest Preserves for uses that support the Forest Preserves mission by providing nature-based education, recreation and cultural opportunities.

The critical repairs necessary to stabilize and preserve the Pike House would need to be completed by the Foundation within three (3) years of the effective date of the proposed agreement. The Foundation is proposing to fund most of the work with a major grant from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. All construction, including non-critical repair work, shall be completed within five (5) years of the effective date of the proposed agreement, unless otherwise mutually agreed to in writing by the respective parties. If construction on the project does not commence within two (2) years of the effective date, the Partnership/License Agreement will automatically terminate.

The Alliance will be responsible for the daily maintenance of all property within the Licensed Area except for any trees, including but not limited to, keeping the property in good repair, clean, and safe to the public.

The proposed agreement includes terms and conditions relating to the use of the Pike House property by the Alliance that ensures that programs, exhibits and events support the Forest Preserves mission and do not adversely affect the Forest Preserves or adjacent neighbors. Various types of insurance would be maintained by the Foundation and the Alliance throughout the proposed agreement term, and an annual community outreach plan would also be submitted to the Forest Preserves to ensure there is outreach to Cook County residents outside the Beverly Area for the center's various events.

The Forest Preserves previously issued a Request for Expressions of Interest in connection with the Pike House. Emergency roof repairs were previously authorized by the Board of Commissioners on 10/22/2024 (Board Item No. 24-0371). With respect to Title 2, Chapter 5 of the Forest Preserves' Code of Ordinances (Acquisition, Conveyance, License, and Use of District Property), waiver of license related fees and non-applicable provisions is recommended due to the minimal impact to Forest Preserves land and the above benefits of the proposed use.

**Contract Period:** Twenty-five (25) years from the effective date of the proposed agreement, with automatic renewal in five (5) year increments up to a maximum term of forty (40) years

**Fiscal Impact:** N/A

**Account(s):** N/A

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

**District(s):** 4

**A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to approve 25-0423. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Trevor and Vásquez (13)

**Excused Absence:** Moore, Morita, Scott and Stamps (4)

**25-0424**

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

**EASEMENT REQUEST**

**Request:** Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to grant a temporary easement to the Illinois Department of Transportation (“IDOT”) at Forestway Drive for 0.13 acre or 5,445 square feet for road improvements. Construction is expected to require removal of six (6) trees. In practice, more trees may need to be removed than originally estimated. Any increase in the tree mitigation fee will be in accordance with the Tree Mitigation Plan (see Board Item No. 20-0279), and if such increase is more than 20% of the original estimate, then approval will be sought from the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners.

**Reason:** The request includes the granting of two (2) small temporary easement areas on either side of Forestway Drive to allow re-construction of the underlying culvert built in 1937 that is very worn and in disrepair. Work in the temporary easement areas would include some excavation and erosion control measures. The Forest Preserves would be responsible for long-term maintenance of the proposed improvements in the temporary easement areas after construction is complete. IDOT would be responsible for the culvert and all other improvements within the existing road Right-of-Way. The term of the temporary easement is five (5) years, or completion of construction, whichever comes first.

**Easement Fee:** \$2,000.00

**Tree Mitigation Fee:** \$94,563.47

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

**District(s):** 14

**A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to approve 25-0424. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Trevor and Vásquez (13)

**Excused Absence:** Moore, Morita, Scott and Stamps (4)

**26-0122**

**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 12/16/2025.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to approve 26-0122. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Trevor and Vásquez (13)

**Excused Absence:** Moore, Morita, Scott and Stamps (4)

**26-0006**

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

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

Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Litigation -1/13/2026

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

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

Legal Fees Approved Fiscal Year 2026 to Present:	\$0.00
Legal Fees for 1/13/2026 to Be Approved:	\$34,708.81

**A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner K. Morrison, to approve 26-0006. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Trevor and Vásquez (13)

**Excused Absence:** Moore, Morita, Scott and Stamps (4)

**26-0009**

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

**REPORT**

**Department:** Department of Finance and Administration  
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**Request:** Receive and File

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

**Report Period:** 1/1/2025 - 11/30/2025

**Summary:** Detailed Fund Analysis of Revenue and Expenditures for November 2025.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner K. Morrison, to receive and file 26-0009. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Trevor and Vásquez (13)

**Excused Absence:** Moore, Morita, Scott and Stamps (4)

**25-0418**

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

**REPORT**

**Department:** Department of Law Enforcement

**Request:** Refer to Law Enforcement Committee

**Report Title:** Model Policing

**Report Period:** 7/1/2025 - 12/31/2025

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

**A motion was made by Commissioner Aguilar, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to receive and file 25-0418. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Trevor and Vásquez (13)

**Excused Absence:** Moore, Morita, Scott and Stamps (4)

**25-0400**

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

**REPORT**

**Department:** Department of Planning and Development

**Request:** Refer to Capital Development & Ecological Restoration Committee

**Report Title:** 2026 Update to the 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan

**Report Period:** Five (5) Years, 2026-2030

**Summary:** This report is an annual update of capital improvement projects and funding needs for the next five (5) years (2026-2030). Capital improvement needs were identified by Forest Preserves' staff, partner organizations, and members of the public. Requests for new or improved facilities, amenities, and infrastructure can be submitted at the Capital Improvement Plan webpage on the Forest Preserves website.

The draft report and appendix can be downloaded from the Forest Preserves' Capital Improvement Plan webpage via the Forest Preserves website. Comments may be submitted to [planning@cookcountyil.gov](mailto:planning@cookcountyil.gov) until January 5, 2026. The final report will be issued by the end of January 2026.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Trevor, to receive and file 25-0400. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Trevor and Vásquez (13)

**Excused Absence:** Moore, Morita, Scott and Stamps (4)

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Trevor and Vásquez (13)

**Excused Absence:** Moore, Morita, Scott and Stamps (4)

Respectfully submitted,



Secretary  
**Journal#26-0145**

A complete record of this meeting is available at <https://fpdcc.legistar.com>.