



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

**Virtual Meeting**

**BOARD AGENDA**

**Tuesday, September 21, 2021, 10:00 AM**

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

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**PRESIDENT**

[21-0431](#)

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

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION****TO AUTHORIZE THE FOREST PRESERVES TO ENTER INTO LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY AGREEMENT FOR DESIGN OF THE DES PLAINES TRAIL BRIDGE OVER THE UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD NORTH OF GOLF ROAD**

**WHEREAS**, the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") has sought and been awarded the following: (1) Grade Crossing Protection Funds ("GCPF") from the Illinois Commerce Commission ("ICC"), a federally-funded program administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation ("IDOT"), and (2) Invest in Cook ("IIC") funds from the Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways ("CCDOTH"), to facilitate engineering and construction of a multi-use bridge over the Union Pacific Railroad for the Des Plaines Trail (the "Project"); and

**WHEREAS**, Phase II Engineering Services for the Project are projected to be \$317,296.01; and

**WHEREAS**, the Forest Preserves anticipates the use of GCPF funds to cover \$136,296.00 and IIC funds to cover \$176,000.00 of the costs for Phase II Engineering Services to be provided in connection with the Project, resulting in a cost of \$5,000.01 to the Forest Preserves; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to meet deadlines for use of the GCPF funds, it was advisable that a consulting engineering firm be employed to perform Phase II Engineering; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 16, 2020, the Board of Commissioners approved Terra Engineering, Ltd. (Board Item No. 20-0215) to perform Phase II Engineering Services with a contract value of \$292,296.01, which excludes a Preliminary Engineering Service Fee (for review of design plans) to be charged by Union Pacific Railroad not to exceed \$25,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, as a requisite for IDOT to reimburse the Forest Preserves for its awarded Phase II engineering expenses related to the Project, IDOT requires a local public agency agreement to be in place between the Forest Preserves and IDOT.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Toni Preckwinkle, President and the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Forest Preserves, through its President, to enter into a local public agency agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation (“IDOT”), committing the Forest Preserves to pay up to \$136,296.00 for Phase II Engineering Services costs associated with the Project which will be reimbursed by IDOT; and requiring the Forest Preserves to pay the balance of Phase II engineering costs estimated at \$181,000.01, with \$176,000.00 of this balance to be reimbursed under a separate Invest In Cook (“IIC”) grant from CCDOTH; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that, if required to complete the Project, the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Forest Preserves, through its General Superintendent, to enter directly into a contract with Union Pacific Railroad for preliminary engineering services for the Project for up to \$25,000; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Toni Preckwinkle, President and the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby confirms that sufficient funds are available in the Forest Preserves Professional Services 51009.520830 and Grant 51010.520830 accounts, and have been designated, to pay the total cost of Phase II Engineering Services in an amount not to exceed \$317,296.01, of which IDOT will reimburse \$136,296.00 and the CCDOTH will reimburse \$176,000.00, and the Forest Preserves ultimately shall be responsible for up to \$5,000.01 of the Phase II Engineering costs.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that copies of the local public agency agreement (entitled, “Local Public Agency Agreement”), when executed in its respective final form, shall be submitted to IDOT for approval and final processing.

**OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT**

[21-0354](#)

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

**PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT**

**Department:** Department of Planning and Development

**Other Part(ies):** Village of Schiller Park (“Schiller Park”)

**Request:** Authority to enter into an agreement and make payment of local grant match funds to Schiller Park.

**Goods or Services:** Phase II Engineering Services for Trail Improvements and new trail connections on the Des Plaines River Trail between Lawrence Avenue and Irving Park Road near Schiller Park, Illinois.

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

**Agreement Period:** Date of Execution to 12/31/2023

**Fiscal Impact:** \$32,225.00

**Accounts:** Professional Services 51029.520830 and 51009.520830

**District(s):** 9

**Summary:** The Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) is working with several municipalities to improve ten (10) miles of the Des Plaines River Trail from North Avenue to Touhy Avenue. Schiller Park is one of three municipalities that submitted grant applications to support engineering design of improvements to the northern four (4) miles. Schiller Park submitted a grant application to the Illinois Department of Transportation (“IDOT”) for an Illinois Transportation Enhancement (“ITEP”) grant for Phase II engineering for the trail segment closest to Schiller Park (north of Irving Park Road to Lawrence Avenue) which was recently approved. Schiller Park advised the Forest Preserves that Schiller Park needs support to pay the local match required by the grant.

As the local sponsor, Schiller Park will be responsible for contracting for Phase II engineering work at an estimated cost of \$321,800.00. IDOT will reimburse Schiller Park for 90% up to a maximum of \$289,575.00 (including 50% of the required local match). The Forest Preserves is seeking authority to reimburse Schiller Park for the balance of the required 10% local match, not to exceed \$32,225.00.

Phase II design work is expected to be completed by fall of 2022. Final agreement is subject to legal review and approval.

[21-0369](#)

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

**Sponsored by:** LARRY SUFFREDIN, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT AMENDMENT**

**Department:** Department of Planning and Development

**Other Part(ies):** The Village of Skokie, Illinois

**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to amend an existing Intergovernmental Agreement (“IGA”) with the Village of Skokie (“Skokie”).

**Goods or Services:** The proposed amendment would authorize approximately 12,000 square feet (0.3 acres) of additional pervious pavement to a previously approved parking lot that provides access to the North Branch Trail System and visitor parking for the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center (the “Museum”). The amendment also provides for payment of tree mitigation fees and an additional one-time payment for ecological restoration or pavement reduction in nearby forest preserves.

**Agreement Number:** N/A

**Agreement Period:** N/A

**Fiscal Impact:** N/A. The proposed amendment is revenue generating, with a one-time upfront payment of \$10,000.00 for ecological restoration or pavement reduction, due at the time of execution of the amendment.

Payment of tree mitigation fees pursuant to the Tree Mitigation Plan in effect in 2019 will also be required for removal of up to thirteen (13) trees with total estimated tree mitigation fees of \$16,955.75.

**Accounts:** N/A

**District(s):** 13

**Summary:** The Village of Skokie is proposing to add up to 12,000 square feet (0.3 acres) of pervious pavement within the perimeter of a parking area that was previously licensed to Skokie by the Forest

Preserves via a 2003 Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA). The number of visitors to the Museum has increased and there is limited space to expand east of Woods Drive due to the Edens Expressway.

Skokie has agreed to pay tree mitigation fees for removal of up to thirteen (13) trees, including mulberry, black cherry and other non-oak species ranging in size from 4.5 inch-diameter at breast height to 15 inches. Two larger (18") red oak trees just outside the new pavement area would be protected during construction. Skokie has agreed to an additional one-time payment of \$10,000.00 for ecological restoration or pavement reduction in nearby forest preserves.

Skokie has also agreed to install new signage approved by the Forest Preserves to inform patrons of access to the nearby North Branch Trail and Harms Flatwoods Nature Preserve. Finally, the amendment would document the desire of the parties to abandon plans for the development of a soccer field on Forest Preserves land that has since been designated as part of the Harms Flatwoods Nature Preserve and to prohibit any further expansion of the parking lot. Final amendment is subject to legal review and approval.

[21-0425](#)

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

#### **PROPOSED PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT**

**Request:** Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") to enter into a Partnership Agreement with Friends of the Forest Preserves, Chicago, Illinois.

**Reason:** Friends of the Forest Preserves received an \$196,000.00 grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's Chi-Cal River Program in support of Centennial Volunteers Network, an initiative that recruits volunteers and supports leaders dedicated to restoring habitat in the North Branch and Calumet regions, including Beaubien Woods, Whistler Woods, Kickapoo Woods, Blue Star Memorial Woods, Bunker Hill North Flatwoods, and Watersmeet Woods. Friends of the Forest Preserves, Friends of the Chicago River, and the Forest Preserves have been collaborating on the Centennial Volunteers initiative since 2013.

**Contract period:** 9/28/2020 (retroactive) - 12/31/2022

**Fiscal Impact:** N/A. The Forest Preserves will provide up to \$34,000.00 in in-kind staff support and use of Volunteer Resources equipment.

**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, 5, 9, 13, 14

[21-0367](#)

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

**PROPOSED AUTHORITY TO EXERCISE CONTRACT EXTENSION OPTION**

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

**Vendor:** Baker Tilly US, LLP, Chicago, Illinois (formerly Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP)

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Fiscal Year Audit Services for 2021

**Original Contract Period:** 11/1/2017 - 10/31/2020, with two (2) one-year extension options; Administrative Extension 11/1/2020 - 11/16/2020; Board Approved Extension 11/17/2020 - 10/31/2021

**Proposed Contract Period Extension:** 11/1/2021 - 10/31/2022

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$314,655.00

**Original Approval:** \$206,070.00

**Previous Increase(s):** \$20,600.00, \$87,985.00

**This Increase Requested:** \$85,040.00

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** FY 2021 \$0.00, FY 2022 \$85,040.00

**Accounts:** Audit Services 51001.520895

**Contract Number(s):** #74000002798 issued under RFP# 17-20-101

**Concurrences:**

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

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

**District(s):** Districtwide

**Summary:** Contract #7400002798 issued under RFP #17-20-101 consists of providing auditing services for the Forest Preserves to complete its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and additional auditing services as needed. Previously, following the Forest Preserves RFP process the selection committee determined that Baker Tilly US, LLP (formerly Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP) was the most qualified respondent. The Forest Preserves is requesting to exercise the second of two (2) one-year contract extension options.

[21-0401](#)

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

#### **PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

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

**Vendor:** AltusWorks, Inc., Chicago, Illinois

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Architectural services for roof and masonry repairs and replacements at various locations throughout Cook County

**Original Contract Period:** 9/23/2019 - 9/22/2020; Administrative Extension 9/23/2020 - 9/22/2021

**Proposed Contract Period Extension:** 9/23/2021 - 9/22/2022

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$130,031.00

**Original Approval:** 9/23/2019, \$123,425.00

**Previous Increase(s):** 1/30/2020, \$6,606.00

**This Increase Requested:** N/A



**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** N/A

**Accounts:** N/A

**Contract Number(s):** #74000006793 issued for Project #19-80-39

**Concurrences:**

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

Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprise goals are not applicable for this amendment as there is no increased fiscal impact.

**District(s):** 6, 10, 13, 15, 17

**Summary:** Contract #74000006793 issued for Project #19-80-39 consists of providing professional services for the development and oversight of various construction projects. Additional time is required to complete the scope of this professional services agreement that was initially awarded through a formal RFP. Construction bid documents for five (5) roof replacements and five (5) masonry repair projects have been completed but construction remains at one (1) of the roof replacement locations at the Forest Preserves Southeast Police Headquarters in the Thorn Creek area. Additional time is needed to allow AltusWorks, Inc. to complete construction oversight at this last location.

[21-0432](#)

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

**PROPOSED PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ITEM AMENDMENT**

**Request:** Approve

**Item Number:** 21-0355

**Fiscal Impact:** N/A

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

**Original Text of Item:**

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**RESOLUTION CREATING THE FOREST PRESERVES' EQUITY, CULTURAL SENSITIVITY, AND INCLUSION SITE NAME TASK FORCE**

**WHEREAS**, the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners (the "Board") and Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") recognize that names are an important part of creating a sense of place and belonging and that names may have powerful and positive meaning for people and provide opportunities to promote community harmony; and

**WHEREAS**, this body approved Resolution 17-0178 on September 11, 2018 to officially recognize and adopt names of Forest Preserves Lands and Amenities after a staff Naming Committee recommended correct and official names of all venues, following an exhaustive review to determine which names had been formally adopted by the Board in the past, were in common use, or had been abandoned; and

**WHEREAS**, this body approved Resolution 19-0354 on September 24, 2019 to adopt a Permanent Naming Policy to help safeguard the Forest Preserves' prestige and heritage; provide guidance and direction in the naming and renaming of Forest Preserves properties, facilities, natural areas, and other public places; ensure an inclusive, consultative, and transparent naming and renaming process that will engage the public and stand the test of time; and to govern all permanent naming and renaming opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Forest Preserves has a mission and values committed to being accessible and welcoming to all people and is seeking to ensure that sites do not commemorate an event or an individual whose actions perpetuated inequalities or supported the marginalization of people based on race, color, ethnicity, national origin, ancestry, religion, ability, gender, gender identity, or sexual orientation, or if the commemoration may be considered inappropriate or offensive; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby create the Forest Preserves' Equity, Cultural Sensitivity, and Inclusion Site Name Advisory Task Force (the "ECSI Site Name Task Force") that will support the review of Forest Preserves site names and will advance the Forest Preserves' "Moving Towards Racial Equity" position paper adopted in July 2020 by this body; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the ECSI Site Name Task Force shall meet as needed for one year and, with the assistance of Loyola University Chicago's Public History Program, shall, within one year, provide a report that includes 284 Forest Preserves site names that have been reviewed with a racial equity, cultural sensitivity and inclusion lens; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the ECSI Site Name Task Force shall consist of the following members:

- a. The chair and vice-chair of the Board Real Estate Committee;
- b. The director and one (1) additional faculty member from the Public History Program at Loyola University Chicago;

- c. One (1) member of the Forest Preserves Conservation and Policy Council to be appointed by the chair of the Conservation and Policy Council;
- d. The two (2) co-chairs of the Forest Preserves Naming Committee;
- e. Two (2) members of the Forest Preserves Racial Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (REDI) Committee to be named by the General Superintendent;
- f. One (1) member that sits on both the Forest Preserves’ Naming and REDI Committees to be appointed by the General Superintendent;
- g. One (1) representative from the Friends of the Forest Preserves to be appointed by the executive director of Friends of the Forest Preserves;
- h. One (1) representative from the Illinois Environmental Council to be appointed by the executive director of the Illinois Environmental Council; ~~and~~
- i. One (1) representative from the Board or staff of the Forest Preserve Foundation to be appointed by the chair of the Forest Preserve Foundation Board of Directors; and,
- j. Up to three (3) additional representatives with appropriate experience in culture, history, natural history, sociology, urban planning, urban studies, or public policy to be appointed by the General Superintendent; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the chair of the Real Estate Committee and the appointee by the chair of the Conservation and Policy Council shall serve as co-chairs of the ECSI Site Name Task Force.

[21-0407](#)

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

**PROPOSED BID RECOMMENDATION**

**Department:** Department of Landscape Maintenance

**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to enter into a contract with Service Sanitation, Inc., Homewood, Illinois.

**Reason:** Contract #74000009626 issued under Project #21-52-101 (Rebid) consists of providing and servicing of portable toilets in locations in Region 1 (Northwest Region). Service Sanitation, Inc. was the only responsible bidder.

**Bid Opening Date:** 8/13/2021

**Bid Results:**

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
Service Sanitation, Inc.	\$312,420.00

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** \$312,420.00

**Contract Period:** 11/1/2021 - 10/31/2024; three (3) year contract with two (2) one-year renewal options

**Account Name/Number:** Professional Services 51001.520840; Operations and Maintenance 51001.540380; Supplies and Materials 51001.530267; Special or Co-op Programs 51001.521448; Grant and Mitigation 51010.521444; Resource Ecology 51001.521449; Special Events 51001.520635; Property Maintenance and Operations 51051.560105

**District:** 1, 9, 14, 15, 16, 17

**Concurrence(s):**

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

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

[21-0409](#)

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

**PROPOSED BID RECOMMENDATION**

**Department:** Department of Landscape Maintenance

**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to enter into a contract with Service Sanitation, Inc., Homewood, Illinois.

**Reason:** Contract #74000009627 issued under Project #21-52-102 (Rebid) consists of providing and servicing of portable toilets in locations in Region 2 (North Region). Service Sanitation, Inc. was the only responsible bidder.

**Bid Opening Date:** 8/13/2021

**Bid Results:**

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
Service Sanitation, Inc.	\$281,100.00

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** \$281,100.00

**Contract Period:** 11/1/2021 - 10/31/2024; three (3) year contract with two (2) one-year renewal options

**Account Name/Number:** Professional Services 51001.520840; Operations and Maintenance 51001.540380; Supplies and Materials 51001.530267; Special or Co-op Programs 51001.521448; Grant and Mitigation 51010.521444; Resource Ecology 51001.521449; Special Events 51001.520635; Property Maintenance and Operations 51051.560105

**District:** 1, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17

**Concurrence(s):**

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

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

[21-0410](#)

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

**PROPOSED BID RECOMMENDATION**

**Department:** Department of Landscape Maintenance

**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to enter into a contract with Service Sanitation, Inc., Homewood, Illinois.

**Reason:** Contract #74000009628 issued under Project #21-52-103 (Rebid) consists of providing and servicing of portable toilets in locations in Region 3 (Southwest Region). Service Sanitation, Inc. was the only responsible bidder.

**Bid Opening Date:** 8/13/2021

**Bid Results:**

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
Service Sanitation, Inc.	\$300,900.00

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** \$300,900.00

**Contract Period:** 11/1/2021 - 10/31/2024; three (3) year contract with two (2) one-year renewal options

**Account Name/Number:** Professional Services 51001.520840; Operations and Maintenance 51001.540380; Supplies and Materials 51001.530267; Special or Co-op Programs 51001.521448; Grant and Mitigation 51010.521444; Resource Ecology 51001.521449; Special Events 51001.520635; Property Maintenance and Operations 51051.560105

**District:** 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 11, 16, 17

**Concurrence(s):**

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

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

[21-0411](#)

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

**PROPOSED BID RECOMMENDATION**

**Department:** Department of Landscape Maintenance

**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to enter into a contract with Service Sanitation, Inc., Homewood, Illinois.

**Reason:** Contract #74000009629 issued under Project #21-52-104 (Rebid) consists of providing and servicing of portable toilets in locations in Region 4 (Southeast Region). Service Sanitation, Inc. was the only responsible bidder.

**Bid Opening Date:** 8/13/2021

**Bid Results:**

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
Service Sanitation, Inc.	\$222,780.00

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** \$222,780.00

**Contract Period:** 11/1/2021 - 10/31/2024; three (3) year contract with two (2) one-year renewal options

**Account Name/Number:** Professional Services 51001.520840; Operations and Maintenance 51001.540380; Supplies and Materials 51001.530267; Special or Co-op Programs 51001.521448; Grant and Mitigation 51010.521444; Resource Ecology 51001.521449; Special Events 51001.520635; Property Maintenance and Operations 51051.560105

**District:** 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 11

**\Concurrence(s):**

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

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

[21-0417](#)

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

**PROPOSED BID RECOMMENDATION**

**Department:** Department of Resource Management

**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to enter into a construction contract with CPMH Construction, primary place of business Chicago, Illinois, for a hydrologic repair project at Tinley Creek Ravines.

**Reason:** Contract #74000009631 issued under Project #21-31-101 Tinley Creek Ravines Hydrologic Repairs. The work includes, but is not limited to, installation of a stormwater control structure and drainage basin, berm construction, a series of stone check dams, and other related work as specified in the plans and specifications. The purpose of the project is to reduce erosion and degradation of sensitive ravine topographies, and to restore hydrologic function to the site.

Construction will be entirely funded through licensing fees received from the Village of Oak Lawn and other Municipal Customers of the Oak Lawn Regional Water System related to the installation of a water transmission main in the Tinley Creek Preserves (Board Item No. 15-0201).

**Bid Opening Date:** 8/18/2021

**Bid Results:**

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
1. CPMH Construction	\$201,697.75
2. Enlight Contracting, LLC	\$221,026.00
3. Semper Fi Land Services, Inc.	\$299,844.00

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** \$201,697.75, the entirety of which will be paid for utilizing licensing fees for utility installations on Forest Preserves property received from the Village of Oak Lawn and other Municipal Customers of the Oak Lawn Regional Water System.

**Contract Period:** Two hundred seventeen (217) days from notice to proceed

**Account Name/Number:** Grant and Mitigation 51010.520840

**District:** 17

**Concurrence(s):**

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

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

[21-0423](#)

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

**PROPOSED BID RECOMMENDATION**

**Department:** Department of Resource Management

**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to enter into a contract with Groundskeeper Landscape Care, primary place of business Orland Park, Illinois, for tree removals in and adjacent to Thatcher Woods.

**Reason:** Contract #74000009630 issued under Project #21-31-105 Thatcher Area Tree Removals consists of the removal of five hundred and twenty-eight (528) trees and other related work as specified in the plans and specifications between Belmont Avenue and Madison Street along the Des Plaines River. Trees will primarily be removed in high public interface areas including along trails, groves, and roadways.

This vendor has been awarded more than \$150,000.00 in fiscal year 2021, therefore, the contract is being



presented to the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners for approval per the Forest Preserves' Procurement Code.

**Bid Opening Date:** 8/25/2021

**Bid Results:**

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
1. Groundskeeper Landscape Care	\$129,550.00
2. Trees R Us, Inc.	\$184,112.00
3. Homer Tree Service, Inc.	\$234,157.00

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** \$129,550.00

**Contract Period:** Sixty (60) working days from issuance of purchase order

**Account Name/Number:** Professional Services 51030.520840

**District:** 1, 9, 16

**Concurrence(s):** The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

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

[21-0436](#)

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

**PROPOSED DISBURSEMENT**

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

**Action:** Authorization to disburse payment

**Payee:** Enlight Contracting, LLC, Chicago, Illinois

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Construction services to improve transportation at various sites.

**Fiscal Impact:** \$253,324.39

**Accounts:** Motor Fuel Tax Fund 51029.560060

**Contract Number(s):** #74000009069 issued under Project #19-80-67G-21C2

**District(s):** 9, 14

**Summary:** Payment for construction services associated with transportation improvements at Irving Park Canoe Landing in Schiller Park, Sunset Bridge Meadow in River Grove, Harms Woods Central, Harms Woods North and Blue Star Memorial Woods in Glenview pursuant to a contract approved by the Board of Commissioners on 5/11/2021 (Board Item No. 21-0246).

[21-0437](#)

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

#### **PROPOSED DISBURSEMENT**

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

**Action:** Authorization to disburse payment

**Payee:** Matthew Paving, Inc., Oak Lawn, Illinois

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Construction services to improve transportation at various sites.

**Fiscal Impact:** \$237,195.51

**Accounts:** Motor Fuel Tax Fund 51029.560060

**Contract Number(s):** #74000008960 issued under Project #19-80-67G-21C1

**District(s):** 9, 14, 17

**Summary:** Payment for construction services associated with transportation improvements at Campground Road Woods in Des Plaines, Northwestern Woods in Des Plaines, Potawatomi Woods in Northbrook, and River Trail Nature Center in Northbrook pursuant to contract approved by the Board of Commissioners on 4/13/2021 (Board Item No. 21-0222).

[21-0420](#)

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

**REPORT**

**Department:** Department of Finance and Administration

**Request:** Refer to Audit Committee

**Report Title:** Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (the “CAFR”)

**Report Period:** Fiscal Year Ending 12/31/2020

**Summary:** The CAFR has been prepared by the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) for the fiscal year ending 12/31/2020. The report has been prepared in accordance with the principles and standards for financial reporting set forth by the Government Accounting Standards Board and audited by a firm of independent auditors retained by the Forest Preserves.

[21-0440](#)

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

**REPORT**

**Department:** Office of the County Auditor

**Request:** Refer to Audit Committee

**Report Title:** FY’21 3rd Quarter Open Recommendation Status Report

**Report Period:** September 2021

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

[21-0413](#)

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

**REPORT**

**Department:** Department of Finance and Administration

**Request:** Receive and File

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

**Report Period:** 1/1/2021 - 7/31/2021

**Summary:** Detailed Fund Analysis of Revenue and Expenditures for July 2021.

[21-0414](#)

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

**REPORT**

**Department:** Department of Finance and Administration

**Request:** Receive and File

**Report Title:** Procurement and Disbursements Report

**Report Period:** 6/1/2021 - 7/31/2021

**Summary:** Submitting the Procurement and Disbursements Report for the period of June and July 2021. The report is to be received and filed in compliance with Section 1-8-2 (BB) of the District's Code of Ordinances.

[21-0424](#)

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

**REPORT**

**Department:** Departments of Legal and Finance

**Request:** Receive and File

**Report Title:** Workers' Compensation Reports (June 2021 and July 2021)

**Report Period:** 6/1/2021 - 7/31/2021

**Summary:** The Forest Preserves of Cook County Departments of Legal and Finance are submitting Workers' Compensation Claim Payments for the months of June and July of 2021. Payments total \$149,309.27 for June 2021 and \$99,174.29 for July 2021.

[21-0429](#)

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

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

Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Litigation -7/27/2021

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

Proposed Settlements Approved Fiscal Year 2021 to Present: \$2,603,912.63

Proposed Settlements to Be Approved: \$0.00

Legal Fees Approved Fiscal Year 2021 to Present: \$434,253.23

Legal Fees for 7/27/2021 to Be Approved: \$84,301.79

[21-0443](#)

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

SECRETARY TO THE BOARD, Matthew B. DeLeon, presented in printed form a record of the Journal of Proceedings of the regular meeting held on 7/27/2021.

[21-0430](#)

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

**PROPOSED CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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

**Summary:** Forest Preserves of Cook County Calendar of Events and Activities 9/20/2021 - 10/5/2021

**Please bring a facemask to Forest Preserves events and activities. Please check the Forest Preserves of Cook County's website, [www.fpdcc.com/events](http://www.fpdcc.com/events), for updates and changes.**

**Tuesday, 9/21; 5pm****Forest Therapy Walk, Catherine Chevalier Woods, Chicago**

Forest therapy opens the gateway for creativity and a deepened relationship with self and the natural world. Treat yourself to an encounter with nature that will awaken your senses and renew your bonds with the Preserves. Led by certified Forest Therapy Guide. *Ages 18 and up. Registration and facemasks required.*

**Wednesday, 9/22; 8:30pm****Autumn Equinox Hike and Folktale, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

Join us for an evening hike to celebrate the equinox while listening to a folktale recited by a librarian from LaGrange Park Library. *Registration and facemasks required. Call 708- 839-6897.*

**Wednesday, 9/22; 10am****Composites of the Prairie, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

The third full week of September is Prairie Week in the Prairie State. Celebrate this dynamic ecosystem at Sagawau from Sunday, September 19 through Saturday, September 25. Sunflowers, goldenrods, and asters, oh my! Composites are making their appearance in the prairie. Step into the lab to learn the complexities of these plants. Afterwards, join us for an identification hike. *Ages 18 and up. Registration and facemasks required. Call 630-257-2045.*

**Wednesday, 9/22; 4pm - 5:30pm; 6pm - 7:30pm****Family Pond Paddle, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Families enjoy an evening out paddling on Thatcher Glen Pond located at the Trailside Museum of Natural History. Instruction, sanitized equipment, and kayaks provided. *Meet in the parking lot. Registration and facemasks required. Call 312-533-5751.*

**Friday, 9/24; 7pm****River Trail Nightlife: Night Hike, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Learn about nocturnal animals and more on a guided hike. *Registration and facemasks required.*

**Friday, 9/24; 8:30am****History & Photography Walk, Chicago Portage National Historic Site, Forest View**

Grab your camera and get ready to learn the history of this unique site! Expect a guided walk with stopping points along the way to discuss the history of the site and to snap some pictures. Cameras not required. All ages. *Registration and facemasks required. For more information, call 312-533-5751.*

**Saturday, 9/25 Party for the Preserves: A Celebration of Public Lands Day**

The Forest Preserves celebrates Public Lands Day with a variety of activities including SOLO (Select Organized Litter Obliterators) clean up. SOLO supplies are available for pick-up from 9-4pm at all six nature centers and at Camp Bullfrog Lake from 4-8pm. Additionally we have activities at other locations throughout the day with a free evening celebration at Camp Bullfrog Lake.

**Saturday, 9/25; 4pm - 8pm****Party for the Preserves Celebration, Camp Bullfrog Lake, Willow Springs**

Come on out and celebrate the Forest Preserves on National Public Lands Day at our annual party at Camp Bullfrog Lake! Festivities include: Paddling, Live Music, Guided Hikes, Night Sky Programming, Touch a Truck, and much more! *Facemasks required.*

**Saturday, 9/25; 10am****Party for the Preserves: Little Calumet River Paddle Wilderness Inquiry, Beaubien Woods Boat Launch, Chicago**

Hop aboard a 10-person voyager canoe in partnership with Wilderness Inquiry to explore the Little Calumet River. *Registration and facemasks required.*

**Saturday, 9/25; 9am****Party for the Preserves: Outdoor Yoga, Thatcher Woods Pavilion, River Forest**

Join us for a free outdoor yoga classes surrounded by nature, for both experienced beginners and intermediate students. A variety of yoga postures, breathing exercises and meditation will be taught. The teacher will give guidance and options so all students can practice safely. Bring your mat and mask. Meet near Thatcher Woods Pavilion. *Ages 12 and up. Facemasks required.*

**Saturday, 9/25; 10am - 2pm****Party for the Preserves: Meet Nature Cat! Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Celebrate National Public Lands Day with the Forest Preserves of Cook County and WTTW Kids!

Participate in a volunteer cleanup, explore newly designed exhibits, meet animal ambassadors, participate in artmaking, and create your own adventure in nature play areas! Nature Cat is made possible in part by the Van Eekeren family, founders of Land O' Frost. *This event is free. Registration and facemasks required. Call 708-868-0606.*

**Saturday, 9/25; 10am****Party for the Preserves: Prairie View, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

The third full week of September is Prairie Week in the Prairie State. Celebrate this dynamic ecosystem at Sagawau from Sunday, September 19 through Saturday, September 25. Prairies are a vast habitat spreading throughout many public lands of the United States. These grasslands can grow in wet and dry conditions. Come to Sagawau to visit two types of prairies to learn their stories. Moderate 2-mile hike, unstable footing. *Ages 12 and up. Registration and facemasks required.*

**Saturday, 9/25; 1pm - 4pm****Party for the Preserves: Community Powwow, Bunker Hill, Niles**

Join us to celebrate Native American culture while recognizing the themes of 'Every Child Matters' and National Public Lands Day. Enjoy traditional Powwow, native food, and listen to stories of culture from the area. Attendees are encouraged to wear orange. *All ages. For group registration or information, call 773-509-2344. Facemasks required.*

**Saturday, 9/25; 1pm**

**Party for the Preserves: Crabtree History, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington**

Experience a walk-through time together as we discuss the early days and forming of Crabtree Nature Center. *Ages 12 and up. Registration and facemasks required.*

**Sunday, 9/26; 11am****Early Autumn Nature Walk, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Join us for a guided nature walk along our trails as summer transitions to fall. We will see blooming fall wildflowers, the first changes in tree leaf color, and perhaps some migrating wildlife! *Registration and facemasks required.*

**Sunday, 9/26; 1pm****Sagawau Art: Landscapes, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Learn how to compose a beautiful landscape with a scene at Sagawau. You will learn drawing and painting techniques incorporating depth and distance into your composition. *Ages 14 and up. Registration and facemasks required. Call 630-257-2045.*

**Sunday, 9/26; 1pm****Fall Wildflower Walk, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills**

Why should spring wildflowers get all the love? Join us as we observe, enjoy, and learn about fall wildflowers on this fast-paced 3-mile walk. *Ages 12 and up. Registration and facemasks required.*

**Sunday, 9/26; 1:30pm****Birds of Prey, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Meet one of our raptors and learn what makes these winged hunters so unique. *All ages. Facemasks required.*

**Wednesday, 9/29; 10am****Walk & Talk: Women's Walk at Thatcher Woods, Thatcher Woods, River Forest**

In celebration of Women's National Health and Fitness Day, join us for a walk where we cover efforts by local female conservation leaders, and the work and discoveries they have made at Thatcher Woods. Walk and Talk Hikes are for the curious minds who want to know more about the Forest Preserves and natural areas. These hikes will be led at a slower pace with frequent stopping and interpretation. *Registration and facemasks required. For more information, call 312-533-5751.*

**Thursday, 9/30; 6pm (Zoom)****Be a Better Birder: Intro to Bird ID**

Join us as a representative from the Forest Preserves teaches you about birdwatching and how to spot the different species of birds that are native to Cook County. *Call 708-305-2168 to register.*

**Thursday, 9/30; 10am****Fall Fungi Identification Hike, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Join a naturalist on a casual hike as we look for examples of the various groups of fungi found in the Preserves. A special emphasis will be on key field characteristics. *Ages 18 and up. Registration and*



*facemasks required.*

**Friday, 10/1; 6:30pm - 8:30pm**

**Nighttime Discovery Celebration, Swallow Cliff Woods, Palos Park**

Join us for an evening of discovery as we celebrate the night sky! Hikes, activities, and crafts will be offered to help us better understand the wonders of the natural light from the moon and stars. Adler Planetarium will be out providing an opportunity for participants to view stars via telescope. *Facemasks required.*

**Saturday, 10/2; 12pm - 4pm**

**Fall Paddle Festival, Tower Road Boat Launch, Northfield**

Embrace the fall season with nature-based activities on and off the water. We will have individual, tandem, and group canoe trips, guided hikes, youth and adult archery, pumpkin painting, nature play, s'mores, and more! In partnership with BackYard Nature Center. *Free. All ages. Registration and facemasks required. Call 224-456-8602.*

**Sunday, 10/3; 1pm**

**What is climate change? Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

In honor of Energy Efficiency Day October 6, through engaging displays and activities, we will answer the questions, 'What is climate?' 'What is changing it?' and 'How does the scientific community know?' *Registration and facemasks required. Call 708-868-0606.*

**Sunday, 10/3; 9am - 12pm**

**Bird Banding, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Watch science unfold as we catch birds, band, and release them. This way of studying birds helps us to understand their movements and how to conserve them. *Weather dependent. Registration and facemasks required. Call 630-257-2045.*

**ITEMS TO BE DISCHARGED FROM COMMITTEE**

**RULES COMMITTEE**

[21-0391](#)

**Sponsored by:** LARRY SUFFREDIN, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

**PARLIAMENTARY RULES**

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Sections 1-5-4, Subsection 4-1 of CHAPTER 5 - FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT PRESIDENT

AND BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RULES OF ORGANIZATION AND PROCEDURE of Title 1 of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as follows:

**1-5-4: PARLIAMENTARY RULES.**

4-1. *Meeting.*

(a) The Board shall hold regular meetings pursuant to an annual calendar adopted by resolution of the Board.

(b) It shall be the duty of the President to call special meetings of the Board whenever such meetings are necessary in his or her opinion. The President must give no less than forty-eight (48) hours' advance written notice of such special meetings to the Commissioners and to the public.

(c) In the event that the President states that an emergency exists, the President may call a special meeting, providing twenty-four (24) hours' advance written notice to the Commissioners and to the public, unless not reasonable under the circumstances. In such case notice shall be given as soon as practicable. All emergency meetings shall be held at the County Seat, in the County Office Building, unless another place within the County shall be designated by the President or Board.

(d) Special meetings shall also be held whenever requested by at least one-third ( $\frac{1}{3}$ ) of the Commissioners (six (6) Commissioners). At least forty-eight (48) hours' advance written notice of such special meetings shall be given to the remaining Commissioners and the public.

(e) All notices of special meetings must include an agenda for such meeting, and such meeting shall be limited to the subjects and items specified in the call of the meeting. The notice of the call of the meeting shall be read at the beginning of the meeting.

(f) Special meetings shall be held at the hour of 10:00 a.m., unless another hour is specified in the call.

(g) All regular meetings shall be held at the County Seat, in the County Office Building, unless another place within the County shall be designated by the Board.

(h) A regular or special meeting may be cancelled by the President by providing no less than twenty-four (24) hours' advance written notice that said meeting has been cancelled to the Commissioners and to the public.

(i) Remote meetings. All public meetings of the Board and its committees and subcommittees may be conducted by means of electronic, video, audio, or telephonic connection ("remote meeting") for the duration of the Illinois Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation, including any extensions thereto, related to COVID-19 or a public health crisis. A member who desires to attend and participate in a remote public meeting shall do so by the designated electronic means. For purposes of conducting a remote meeting, the terms "written", "in writing", "document", and "copy" in these rules includes printed or electronic means, and a rule that requires an instrument to be provided to the Board Secretary or a member or the meeting Chair may be satisfied by electronic transmission.

(j) Remote Participation in Meetings. At any meeting where a quorum of the body is physically present, a majority of the public body may vote to allow a member to participate and vote remotely (by audio or visual means) if the member is unable to be physically present due to:

1. A personal illness or disability;

2. Employment purposes or the business of the public body; or

3. A family or other emergency.

4. The member desiring to participate remotely gives notice to the Secretary of the Board no later than 24 hours prior to the meeting in case of personal illness or disability or employment purposes or business of the public body or as soon as practicable in the case of a family or other emergency.

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

**COMMITTEE ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION**

**REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE MEETING OF 9/21/2021**

**21-0358 PROPOSED LICENSE REQUEST** Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves"), as Licensor to grant a License to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources ("IDNR"), Grantee

**21-0359 PROPOSED LICENSE REQUEST** Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves"), as Licensor to grant a License to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources ("IDNR"), Grantee

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**LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING OF 9/21/2021**

**21-0262 REPORT** Independent Analysis of the Forest Preserves of Cook County Police Department  
Report Period: 10/19/2020 - 4/27/2021

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