



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

Finance Committee

Tuesday, November 18, 2025

9:30 AM

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

Issued On: 11/12/2025

NOTICE AND AGENDA

There will be a meeting of the committee or subcommittee of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners at the date, time and location listed above.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Authorization as a public speaker shall only be granted to those individuals who have registered, with the Secretary, to speak 24 hours in advance of the meeting. To register as a public speaker, go to the meeting details page for this meeting at <https://fpdcc.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx> to find a registration link. Duly authorized public speakers may speak live from the County Board Room at 118 N. Clark Street, 5th Floor, Chicago, Illinois or be sent a link to virtually attend the meeting and will be called upon to deliver testimony at a time specified in the meeting agenda. Authorized public speakers who are not present during the specified time for public testimony will forfeit their allotted time to speak at the meeting. Public testimony must not exceed three minutes; the Secretary will keep track of the time and advise when the time for public testimony has expired. After each virtual speaker has completed their statement, they will be removed from the meeting. Once removed, you will still be able to follow the proceedings for that day at: <https://www.cookcountyil.gov/service/watch-live-board-proceedings>, or in a viewing area at 69 W. Washington Street, 22nd Floor, Conference Room C, Chicago, Illinois. Persons authorized to provide public testimony shall not use vulgar, abusive, discriminatory, profane, or otherwise inappropriate language when addressing the Board; failure to act appropriately, or failure to adhere to the time requirements may result in expulsion from the meeting and/or disqualify the person from providing future testimony. Written comments will not be read aloud at the meeting, but will be posted on the meeting page and made a part of the meeting record.

25-0412

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 10/21/2025

[25-0353](#)

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

PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Ordinance for the Levy of Taxes for the Year 2025

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County:

Section 1. That this Ordinance is and the same is hereby termed the “Ordinance for the Levy of Taxes for the Year 2025.”

Section 2. That the Committee on Finance of the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois has considered the subject of the Annual Tax Levy for the year 2025 and the several sums necessary to be levied to meet the needs and requirements of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County for said year and has recommended that this ordinance for the levy of taxes be adopted.

Section 3. That the Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, heretofore having approved and adopted the Annual Appropriation Ordinance for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County for the year commencing January 1, 2025 at its meeting held November 19, 2024, which ordinance was published by authority of said Board as provided by law and which portion of said Appropriation Ordinance pertaining to Fund and Departmental Appropriations (together with marginal columns captioned “ Payable from the Tax Levy” and “Payable from sources other than the 2025 Tax Levy” where applicable) is set forth hereinafter.

Section 4. That the sum of One Hundred and Forty-Five Million, One Hundred and Thirty-One Thousand, Five Hundred and Thirty-Eight Dollars and No Cents (\$145,131,538), being the sum of Appropriations heretofore legally made which are to be paid from the collection of the Annual Tax Levy of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois for the Levy Year 2025 A.D. for the corporate purposes, for the construction of improvements and development of the forests and lands, for payment for principal and interest on bonded debt, for payment for contributions to Employees’ Annuity and Benefit Fund, and for the payment of amounts to the Chicago Zoological Society and the Chicago Horticultural Society, all as adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County at its meeting held November 19, 2024 and published by the authority of said Board according to law, is hereby levied on all the taxable property within said Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois for the Levy Year 2025 being composed of the specific amounts for the various purposes herein before named.

Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois

ANNUAL TAX LEVY ORDINANCE
FOR THE YEAR COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2025SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND SOURCES THEREOF
ALL FUNDS

Section 5. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

Fund	Amount of Appropriation	Payable From The Tax Levy	Payable From Sources Other Than The 2025 Tax Levy
Corporate	89,290,230	77,243,969	12,046,261
Self-Insurance	8,530,000	0	8,530,000
Const. & Development	22,071,272	20,200,000	1,871,272
Bond & Interest	7,985,735	4,422,985	3,562,750
Employee Annuity & Benefit	12,687,782	12,284,768	403,014
Real Estate Acquisition	12,300,000	0	12,300,000
Capital Improvement	5,000,000	0	5,000,000
Resident Watchmen	523,000	0	523,000
Chicago Zoological	19,128,936	19,115,977	12,959
Chicago Horticultural	11,786,390	11,863,840	77,450 -77,450
Total	\$189,303,345	\$145,131,538	\$145,131,538 44,171,806

Effective date: This ordinance shall be in effect from and after its passage and approval.

Legislative History : 10/21/25 - FPD Board of Commissioners - refer to the Finance Committee

25-0398

Presented by: ADAM BIANCHI, General Superintendent

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (LITIGATION)

Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Litigation -11/18/2025

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

Proposed Settlements Approved Fiscal Year 2025 to Present: \$3,500,000.00

Proposed Settlements to Be Approved: \$0.00

Legal Fees Approved Fiscal Year 2025 to Present: \$666,561.72

Legal Fees for 11/18/2025 to Be Approved: \$31,600.13

25-0095

Presented by: ADAM BIANCHI, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Department of Finance and Administration

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Corporate Fund Analysis of Revenue and Expenditures.

Report Period: 1/1/2025 - 9/30/2025

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



Secretary

Chairman: Anaya

Vice-Chairman: K. Morrison

Members: Committee of the Whole