



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

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

**Tuesday, January 11, 2022**

**10:00 AM**

**Virtual Meeting**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Present:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller,  
Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)  
**Absent:** Moore (1) Excused

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

1. Nicole Milan- Northbrook, IL
2. Molly Miner- Near North Montessori School
3. Valerie Johnson- Michigan State University
4. Dr. Audrey Siegrist- Potawatomi Zoo
5. Carney Anne Nasser- Harvard Univeristy
6. Dr. Laura Boehler
7. Hannah Nelson
8. Benjamin Cox- Friends of the Forest Preserves

**A motion was made by Commissioner LUIS ARROYO JR., seconded by Commissioner DENNIS DEER, that this was suspend the rules.. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller,  
Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)  
**Absent:** Moore (1)

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

[22-0009](#)

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

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

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING THE FOREST PRESERVES OF COOK COUNTY FOR RECEIVING A CHICAGO WILDERNESS EXCELLENCE IN ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION AWARD AND A CHICAGO WILDERNESS GEORGE B. RABB FORCE OF NATURE AWARD**

**WHEREAS**, on December 8, 2021, the Forest Preserves of Cook County’s Cranberry Slough Nature Preserve was honored with a Platinum Accreditation, the highest accreditation, from the Chicago Wilderness Excellence in Ecological Restoration Program and the Forest Preserves’ Greater Maywood Paddling Program was honored with a Chicago Wilderness George B. Rabb Force of Nature Award during a ceremony held at the Forest Preserves’ Thatcher Woods Pavilion in River Forest; and

**WHEREAS**, the Excellence in Ecological Restoration Program recognizes high-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**, Cranberry Slough Nature Preserve is a 380-acre state-dedicated nature preserve in Willow Springs and is located within the 14,000-acre Palos/Sag Valley Forest Preserve system that comprises the largest contiguous tract of forest preserve habitat; and

**WHEREAS**, Cranberry Slough Nature Preserve is distinguished by its peat bog, remnant woodland, oak savanna, and natural prairie communities and it contains glacial kettlehole depressions that support vernal ponds, marsh, and sedge meadow habitats; and

**WHEREAS**, restoration at Cranberry Slough Nature Preserve began in the 1990s, led by volunteer stewards, and was accelerated in 2015 when the Forest Preserves secured funding to initiate a major restoration project, which included removal of invasive brush, selective tree thinning, and stream restoration along Crooked Creek which flows through the nature preserve; and

**WHEREAS**, today Cranberry Slough Nature Preserve is a thriving, high quality natural area thanks to ecological restoration efforts of volunteers and staff; 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 Greater Maywood Paddling Program is a unique community paddling initiative that provides an economical, supportive and user-friendly way for organized groups to connect to nature through kayaking; and

**WHEREAS**, the Greater Maywood Paddling Program is the only kayak gear lending and training program in the country that partners with community groups and trains them to lead their own kayaking trips and provides participants with all the supplies needed to lead organized group paddling excursions;

and

**WHEREAS**, the Greater Maywood Paddling Program is an excellent example of collaboration, with the Forest Preserves working together with partners to develop the infrastructure and programming necessary to make paddling an accessible, approachable and safe activity; and

**WHEREAS**, to date, 1,434 people have participated in the program, 30% of which are youth under 18 years, and the program has trained 46 community leaders representing 17 organizations: and

**WHEREAS**, the Greater Maywood Paddling Program helps community members connect with nature through outdoor recreation, advances the Next Century Conservation Plan and its goal to ensure that everyone in Cook County feels welcome in the preserves, and is a multi-award winning model for community engagement.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Toni Preckwinkle, President; and the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners thank and congratulate the winners of both the Chicago Wilderness Excellence in Ecological Restoration Award 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.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve on the Consent Agenda 22-0009. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

**Absent:** Moore (1)

[22-0017](#)

**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), FRANK J. AGUILAR, ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR., SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON, BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS and LARRY SUFFREDIN, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**RESOLUTION HONORING AND THANKING OFFICER JORGE TAPIA, OFFICER BRYANT DICKEY, OFFICER HIRAL NIEVES, AND SERGEANT ANDREW CHOMOR OF THE FOREST PRESERVES LAW ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT FOR SERVICE TO THE FOREST PRESERVES AND THE PEOPLE OF COOK COUNTY**

**WHEREAS** the sworn officers of the Forest Preserves of Cook County Department of Law Enforcement protect the Forest Preserves and the people who visit the preserves, and these officers are committed to serving with honor and integrity and to treating every person with respect, dignity and compassion; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 2, 2021, the Mower County Sheriff's Office in Minnesota requested assistance with locating a subject wanted on a warrant after the Mower County Sheriff's Office had received a call from a child who reported that the wanted subject threatened to kill the child's mother and was headed to Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mower County Sheriff's Office requested that the Forest Preserves' police conduct a search for the subject's vehicle near Busse Woods; and then, while searching, the Forest Preserves police were notified that the search was being re-directed to another jurisdiction, but the officers decided to continue searching the site out of an abundance of caution; and

**WHEREAS**, Forest Preserves Officers Tapia, Dickey, and Nieves and Sergeant Chomor located the subject's vehicle at Ned Brown Forest Preserve and safely took the subject into custody without further incident; and

**WHEREAS**, the extra caution and effort by the officers and sergeant may have prevented a future act of domestic violence and safeguarded the mother who had been threatened.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Toni Preckwinkle, President, and the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby honor and thank Officer Jorge Tapia, Officer Bryant Dickey, Officer Hiral Nieves, and Sergeant Andrew Chomor for their service and commitment to public safety.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve on**

**the Consent Agenda 22-0017. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

**Absent:** Moore (1)

[22-0018](#)

**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), FRANK J. AGUILAR, ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR., SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON, BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS and LARRY SUFFREDIN, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**RESOLUTION HONORING AND THANKING OFFICER JULIO IRIZARRY, OFFICER MERCEDES MARTINEZ, AND SHERIFF’S POLICE SERGEANT CHRIS PLYON FOR SERVICE TO THE FOREST PRESERVES AND PEOPLE OF COOK COUNTY**

**WHEREAS** the officers of the Forest Preserves of Cook County Department of Law Enforcement protect the Forest Preserves and people who visit the Forest Preserves and are sworn officers committed to serving with honor and integrity, and to treating every person with respect, dignity and compassion; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 2, 2021, Forest Preserves Police Officers Julio Irizarry and Mercedes Martinez responded to assist Cook County Sheriff’s Police units searching for a woman who was in crisis based on statements made to a colleague; and

**WHEREAS**, Officers Irizarry and Martinez searched Bunker Hill Forest Preserve where the woman was believed to be but was not found, and later when the woman’s vehicle was found at a nearby hotel, they responded to the location and, in conjunction with Cook County Sheriff’s Police Sergeant Chris Plybon, confirmed the woman had checked into the hotel; and

**WHEREAS**, upon entering the woman’s hotel room, the Officers and Sergeant discovered her unconscious and then immediately began to administer cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) until she began to breathe on her own and paramedics arrived and transported her to a hospital; and

**WHEREAS**, the earlier CPR is initiated, the greater the chances of survival, and the swift actions of Officer Irizarry, Officer Martinez, and Sergeant Plybon likely saved the woman’s life.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Toni Preckwinkle, President, and the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby honor and thank Forest Preserves of Cook County Officer Julio Irizarry, Officer Mercedes Martinez, and Cook County Sheriff’s Police Sergeant Chris Plybon for their service, dedication, and commitment to public safety.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve on the Consent Agenda 22-0018. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

**Absent:** Moore (1)

**PRESIDENT**

[22-0019](#)

**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 2022**

**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 2022.”

**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 2022 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, 2022 at its meeting held November 18, 2021, 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 Tax Levy” where applicable) is set forth hereinafter.

**Section 4.** That the sum of One Hundred and Two Million, Six Hundred and Seventeen Thousand, Six Hundred and Eighty Seven Dollars and No Cents (\$102,617,687), 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 2022 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 18, 2021 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 2022 being composed of the specific amounts for the various purposes herein before named.

**ANNUAL TAX LEVY ORDINANCE  
FOR THE YEAR COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2022**

**SUMMARY 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.

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Amount of Appropriation</b>	<b>Payable From The Tax Levy</b>	<b>Payable From Sources Other Than The Tax Levy</b>
Corporate	65,623,346	54,884,328	10,739,018
Self-Insurance	8,030,000		8,030,000
Const. & Development	7,469,000	7,700,000	-231,000
Bond & Interest	17,064,135	13,064,635	3,999,500
Employee Annuity & Benefit	4,150,808	3,735,727	415,081
Real Estate Acquisition	5,000,000	0	5,000,000
Capital Improvement	6,000,000	0	6,000,000
Resident Watchmen	223,000	0	223,000
Chicago Zoological	14,442,818	14,284,927	157,891
Chicago Horticultural	8,958,093	8,948,070	10,023
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$136,961,200</b>	<b>\$102,617,687</b>	<b>\$34,343,513</b>

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to refer 22-0019 to the Finance Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

**Absent:** Moore (1)

**COMMISSIONERS**

**OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT**



[22-0008](#)

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

**PROPOSED GRANT AWARD**

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

**Grantee:** Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”)

**Grantor:** Illinois Department of Natural Resources (“IDNR”)

**Request:** Authorization to accept grant

**Purpose:** Authorization is sought for the Forest Preserves to accept grant and enter into an agreement with IDNR for a project funded through Coastal Management Program grant, to develop an inclusive Community Engagement Plan and to install a series of wayfinding and interpretative signs at Eggers Grove located in Chicago, Illinois.

**Grant Amount:** \$150,000.00

**Grant Period:** 2/1/2022 - 10/1/2023

**Fiscal Impact:** \$150,740.00 (not to exceed \$80,000.00 in direct match and \$70,740.00 in in-kind support)

**Accounts:** Professional Services 51010.520830 and 51001.520830; Land Improvement 51010.560019 and 51009.560019; and various grant accounts

**Concurrences:**

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

**District(s):** 4

**Summary:** This grant award will allow the Forest Preserves to conduct inclusive community outreach to develop a Community Engagement Plan and to install a series of wayfinding and interpretative signs at Eggers Grove. This 240-acre site is one (1) of only a handful of forest preserves located within the City of Chicago, but despite this, and the remarkable nature and outdoor recreation opportunities it offers, the site is currently underutilized. The proposed activities will be designed to build awareness of these assets and

increase use, and appreciation of, Eggers Grove. The total project costs are \$300,740.00; of which the Forest Preserves will contribute \$80,000.00 in direct match and \$70,740.00 in in-kind staff support.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 22-0008. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

**Absent:** Moore (1)

[22-0010](#)

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

**PROPOSED GRANT AWARD**

**Department:** Department of Resource Management

**Grantee:** Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”)

**Grantor:** Illinois Department of Natural Resources (“IDNR”)

**Request:** Authorization to accept grant

**Purpose:** The project, funded through Coastal Management Program funds awarded by IDNR, will conduct restoration activities on 23 acres at Beaubien Woods located in southeast Cook County in Chicago, Illinois. Authorization is sought to accept grant and enter into grant agreement for the project.

**Grant Amount:** \$30,000.00

**Grant Period:** 2/1/2022 - 10/1/2023

**Fiscal Impact:** Not to Exceed \$30,000.00 in direct match

**Accounts:** Grant 51010.521444

**Concurrences:**

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

**District(s):** 4, 5

**Summary:** This grant award will allow the Forest Preserves to conduct restoration activities at Beaubien Woods, one of the few forest preserves located almost entirely within the City of Chicago. Beaubien Woods offers urban residents a unique opportunity to experience nature and provides important habitat for plants, birds, and other wildlife. The grant award will allow the Forest Preserves to restore nine (9) new acres of wetland and prairie through invasive brush removal, herbaceous invasive species control, local seed collection, and prescribed fire, as well as enhance fourteen (14) acres of existing wetland and prairie at Beaubien Woods through ongoing herbaceous invasive species control. The project will directly benefit the preserve’s native plants and animals and enhance visitors’ experience at Beaubien Woods.

Total project costs are \$60,000.00, of which the Forest Preserves will contribute \$30,000.00 or 50% in direct match.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 22-0010. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

**Absent:** Moore (1)

[22-0004](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, 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 Zayo Group, LLC (“Zayo”), Grantee, to locate, operate and maintain 792 feet of buried fiber optic cable along Cermak Road in Westchester. This new license request will bring into compliance the location of existing fiber optic cable infrastructure, which was granted in 2011 as license #1724. Since granting the original license, the owner of the fiber optic cable has changed to a different corporation and this new license will reflect the current owner of the infrastructure. Given that this is an administrative change and extension of a prior license, there are no tree impacts as part of this new license.

**Term:** Ten (10) Years (retroactive beginning 8/9/2021 - 8/8/2031)

**License Fee:** \$24,545.45

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

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

**YELAR Fee:** \$6,750.00

Total one-time upfront fee of \$35,795.45 for the term of the License  
(Sec. 5-2A-4 and 5-2B-4)

**Tree Mitigation Fee:** N/A

**The area of the License is:** 0.2727 acre

**Concurrence(s):**

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

Grantee has met the insurance requirements under the License Agreement.

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

**District(s):** 16

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to refer 22-0004 to the Real Estate Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

**Absent:** Moore (1)

[22-0005](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, 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 Zayo Group, LLC (“Zayo”), Grantee, to locate, operate and maintain 11,260 feet of buried fiber optic cable along Milwaukee Avenue, Willow Road and Sanders Road in Dam No. 1 Woods. This new license request will bring into compliance existing fiber optic cable infrastructure, which was granted in 2000 as license #1674. Since granting the original license, the owner of the fiber optic cable has changed to a different corporation and this new license will reflect the current owner of the infrastructure. Given that this is an administrative change and extension of a prior license, there are no tree impacts as part of this new license.

**Term:** Ten (10) Years (retroactive beginning 12/14/2020 - 12/13/2030)

**License Fee:** \$348,966.94

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

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

**YELAR Fee:** \$6,750.00

Total one-time upfront fee of \$360,216.94 for the term of the License  
(Sec. 5-2A-4 and 5-2B-4)

**Tree Mitigation Fee:** N/A

**The area of the License is:** 3.8774 acres

**Concurrence(s):**

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

Grantee has met the insurance requirements under the License Agreement.

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

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

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to refer 22-0005 to the Real Estate Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

**Absent:** Moore (1)

[22-0002](#)

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

**PROPOSED MISCELLANEOUS ITEM OF BUSINESS**

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

**Summary:** The Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) requests authorization for the General Superintendent or a designee to have discretionary spending up to \$100,000.00 through the remainder of 2022 to support educational, recreational and community engagement program services with a variety of program partners, including, but not limited to, artists, arts groups, youth development groups, program trainers, curriculum development facilitators, and cultural groups. These program partners would be selected through the Forest Preserves’ Event and Program Partnership application process. This Event and Program Partnership application is listed on the Forest Preserves’ website on the Doing Business and Partnership page and will be marketed through various Forest Preserves avenues. Program Partnerships may extend into the 2023 fiscal year depending on the program proposal but would not exceed twelve (12) consecutive months. Individual contracts would not exceed \$5,000.00. The program partnerships would be proposed or vetted by the Forest Preserves’ Conservation and Experiential Programming team and selected based on community involvement; ability to provide the service; ability to bring a unique program concept to the Forest Preserves; ability and interest to connect with the Forest Preserves’ mission and vision; ability to serve a community impacted by racial and other inequities; ability to support Forest Preserves’ grant programs; price; and ability to bring a new audience to the Forest Preserves. This program strategy complements the goals of the Next Century Conservation Plan, to connect more people with nature and to make the Forest Preserves more welcoming and accessible. A report on partnership contracts and activities funded through this process in 2021 is attached.

**Programming Good(s) or Service(s):** Programming Partnerships

**Fiscal Impact:** FY 2022 \$90,000.00; FY 2023 \$10,000.00

**Accounts:** Special Events 51001.520635; Supplies and Material 51001.53190; and various other grant funds

**District(s):** Districtwide

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 22-0002. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

**Absent:** Moore (1)

[22-0003](#)

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

**PROPOSED DISBURSEMENT**

**Department(s):** Department of Resource Management

**Action:** Authorization to disburse payment

**Payee:** Pizzo & Associates, Ltd., Leland, Illinois

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Comprehensive habitat enhancement services

**Fiscal Impact:** \$181,250.86

**Accounts:** Professional Services 51030.520840; Grant and Mitigation 51010.521444 and 51010.520840

**Contract Number(s):** #74000003825 issued under Project #18-31-101S

**District(s):** 4, 6, 15, 17

**Summary:** Payment for expenses related to execution of comprehensive habitat enhancement services provided by Pizzo & Associates, Ltd., including invasive species control and prescribed burning, pursuant to the Habitat Enhancement Services contract approved by the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners on 7/26/2018 (Board Item No. 18-0301).

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 22-0003. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

**Absent:** Moore (1)

[22-0011](#)

**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

**Fiscal Impact:** \$147,865.82

**Accounts:** MWRD Grant 51010.560060; BAAD Grant 51010.560055; and MFT Grant 51029.560060

**Contract Number(s):** #74000009398 issued under Project #19-80-67G-21C5

**District(s):** 1

**Summary:** The project includes the removal and replacement of an existing asphalt parking lot with a porous unit paving parking lot and construction of a new accessible canoe and kayak launch at Schuth's Grove in North Riverside. Funding is provided by a green infrastructure grant awarded by the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD), a boat access area development (BAAD) grant awarded by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) funds from the Cook County Department of Transportation & Highways. Work is pursuant to the construction contract approved by the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners on 7/27/2021 (Board Item No. 21-0352).

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 22-0011. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

**Absent:** Moore (1)

[22-0015](#)

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

**PROPOSED DISBURSEMENT**

**Department(s):** Department of Facilities and Fleet

**Action:** Authorization to disburse payment

**Payee:** BCR Automotive Group, d/b/a Roesch Ford, Bensenville, Illinois

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Six (6) 2021 Ford F150 Hybrid Pick Up trucks



**Fiscal Impact:** \$262,032.72

**Accounts:** Vehicles and Trucks 51057.540260, 51058.540260, and 51028.540260

**Contract Number(s):** #74000008365

**District(s):** Districtwide

**Summary:** Payment for six (6) 2021 Ford F150 Hybrid Pick Up trucks, utilizing a contract awarded by the City of Chicago (contracts #32916 and #67802) as approved by the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners on 11/17/2020 (Board Item No. 20-0326). The Vehicle Steering Committee approved the acquisition of these additional vehicles prior to board approval.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 22-0015. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

**Absent:** Moore (1)

[22-0001](#)

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

**REPORT**

**Department:** Office of the County Auditor

**Request:** Refer to Audit Committee

**Report Title:** FY'21 4th Quarter Open Recommendation Status Report

**Report Period:** December 2021

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

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to refer 22-0001 to the Audit Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

**Absent:** Moore (1)

[22-0016](#)

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

**REPORT**

**Department:** Office of the General Superintendent

**Request:** Receive and File

**Report Title:** Sustainability and Climate Resiliency Plan Progress Report

**Report Period:** FY 2018 - FY 2021

**Summary:** This report covers the progress to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and increase carbon sequestration by the Forest Preserves since the passage of the Sustainability & Climate Resiliency Plan in 2018.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to refer 22-0016 to the Environment and Sustainability Committee . The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

**Absent:** Moore (1)

[22-0006](#)

**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 - 11/30/2021

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

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to receive and file 22-0006. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

**Absent:** Moore (1)

[22-0007](#)

**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:** 11/1/2021 - 11/30/2021

**Summary:** Submitting the Procurement and Disbursements Report for the period of November 2021. The 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 Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to receive and file 22-0007. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

**Absent:** Moore (1)

[22-0012](#)

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

**REPORT**

**Department:** Departments of Legal and Finance

**Request:** Receive and File

**Report Title:** Workers' Compensation Report - November 2021

**Report Period:** 11/1/2021 - 11/30/2021

**Summary:** The Forest Preserves of Cook County Departments of Legal and Finance are submitting Workers' Compensation Claim Payments for the month of November 2021. Payments total \$135,898.19 for November 2021.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to receive and file 22-0012. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

**Absent:** Moore (1)

[22-0013](#)

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

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

Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Litigation -12/14/2021

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

Proposed Settlements Approved Fiscal Year 2022 to Present: \$0.00

Proposed Settlements to Be Approved: \$0.00

Legal Fees Approved Fiscal Year 2022 to Present: \$0.00

Legal Fees for 12/14/2021 to Be Approved: \$61,110.07

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 22-0013. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

**Absent:** Moore (1)

[22-0105](#)

**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 12/14/2021.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 22-0105. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

**Absent:** Moore (1)

[22-0014](#)

**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 1/11/2022 - 2/8/2022

Please check the Forest Preserve of Cook County’s website, [www.fpdcc.com/events](http://www.fpdcc.com/events) <<http://www.fpdcc.com/events>>, for updates and changes.

**Thursday, 1/13; 10am**

**S.E.N.I.O.R.S., Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs**

Seniors Enjoying Nature Inside/Outside Rain or Shine! Join us for a nature-inspired adventure for seniors. *Ages 55 and up. Registration and facemasks required.*

**Friday, 1/14; 1pm - 3pm**

**Winter Woodworking, Rolling Knolls, Elgin**

Repurpose the common European buckthorn into something new! *Equipment provided. Intended for ages 10 and up. Participants under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Registration and facemasks required. Call 224-456-8602.*

**Friday, 1/14; 7pm**

**Owl Hike, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington**

Join us for a talk about these nocturnal hunters. Afterwards we will look for these unique predators on a

0.5-mile hike. *Ages 8 and up. Registration and facemasks required.*

**Friday, 1/14; 6pm**

**Wellness in the Woods: “Solitude” in Nature, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Discover the peacefulness of solitude in nature without being alone. *Registration and facemasks required.*

**Saturday, 1/15; 1pm**

**Skier 101 (No Snow), Sagawau Nature Center, Lemont**

Thinking about cross-country skiing but don't know where to start? Sagawau's certified Professional Ski Instructor of America are here to answer your questions. *Registration and facemasks required.*

**Saturday, 1/15; 4pm**

**Sunset Hike, Camp Reinberg, Palatine**

Join us for a stroll in the Forest Preserves and take in the evening sunset. Depending on snow conditions, snowshoes will be available to borrow for the hike. *Registration and facemasks required. Register at [experience.camping@cookcountyil.gov](mailto:experience.camping@cookcountyil.gov).*

**Sunday, 1/16; 1pm - 2:30pm**

**Family Winter Scavenger Hunt and Campfire, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Enjoy a winter afternoon on a self-guided hunt for signs of animals and plant life on your Scavenger Hunt List, followed by snacks and relaxing around a campfire. *Registration and facemasks required. Call 708-366-6530.*

**Sunday, 1/16; 7pm**

**Illuminated Night Hike, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington**

Crabtree is staying up late for this special hike in the dark. Giant's Hollow will be lit by candles and the (nearly) full moon for a hike few have a chance to see. *Registration and facemasks required.*

**Monday, 1/17; 10am - 2pm**

**MLK Day of Service: Give Back to the Land, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Giving back drives happiness, boosts self-esteem and builds community with others. Join us as we restore native habitat by removing invasive species and doing a litter clean up. *No experience necessary. Facemasks required.*

Additionally you can join us for self-led volunteer litter cleanup and make a direct impact on the health and beauty of your local forest preserves at the other five Nature Centers and Dan Ryan Woods, Miller Meadow, Caldwell Woods and Sault Trail Woods-North. Check out the website for details.

**Tuesday, 1/18; 9am**

**Photography Walk, Thatcher Woods, Maywood**

We will hike around Thatcher Woods and down to the Des Plaines River in hopes of capturing some magical winter photography. *Registration and facemasks required. Call 312-533-5751.*

**Friday, 1/21; 6pm - 8:30pm****Sand Ridge by Candlelight, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Enjoy Sand Ridge at night during a relaxing candlelit self-guided walk through the woods. *Multiple time slots available. Registration and facemasks required.*

**Saturday, 1/22; 10am - 1pm****Winter Exploration Day, Caldwell Woods Warming Shelter, Chicago**

Find your way using a compass, follow local animal tracks and more. Warm up by the indoor fire and make a s'more. *Snowshoeing and sledding available, weather permitting. Facemasks required.*

**Saturday, 1/22; 1:30pm****Ice Sun Catcher Craft and Walk, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Join us as we get outdoors and make a fun and easy craft. A short winter hike will follow while our sun catcher's freeze. *Children 5 and up with adult. Registration and facemasks required. Call 708-366-6530.*

**Saturday, 1/22; 1pm****Squirrel! Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington**

National Squirrel Appreciation Day is celebrated each year in January. This year, we want to celebrate by teaching you about some of our favorite bushy-tailed friends. *Registration and facemasks required.*

**Saturday, 1/29; 11am - 2pm****All About Fire, Thatcher Woods Pavilion, River Forest**

Join us for activities all related to fire! Learn safe practices for fire building and containment, then make your own fire and roast a marshmallow. *Facemasks required.*

**Tuesday, 2/1 through Sunday, 2/6****Groundhog Week, Sagawau Nature Center, Lemont**

Will Sagawau Sam see his shadow on the ski trails this year? Ski by our outdoor exhibit to learn about groundhogs and other winter hibernators. Repeat skiers throughout the week win a prize. *Facemasks required.*

**Friday, 2/4; 6pm****Adult Winter Watercolors, Rolling Knolls, Elgin**

Join us for a winter art workshop as we explore the beauty of nature through watercolor painting. *Materials provided. Ages 21 and up. BYOB (no glass). Registration and facemasks required. Call 224-456-8602.*

**Saturday, 2/5; 11am - 2pm****Greg the Groundhog and Friends, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs**

Join in on an interactive scavenger hunt adventure on our trails to find Greg the Groundhog and his animal friends. *Registration and facemasks required.*

**Saturday, 2/5; 1:30pm**

**Owls of Trailside, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Come visit with us to learn about the fascinating owls that call Trailside home and meet one of Trailside’s ambassador owls! *Registration and facemasks required. Call 708-366-6530.*

**Saturday, 2/5; 10am - 1pm**

**Beaubien Woods Community Day, Beaubien Woods, Chicago**

Join the Forest Preserves of Cook County and Field Museum to enjoy a day at Beaubien Woods. Explore nature, help with restoration, and enjoy an art-making activity. *Facemasks required.*

**Sunday, 2/6; 1:30pm**

**Insects in Winter, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Hunt our trails for the mighty snow flea and learn about winter insects. *Facemasks required.*

**Thursday, 2/6; 5:30pm**

**Evening Snowshoe Hike, Camp Reinberg, Palatine**

Explore the Forest Preserves after dark on snowshoes. Snowshoes will be provided upon request. Four inches of hard snow is required to snowshoe. If no snow, we will take an evening stroll on foot. *Registration and facemasks required. Register at [experience.camping@cookcountyil.gov](mailto:experience.camping@cookcountyil.gov).*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to receive and file 22-0014. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

**Absent:** Moore (1)

**COMMITTEE ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION**

**There were no items requiring Board action for this meeting.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Commissioner LUIS ARROYO JR., seconded by Commissioner DENNIS DEER, to adjourn this meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

**Absent:** Moore (1)



Respectfully submitted,

*Lynne M. Turner*

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Interim Secretary

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