



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

BOARD NOTICE AND AGENDA

Tuesday, September 17, 2024, 10:00 AM

CONSENT CALENDAR

Pursuant to Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code, the Secretary to the Board of Commissioners hereby transmits Consent Calendar Resolutions for your consideration. The Consent Calendar Resolutions shall be published in the Journal of Proceedings as prepared by the Secretary of the Board.

There are no Consent items for this meeting

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

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OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT**24-0360**

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN SUPPORT OF AN ILLINOIS TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION FOR BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS ON THE DES PLAINES RIVER TRAIL

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") desires to submit a grant application to the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) to request support for Phase 2

Engineering services for relocation, reconstruction and new pedestrian bridges on a 4.9-mile portion of the Des Plaines River Trail from Irving Park Road to Fullerton Road, also known as Segments 5 and 6 (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the Project would advance goals set forth in the Forest Preserves’ Trail Master Plan and Next Century Conservation Plan to improve access to outdoor recreation opportunities and would significantly improve 4.9 miles of this regional trail system; and

WHEREAS, the Des Plaines River Trail reconstruction is a current project that involves multiple partners and municipalities including the Village of Franklin Park and Village of River Grove; and

WHEREAS, this ITEP Grant would fund 80% of eligible Phase 2 Design Engineering costs of the Project with the remaining ineligible costs to be paid for with local Forest Preserves funds; and

WHEREAS, should the Forest Preserves be awarded this ITEP grant for the Project on Segments 5 and 6 of the Des Plaines River Trail, the Forest Preserves would request authorization from the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners to accept the funds and execute an agreement for the ITEP grant funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Forest Preserves of Cook County to apply for this ITEP grant and commit to paying the local match (up to 20% of total Project costs), estimated to be \$583,525.00, to complete the Phase 2 Design Engineering services and for all ineligible costs associated with the Project.

24-0372

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT ADDITIONAL GRANT FUNDS

WHEREAS, on 1/26/2021, the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners approved the acceptance of \$750,000.00 in grant funding from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) Museum Capital Grant program (Board Item No. 21-0101) to improve the Crabtree Nature Center in Barrington Hills; and

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserve District of Cook County’s (“Forest Preserves”) Department of Planning and Development successfully completed this grant project in 2023, improving the nature center’s accessibility and energy efficiency and updating its exhibits and signage; and

WHEREAS, due to various factors including supply chain issues during and following the COVID-19 pandemic, the actual project construction cost was significantly higher than the estimated total project cost

of \$1,000,000.00 at the time of the original IDNR Museum grant award; and

WHEREAS, the IDNR consequently intends to award the Forest Preserves an additional \$300,000.00 towards this grant project's expenses at no cost to the Forest Preserves, increasing the original grant award from \$750,000.00 to \$1,050,000.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Forest Preserves' General Superintendent or their designee to accept any additional grant funds from IDNR towards the grant-funded renovation project of the Crabtree Nature Center located in Barrington Hills.

24-0375

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Department: Department of Planning and Development

Other Part(ies): Village of River Grove, Illinois ("River Grove")

Request: Authority to enter into an agreement and make payment of local grant match funds to River Grove

Goods or Services: Phase II Design Engineering services for improvement of the Des Plaines River Trail between Fullerton Avenue and North Avenue in River Grove.

Agreement Number(s): N/A

Agreement Period: Date of Execution through Acceptance of All Completed Phase II Engineering Documents by the Forest Preserves of Cook County ("Forest Preserves") or five (5) years from the Date of Execution, whichever event occurs earlier

Fiscal Impact: FY 2025 \$673,000.00; FY 2026: \$284,600.00

Accounts: Professional Services accounts 51009.520830, 51010.520830, 51029.520830, 51033.520830, and 51034.520830; and future Construction and Development accounts

District(s): 9

Summary: 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. River Grove is anticipated to be sub-awarded American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA”) funds from the Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways (“DOTH”) in the amount of \$750,000.00 to cover a portion of Phase II Engineering costs for the mainline trail segment within River Grove (Fullerton Avenue to North Avenue), including two (2) connections, one to Strieby Drive and a second to Evans Field, all in accordance with the related Phase I Study. River Grove advised the Forest Preserves that it needs support to pay costs in excess of ARPA funding to engineer the mainline and two (2) connecting trail spurs.

As the local sponsor under the proposed Intergovernmental Agreement, River Grove would be responsible for contracting for the completion of the Phase II engineering work with an estimated total cost of \$1,423,000.00. DOTD is anticipated to reimburse River Grove up to a maximum of \$750,000.00 via the ARPA grant funds, whereas the Forest Preserves would then reimburse River Grove for the remaining costs. The Forest Preserves is hereby seeking authority to provide the remaining engineering costs not to exceed a total of \$957,600.00 (\$673,000.00 in matching funds + a 20% contingency estimated at \$284,600.00).

Phase II design work is expected to be completed by the winter of 2026. Final agreement is subject to legal review and approval.

24-0376

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

PROPOSED AGREEMENT

Vendor: Indigo Sports, LLC (formerly Billy Casper Golf), a wholly owned subsidiary of Troon Golf, LLC, Scottsdale, Arizona

Request: Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to enter into an agreement

Reason: The Forest Preserves sought proposals through a Request for Proposals (“RFP”) process for the management of its ten (10) golf courses and four (4) driving ranges. Indigo Sports, LLC was selected out of four (4) total respondents due to their offer being the most lucrative and sustainable for the longevity of the Forest Preserves’ golf portfolio. The Forest Preserves also partnered with a golf consultant to assist in developing the RFP as well as evaluating potential golf course management providers (See Board Item No. 24-0168). Indigo Sports, LLC (known previously as “Billy Casper Golf”), which has managed the Forest Preserves’ golf courses since 2003, presented the strongest financial package and management plan for the upcoming term. Purchase Order #74000014226, is added for tracking purposes.

Contract Period: 1/1/2025 - 12/31/2034 with one (1) optional extension for an additional ten (10) years.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: N/A (revenue generating as provided below)

The Forest Preserves will receive the following revenue: a Minimum Annual Fee for the golf courses of \$700,000.00 for Years 1-5 and \$1,400,000.00 for Years 6-10 and the Extension Term, *or* the total gross revenue percentages identified below, whichever is greater.

- A. Gross Golf Revenues
 - i. Years 1-5: Five Percent (5%)
 - ii. Years 6-10: Ten Percent (10%)
- B. Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages Revenues
 - i. Years 1-10: Five Percent (5%)
- C. Alcoholic Beverages Revenues
 - i. Years 1-10: Seven and one-half Percent (7.5%)
- D. Other Revenues
 - i. Years 1-10: Five Percent (5%)

Additionally, the Forest Preserves will receive \$11,000,000.00 over the first three (3) years of the agreement, along with a continuous capital contribution of 5% (for Years 1-5) and 8.5% (for Years 6-10) of gross revenues, dedicated to golf course improvement projects.

Account(s): Golf Revenue 51001.411216, 51001.411217

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

District(s): 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 13, 15, 17

24-0373

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

EASEMENT REQUEST

Request: Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to grant a permanent easement and a temporary easement to the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) at Joliet Road and Brainard Avenue in Countryside, Illinois for a safety improvement project.

Reason: IDOT plans to complete a safety improvement project at the intersection utilizing the easement areas for sidewalk construction and re-grading of existing Forest Preserves trail.

The area for the permanent easement is 0.006 acres (or 261 square feet), and the area for the temporary easement is 0.054 acres (or 2,352 square feet). IDOT indicates that no trees are expected to be removed for this project.

Easement Fee: \$300.00 for the permanent easement and \$700.00 for the temporary easement

Tree Mitigation Fee: \$0

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

District(s): 17

24-0366

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Department of Facilities and Fleet

Vendor: CD, LLC d/b/a Carbon Day EV Charging, Wheeling, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Supply and delivery of nineteen (19) 80Amp, Level II, Dual Bollard with 23’ cable and locking holster with Card Reader, ChargePoint brand Electric Vehicle Chargers, based on Sourcewell contract #042221-CPI, expiring 7/20/2025

Contract Value: \$252,871.00

Contract Period: One-time purchase

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2024 \$252,871.00

Accounts: Property Maintenance 51033.540350

Contract Number(s): #74000014795 (agreement based on Sourcewell contract #042221-CPI)

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

Piggyback contract based on a Cooperative Procurement agreement with no MWBE Participation goals.

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: This contract is for the supply and delivery of nineteen (19) ChargePoint Electric Vehicle (EV) chargers from ChargePoint area distributor Carbon Day EV Charging of Wheeling, IL for use in the charging of Forest Preserves Electric Fleet vehicles. The purchase of these EV Chargers will help the Forest Preserves reduce Green House Gas (GHG) emissions by enabling the use of Electric Vehicles in the Forest Preserves' Fleet. The nineteen (19) EV Chargers will have dual heads and allow a total of thirty-eight (38) fleet vehicles to be charged overnight. The Forest Preserves intends to install these units in house with IBEW Local 134 electricians. The ChargePoint units were chosen from a pool of six (6) EV Charger companies. ChargePoint has a large market share presence, longevity, offered a dual head charger, has an access system similar to the existing fuel management system for charger use management, and is also being utilized by Cook County in their EV Charger program.

24-0368

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Department of Facilities and Fleet

Vendor: Atlas Bobcat, LLC, Elk Grove Village, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Fifteen (15) Cronkhite Heavy Duty Equipment Trailers

Contract Value: \$320,605.00

Contract Period: One-time purchase

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2024 \$320,605.00

Accounts: Vehicles and Trucks 51033.540260

Contract Number(s): #74000014794

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

Sole Source contract with no MWBE participation goals.

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: The Facilities and Fleet Department is requesting to purchase fifteen (15) Cronkhite heavy duty equipment trailers on a sole source basis to be assigned to the Department of Resource Management for land management operations. The request is based on two (2) specific reasons: customization of a specialized ramp to accommodate specialized machinery and the operational needs of additional staffing to the Resource Management crews. Atlas Bobcat is the sole distributor for Cronkhite trailers in the Chicagoland area.

24-0349

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Legal Department

Vendor: AQL Technologies Inc., Park Ridge, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Development and enhancement of SharePoint environment.

Original Contract Period: 9/15/2023 - 9/14/2024, with two (2) one-year optional renewals;
Administrative Extension 9/15/2024 - 9/14/2025

Proposed Contract Period Extension: 9/15/2025 - 9/14/2026

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$30,000.00

Original Approval: 9/15/2023, \$25,000.00

Previous Increase(s): 5/28/2024, \$5,000.00 (Administrative)

This Increase Requested: \$50,000.00 (\$25,000.00 per twelve-month period)

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2024 \$5,000.00, FY 2025 \$25,000.00, FY 2026 \$20,000.00

Accounts: Legal Services 51001.521055

Contract Number(s): #74000013151

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 to the contract as the original contract value per year was equal to or less than \$25,000.00.

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: The Forest Preserves entered into a contract with AQL Technologies (“AQL”) to enhance and optimize our existing SharePoint environment for improved interaction between Legal, Purchasing and other user departments. This environment included our dashboards, sites, subsites, pages, lists, libraries, permissions, flows, Power Automate and Power Apps in the SharePoint environment and integration with other aspects of Microsoft Office 365. An evaluation committee determined that AQL was the most responsive bidder to a Request for Proposals out of five (5) respondents.

AQL developed the Legal Request Dashboard to handle a variety of requests via automated flows to create a central intake system, reduce duplication, email stakeholders, create/move folders, upload documents, approve/reject requests, etc. The process incorporates numerous inter-departmental communications automatically exchanged via SharePoint. It streamlines the current processes making the Forest Preserves more efficient and effective. The initial beta testing revealed various technical issues to resolve for the Dashboard to have optimal efficiency. Thus, the Forest Preserves seeks to extend and increase the contract to address these outstanding issues in order to improve the Dashboard’s overall effectiveness.

24-0355

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Department of Landscape Maintenance

Vendor: Service Sanitation, Inc., Homewood, Illinois

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to exercise its

two (2) one-year renewal options for Region 1 contract

Good(s) or Service(s): Placement and Servicing of Portable Toilets in Region 1 (Northwest - Poplar Creek, Indian Boundary, and Des Plaines Divisions)

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

Proposed Contract Period Extension: 11/1/2024 - 10/31/2026

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$642,420.00

Original Approval: 9/21/2021, \$312,420.00

Previous Increase(s): 4/25/2023, \$89,000.00; 12/12/2023, \$241,000.00

This Increase Requested: \$381,185.00

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2024 \$9,043.00, FY 2025 \$184,262.00, FY 2026 \$187,880.00

Accounts: 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; and Special Events 51001.520635

Contract Number(s): #74000009626 issued under Project #21-52-101 (Rebid)

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

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

District(s): 1, 9, 10, 14, 15, 16, 17

Summary: The Forest Preserves of Cook County would like to exercise its two (2) one-year renewal options for placement and servicing of both standard and accessible portable toilets for Region 1 for general patron use, permitted picnic rentals, public programming, special events, and other projects such as restroom remodeling.

24-0356

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Department of Landscape Maintenance

Vendor: Service Sanitation, Inc., Homewood, Illinois

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") to exercise its two (2) one-year renewal option for Region 2 contract

Good(s) or Service(s): Placement and Servicing of Portable Toilets in Region 2 (North - North Branch, Skokie, and Salt Creek Divisions)

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

Proposed Contract Period Extension: 11/1/2024 - 10/31/2026

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$447,100.00

Original Approval: 9/21/2021, \$281,100.00

Previous Increase(s): 4/25/2023, \$88,000.00; 12/12/2023, \$78,000.00

This Increase Requested: \$364,727.00

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2024 \$9,241.00, FY 2025 \$176,603.00, FY 2026 \$178,883.00

Accounts: 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; and Special Events 51001.520635

Contract Number(s): #74000009627 issued under Project #21-52-102 (Rebid)

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

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

District(s): 1, 6, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17

Summary: The Forest Preserves of Cook County would like to exercise its two (2) one-year renewal options for placement and servicing of both standard and accessible portable toilets for Region 2 for general patron use, permitted picnic rentals, public programming, special events, and other projects such as restroom remodeling.

24-0357

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Department of Landscape Maintenance

Vendor: Service Sanitation, Inc., Homewood, Illinois

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to exercise its two (2) one-year extension renewal options for Region 3 contract

Good(s) or Service(s): Placement and Servicing of Portable Toilets in Region 3 (Southwest - Palos, Sag Valley, Tinley Creek Divisions)

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

Proposed Contract Period Extension: 11/1/2024 - 10/31/2026

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$535,900.00

Original Approval: 9/21/2021, \$300,900.00

Previous Increase(s): 4/25/2023, \$130,000.00; 12/12/2023, \$105,000.00

This Increase Requested: \$395,177.00

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2024 \$9,219.00, FY 2025 \$190,995.00, FY 2026 \$194,963.00

Accounts: 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; and Special Events 51001.520635

Contract Number(s): #74000009628 issued under Project #21-52-103 (Rebid)

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

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

District(s): 3, 4, 5, 6, 11, 17

Summary: The Forest Preserves of Cook County would like to exercise its two (2) one-year renewal options for placement and servicing of both standard and accessible portable toilets for Region 3 for general patron use, permitted picnic rentals, public programming, special events, and other projects such as restroom remodeling.

24-0358

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Department of Landscape Maintenance

Vendor: Service Sanitation, Inc., Homewood, Illinois

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to exercise its two (2) one-year renewal options for Region 4 contract

Good(s) or Service(s): Placement and Servicing of Portable Toilets in Region 4 (Southeast - Thorn Creek and Calumet Divisions)

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

renewal options

Proposed Contract Period Extension: 11/1/2024 - 10/31/2026

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$402,780.00

Original Approval: 9/21/2021, \$222,780.00

Previous Increase(s): 4/25/2023, \$92,000.00; 12/12/2023, \$88,000.00

This Increase Requested: \$252,163.00

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2024 \$6,887.00, FY 2025 \$123,416.00, FY 2026 \$121,860.00

Accounts: 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; and Special Events 51001.520635

Contract Number(s): #74000009629 issued under Project #21-52-104 (Rebid)

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

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

District(s): 3, 4, 5, 6, 11

Summary: The Forest Preserves of Cook County would like to exercise its two (2) one-year renewal options for placement and servicing of both standard and accessible portable toilets for Region 4 for general patron use, permitted picnic rentals, public programming, special events, and other projects such as restroom remodeling.

24-0361

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Department of Permits, Rentals and Concessions

Vendor: Chicago River Canoe and Kayak, LLC, Evanston, Illinois

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to amend the utilities payment provision of the contract

Good(s) or Service(s): Boat concession services for the Maple Lake Boat House

Original Contract Period: 4/11/2017 - 4/10/2020 with two (2) two-year optional extensions; (First Extension Option Exercised) 4/11/2020 - 4/10/2022; Per Board Item No. 20-0360, (10/20/2020) additional year added to second extension option; (Second Extension Option Exercised) 4/11/2022 - 4/10/2025

Proposed Contract Period Extension: N/A

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: Chicago River Canoe and Kayak has agreed to pay the Forest Preserves an annual base fee plus 5% of gross sales.

Original Approval: 4/11/2017

Previous Increase(s): N/A

This Increase Requested: N/A

Estimated Fiscal Impact: N/A (Revenue Generating)

Accounts: Concession Fees 51001. 411316

Contract Number(s): 17-40-401

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

District(s): 17

Summary: In 2017, the Forest Preserves entered into an agreement with Chicago River Canoe & Kayak (CRCK) to manage the Maple Lake Boathouse. This agreement included a provision for CRCK to cover a certain percentage of utility costs. However, a review by the Forest Preserves’ Finance, Facilities and

Permits Departments revealed that CRCK was also paying for utilities in areas not directly managed by them, such as restrooms and parking lot lighting.

Due to this oversight, this contract amendment would require CRCK to reimburse the Forest Preserves for 70% of the utility costs incurred during the boathouse season, instead of the originally agreed upon 100%. Accordingly, and to support the sustainability of this concession, the Forest Preserves also seeks authorization to waive 30% of the utility fees for the 2024 season under this amendment. Using 2023 utilities data, the Forest Preserves estimates that CRCK will reduce their utility payment to the Forest Preserves by approximately \$758 annually. With this accommodation, CRCK continues to pay the Forest Preserves per its contracted terms under this agreement and other boat concession agreements with the Forest Preserves.

24-0068

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Department of Finance and Administration

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Procurement and Disbursement Report

Report Period: 6/1/2024 - 7/31/2024

Summary: Submitting the Procurement and Disbursement Report for the period of June and July 2024. The report is to be received and filed in compliance with Section 1-8-2 (BB) of the District's Code of Ordinances.

24-0086

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Department of Finance and Administration

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (the "ACFR")

Report Period: Fiscal Year Ending 12/31/2023

Summary: The ACFR has been prepared by the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) for the fiscal year ending 12/31/2023. The report has been prepared in accordance with the principles and standards for the financial reporting set forth by the Government Accounting Standards Board and audited by a firm of independent auditors retained by the Forest Preserves.

24-0364

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Departments of Legal and Finance

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Workers’ Compensation Reports (June 2024 and July 2024)

Report Period: 6/1/2024 - 7/31/2024

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 2024. Payments total \$115,702.04 for June 2024 and \$145,290.39 for July 2024.

24-0367

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

PROPOSED CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Department: Department of Conservation and Experiential Programming

Summary: Forest Preserves of Cook County Calendar of Events and Activities
9/17/2024-10/21/2024

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

Tuesday, 9/17; 7:30pm - 11pm

Partial Lunar Eclipse, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs

Join us and view the partial total lunar eclipse! *Registration required. Please call (708) 839-6897.*

Thursdays, 9/19 through 10/17; Times vary

Weekly Caldwell Wood Wellness Center Programming, Caldwell Wellness Center, Chicago

An exciting new program will take place every Thursday! You can check our website for weekly offerings including time, age appropriateness, and other details. For more information, *please call (773)758-8899 or visit the website.*

Wednesday, 9/18; 4pm - 7pm

Night Hike: Stars and Stories, Dan Ryan Woods Pavilion, Chicago

Bring in gently used books and leave with some new-to-you books! The books can be of any genre and reading level, however we encourage you to bring nature-themed, large print, braille, and audio books. For more information, *please call (312)415-2970 or visit the website.*

Thursday, 9/19; 4pm - 6pm

Teen Exploration Day: Paleontology Mystery, Caldwell Woods, Chicago

Join us and learn the science behind the study of fossils. You can participate in a simulated fossil hunt to shed light on a 12,000-year-old mystery. *Registration required. Ages 12 and up. Please call (773)758-8899.*

Thursday, 9/19; 4:30pm - 7pm

Teen Exploration Day: Crafternoon, Bremen Grove, Tinley Park

Join us and find your inner artist. Nature will serve as your inspiration to create a variety of arts and crafts. *Ages 13-19. For more information, please visit the website.*

Thursday, 9/19 through Saturday, 9/21; 12pm - 3pm

Fall Nature Camp, Rolling Knolls, Elgin

Join us and learn the significance of harvest season in Native American culture while participating in various activities. *This event is presented with Trickster Cultural Center. For more information, please call (773)758-8899 or visit the website.*

Friday, 9/20; 11am - 12pm

Food is Medicine: A Small Taste of Native America, Thatcher Woods Pavilion, River Forest

Join us and learn about using fruits and plants in health from the American Indian Center's Food is Medicine resident chef. You can sample a small tasting of healthy and traditional Native foods and learn about Indigenous ideologies. *For more information, please call (312) 533-5751.*

Saturday, 9/21 through Saturday, 9/28; 9am - 4pm

Party for the Preserves: Litter Clean-up, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington

Drop in and help care for our natural world by participating in National Clean-up Day. *Supplies will be available to pick up onsite. For more information, please call (847) 381-6598.*

Saturday, 9/21; 4:30pm - 7pm

Latino Conservation Week: Paddle and Clean-up, Powderhorn Lake, Burnham

You can help keep the forest clean and paddle the Calumet Region at Powderhorn Lake. *For more information, please call (312) 415-2970 or visit the website.*

Saturday, 9/21; 10am - 3pm**Chicago Portage Day, Chicago Portage Historic Site, Lyons**

Join us and celebrate this National Historic Site, its cultural significance, and the history of Chicago. There will be presentations, demonstrations, site tours, games and activities. *For more information, please call (312) 533-5751.*

Saturday, 9/21; 1:30pm**Fall Color Ramble-Bilingual, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Join us for a 1.5-mile walk and witness the wonderful ephemeral color changes that nature has to offer! *Registration required. This event will be offered in English and Spanish and will take place in sunshine or rainfall. Please call (708) 868-0606.*

Saturday, 9/21 through Sunday, 9/22; 3pm - 12pm**Camping For All, Camp Bullfrog Lake, Willow Springs**

Enjoy cycling, climbing, kayaking and camping while you explore beautiful Camp Bullfrog Lake in this program specially designed for individuals with a primary physical disability or visual impairment. *Registration required. This event is presented with Adaptive Adventures. For more information, please visit the website.*

Sunday, 9/22; 8am**One Voyage 5K Run and Walk, Busse Woods-Central, Elk Grove Village**

Join us in the great outdoors by participating in a fun run for the entire family. This event will help get youth from the Chicagoland area into the outdoors. *Registration required. This event will start at Grove 4. For more information, please visit the website.*

Sunday, 9/22; 10am**Pedal the Preserves, Carl R. Hansen Woods, Schaumburg**

You can learn the basics of bike riding like simple maintenance and safe riding skills. We will then explore the trail. *Registration required. This is a family-friendly program. The event will start at Grove 1, and it is presented with Ride Illinois. Bikes will be available for loan upon request to the first 15 registrants. Please call (773)758-8899.*

Sunday, 9/22; 10am**Accessible Autumnal Equinox Walk, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Join us for a talk about the equinox on a short, guided nature walk on a paved trail. *Registration required. This program is ADA Accessible. Please call (708) 366-6530.*

Sunday, 9/22; 10am - 12pm**Drop in Bird Banding, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Sagawau is celebrating its 27th year in bird banding! Drop in and see birds up close while learning about this scientific method. *For more information, please call (630) 257-2045.*

Sunday, 9/22; 10:30am - 12:30pm

“Check Out” Nature, Swallow Cliff Woods-North, Palos Park

Explore nature by checking out some of our gear. We will answer questions, give trail recommendations, maps, and more. For more information, please visit the website.

Tuesday, 9/24: 12 - 3pm

Nature is A Resource, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

An invitation to discuss how after-school programs and nature intersect. Presented with the Illinois Afterschool Network and geared for Out of School Time youth-serving staff, managers, coordinators and anyone excited to understand how nature can lend itself to an outdoor out-of-school time fun and learning while being up and active with youth. Join us for a light lunch, an outdoor activity and for discussion with and information from the Forest Preserves team and a partner about how you can put some nature into your program. Dress for the weather and be outside for part of the day. Wear comfortable, closed-toed shoes for walking. Registration required, see website for link.

Saturday, 9/28; 10am - 1pm

Party for the Preserves: Bike Ride, Beaubien Woods, Chicago

Celebrate National Public Lands Day with nature-based activities and bike rides. Divvy bikes provided will be provided and supplies are limited. For more information, please call (312)415-2970 or visit the website.

Saturday, 9/28; 10am - 2pm

Party for the Preserves, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Join us for fun activities that help us to become better stewards of the land. You can earn service-learning hours. *For more information, please call (708) 868-0606.*

Saturday, 9/28; 10:30am - 2:30pm

Party for the Preserves, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Join us and celebrate the Forest Preserves of Cook County on National Public Lands Day. The event will have many activities for attendees such as walks on the trail and arts and crafts. *For more information, please call (847) 824-8360 or visit the website.*

Saturday, 9/28; 11am - 2pm

Salsa Dance: Party for the Preserve, Thatcher Woods, River Forest

Join us for a fun day of Salsa dancing outside. This event will have music, salsa dance instruction, a food truck, bilingual hikes, yoga and more. *For more information, please call (312) 533-5751 or visit the website.*

Saturday, 9/28; 12pm - 4pm

Community Powwow, Caldwell Woods, Chicago

Join us and celebrate Native American culture while recognizing the theme “Every Child Matters”. This

event will have a traditional Powwow, native food, and listen to stories of culture from the area. *This event will be held at Grove 1 and attendees are encouraged to wear orange. For more information, please visit the website.*

Saturday, 9/28; 1pm**Party for the Preserves: Go Green, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

Celebrate National Public Lands Day by enjoying a nature walk and learning about the importance of green spaces. *Registration required. Please call (708) 839-6897.*

Saturday, 9/28; 5pm - 9pm**Party for the Preserves, Camp Bullfrog Lake, Willow Springs**

Join us for live music, food vendors and a night hike to celebrate National Public Lands Day. *For more information, please visit the website.*

Sunday, 9/29; 10am - 2pm**Hispanic Heritage Month Paddling Celebration, Powderhorn Lake, Burnham**

Bring the celebration outdoors to the Calumet region and paddle at Powderhorn Lake. *For more information, please call (312) 415-2970 or visit the website.*

Sunday, 9/29; 1pm**We are All Connected, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington**

Join us for a guided bilingual nature walk that will explore how humans and all of nature are interconnected. *This event will be offered in English and Spanish. For more information, please call (847) 381-6598.*

Friday, 10/4; 5pm - 7pm**Halloween Hoot and Howl, Keystone Park, River Forest**

Join us for an evening of slightly spooky family fun! The event will have live music, pumpkin painting, kid's crafts, marshmallows around a campfire, and more. *This event is presented with the River Forest Public Library and the River Forest Park District. For more information, please visit the website.*

Saturday, 10/5; 10am - 1pm**Pumpkinpalooza, Caldwell Woods, Chicago**

Join us for a fun day of all things pumpkins! We will have fun activities like pumpkin painting, bowling, ring toss, leaf rubbing, fall-themed obstacle course, and more. *Registration required. This event will be held at Grove 1, and supplies are limited. This event is presented by Jerome Witte from My Town Realty Group. Please call (773)758-8899.*

Saturday, 10/5; 11am - 3pm**Awe of Nature, Midlothian Meadows, Midlothian**

Learn about how to connect people to nature through environmental engagement and community partners. *This event is presented by The Nature Conservancy. For more information, please call (312) 533-5751.*

Saturday, 10/5; 1pm**Oak Ecology, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Join us and walk under ancient oaks. You will learn about their natural history and why they are a keystone species. *Registration required. Please call (630) 257-2045.*

Sunday, 10/6; 1pm - 3pm**Nurtured by Nature, Harms Woods-Central, Glenview**

Join us for a nature-centered day of wellness focusing on mental, physical, and emotional wellness while highlighting the benefits of our natural resources within the Preserves. The program will include yoga, meditation, art therapy, and more. *Registration required. This event will be held at Grove 5, and it is presented by Cook County Commissioner Josina Morita and others. For more information, please visit the website.*

Sunday, 10/6; 1:30pm**Nature Detective, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Learn how to look for clues to figure out nature's mysteries. *For more information, please call (847) 824-8360.*

Sunday, 10/6; 9am- 3pm**Annual Arts and Crafts Fair, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

We are celebrating our 59th Annual Arts and Craft Fair! There will be art of all styles for sale by artists inspired by nature. *This is an outdoor event. For more information, please call (708) 839-6897.*

Tuesday, 10/8; 4pm - 6pm**Breast Cancer Awareness, Swallow Cliff Woods-North, Palos Park**

In recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, stop by our table and learn about breast cancer, gain resources, and more. *This event is presented by Advocate Health Care. For more information, please visit the website.*

Wednesday, 10/9; 6pm - 8pm**Night of Nature Play, Dan Ryan Woods Visitor Center, Chicago**

Join us and experience nature at night! Play and discover what glows in the dark. *For more information, please call (312)415-2970 or visit the website.*

Thursday, 10/10; 3:30pm - 5:30pm**Teen Exploration Day: Fishing 101, Rolling Knolls, Elgin**

Join us for an afternoon of aquatic education and casting lessons. *Registration required. Ages 12 and up. Please call (773)758-8899.*

Friday, 10/11; 1pm - 3:30pm**Connecting Newcomers to Nature, Thatcher Woods Pavilion, River Forest**

Nature can help refugees and immigrants heal from trauma. We will learn about the ways nature heals us

and explore how newcomer communities can connect with nature. *Registration required. For more information, please visit the website.*

Saturday, 10/12; 10am - 12pm**Indigenous Peoples' Day Celebration, Schiller Woods-East, Chicago**

Join us and celebrate Native American culture. This event will include drumming, Native dancing, exploring the Serpent Mounds, and more. *This event is presented with the American Indian Center of Chicago. For more information, please call (312) 533-5751 or visit the website.*

Saturday, 10/12; 1pm**Quarries: Stories of Ancient Reef Discovery, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Join us and celebrate Earth Science Week: Earth Science Everywhere. We will learn about the history of quarries and how it led to a greater understanding of fossilized coral reefs. *Registration required. Please call (630) 257-2045.*

Saturday, 10/12; 10am - 2pm**Family Fun Day, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Bring the whole family to spend time outside! There will be fun activities such as cooperative games, nature scavenger hunts, and more. *For more information, please call (708) 868-0606.*

Sunday, 10/13 through Monday, 10/14; 10am - 4pm**Indigenous Environmentalists Walk, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington**

In celebration of Native American Heritage Month, enjoy a self-guided walk and learn about indigenous naturalists. *For more information, please call (847) 381-6598.*

Sunday, 10/13; 2pm - 5pm**Beats in the Forests, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

Did you know that forest sounds can be used for making hip-hop beats? Join us and help record sound to make fun and relaxing beats. *Beatmakers of all levels are welcome. Please bring a computer or phone. It is recommended to bring wired headphones for the best auditory experience. This event is presented by Solidarity Studios. For more information, please call (708) 839-6897.*

Wednesday, 10/16; 4pm - 7pm**Conservation at Home Seed Swap and Plant Exchange, Dan Ryan Woods Pavilion, Chicago**

Plant lovers unite! This event will include a native plant presentation followed by seed and plant sharing. *Please bring a mug because warm beverages will be provided. For more information, please call (312)415-2970 or visit the website.*

Thursday, 10/17; 10am - 12pm**Access Adventure Multi-Sport Day, Miller Meadow-South, Maywood**

Everyone can enjoy cycling and climbing in the great outdoors. *Registration required. This program is specially designed for individuals with a primary physical disability or visual impairment. This*

event is presented with Adaptive Adventures. For more information, please call (312) 533-5751.

Thursday, 10/17; 6pm - 8pm**Teen Exploration Days at Sand Ridge, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Join us after hours each month for fun activities. *Registration required. Ages 13-18. The activities will include resources and tools for English and Spanish speakers. For more information, please call (708) 868-0606.*

Friday, 10/18; 7pm - 9:30pm**Teen Exploration Days: Bonfire, Camp Dan Beard, Northbrook**

Join us for a spooky night in the woods! We will have a bonfire with s'mores, listen to scary stories and search for bats on a night hike. *Registration required. Ages 13 and up. Ages 13-17 must have adult supervision. For more information, please visit the website.*

Saturday, 10/19; 10am**Fall Color Walk, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Join us for a guided walk in the woods to celebrate Polish American Heritage Month. *Registration required. This is a family program that will be offered in English and Polish. Please call (708) 366-6530.*

Saturday, 10/19; 10am - 1pm**Fall Paddle Festival, Tower Road Boat Launch, Northfield**

Join us and embrace the fall season with nature-based activities on and off the water. The activities will include a canoe trip, fishing, archery, pumpkin painting, nature play, and music. *This event is presented with Back Yard Nature Center and Chicago River Canoe and Kayak. Please call (773) 758-8899.*

Saturday, 10/19; 1pm - 3:30pm**Hispanic Heritage Celebration, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

Celebrate the conclusion of this special month by making traditional artwork for display on our Dia de los Muertos altar. *For more information, please call (708) 839-6897.*

Sunday, 10/20; 9am**Spooky Shuffle 5k/10k, Swallow Cliff Woods-South, Palos Park**

This trail race takes you through the pristine Sag Valley Trail System. *Registration required. This event is presented with the Village of Palos Park. For more information, please visit the website.*

Sunday, 10/20; 10am - 2pm**Pumpkin Scavenger Hunt, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington**

Drop in and find all the hidden pumpkins during a fun self-guided scavenger hunt. *Attendees are encouraged to wear costumes. For more information, please call (847) 381-6598.*

Sunday, 10/20; 10am - 3pm**Fall Festival, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Join us and celebrate the season with a special day of autumn fun! This event will have entertainment, beekeeping demonstrations, animal encounters, pumpkin painting, honey sales, activities and more. *Admission is free. There will be some activities that require a small fee and there will be food available to purchase. For more information, please call (847) 824-8360.*