



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

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

BOARD NOTICE AND AGENDA

Tuesday, October 22, 2024, 10:00 AM

Issued On: 10/17/2024

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

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 F, 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.

PRESIDENT**24-0305**

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION**2025 BOARD AGENDA MEETING ANNUAL CALENDAR DATES AND LOCATIONS**

WHEREAS, in accordance with Title 1, Chapter 5, Section 4-1(a) of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code of Ordinances, the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners shall hold regular meetings pursuant to an annual calendar adopted by resolution of the Board; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 2.03 of the Illinois Open Meetings Act, every public body shall give public notice of the schedule of regular meetings at the beginning of each calendar or fiscal year and shall state the regular dates, times and places of such meetings; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by President Toni Preckwinkle and the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners (the “Board”):

1. That the Board shall hold its regular meetings of the Board on the following dates during calendar year 2025, the time for holding the specified meetings is 10:00 a.m., local time:

Tuesday, January 14

Tuesday, February 4

Tuesday, March 11

Tuesday, April 8

Tuesday, May 6

Tuesday, June 10

Tuesday, July 1

Tuesday, September 9

Tuesday, October 21

Tuesday, November 18

Tuesday, December 16

2. That Board meetings may be conducted remotely by video and/or teleconferencing in accordance with public health authority guidelines and applicable provisions of the Illinois Open Meetings Act, the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code of Ordinances, and executive orders related to a proclamation of disaster by the Governor of the State of Illinois. Otherwise, the place of Board meetings is the Cook County Building, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, except for the following three meeting dates stated below in Sections 3, 4 and 5.

3. That the Board shall hold a regular meeting of the Board on Tuesday, May 6th at the Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Rd, Glencoe.

4. That the Board shall hold a regular meeting of the Board on Tuesday, July 1st at Camp Sullivan, 14630 Oak Park Ave, Oak Forest.

5. That the Board shall hold a regular meeting of the Board on Tuesday, September 9th at Brookfield Zoo Chicago, 8400 31st Street, Brookfield.

6. That the same dates and locations listed here will be used to schedule the following standing committee meetings, set to begin at 9:30 a.m., local time: Subcommittee on Workers’ Compensation; Committee on Rules; Committee on Finance; and Committee on Real Estate.

24-0421

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 2024

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 2024.”

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 2024 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, 2024 at its meeting held November 14, 2023, 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 Forty-Nine Million, Six Hundred and Seventy-Four Thousand, Seven Hundred and Seventy-Three Dollars and No Cents (\$149,674,773), 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 2024 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 14, 2023 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 2024 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, 2024

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.

| Fund | Amount of Appropriation | Payable From The Tax Levy | Payable From Sources Other Than The Tax Levy |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| Corporate | 87,256,728 | 74,559,815 | 12,696,913 |
| Self-Insurance | 8,530,000 | 0 | 8,530,000 |
| Const. & Development | 19,400,000 | 20,000,000 | -600,000 |
| Bond & Interest | 16,144,173 | 12,581,423 | 3,562,750 |
| Employee Annuity & Benefit | 12,414,562 | 12,011,548 | 403,014 |
| Real Estate Acquisition | 10,300,000 | 0 | 10,300,000 |
| Capital Improvement | 4,025,000 | 0 | 4,025,000 |
| Resident Watchmen | 230,000 | 0 | 230,000 |
| Chicago Zoological | 18,854,909 | 18,833,475 | 21,434 |
| Chicago Horticultural | <u>11,616,322</u> | <u>11,688,512</u> | <u>-72,190</u> |
| Total | \$188,771,694 | \$149,674,773 | \$39,096,921 |

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

24-0416

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

PROPOSED ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE A FOREST PRESERVE NEAR SWEET WOODS

AN ORDINANCE CREATING A FOREST PRESERVE in part of Section 11, Township 35 North, Range 14, East of the Third Principal Meridian, all in Cook County, Illinois near Sweet Woods in District 5.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois (the “District”), pursuant to the statutes in such case made and provided, has from time to time acquired by

purchase, condemnation, gift, grant, devise, or otherwise, lands necessary and desirable for District purposes containing one or more natural forests or parts thereof, or lands connecting such forests or parts thereof, or lands capable of being reforested for the purpose of protecting and preserving the flora, fauna, and scenic beauties within the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois, and to restore, restock, protect, and preserve the natural forests and said lands together with their flora and fauna, as nearly as may be, in their natural state and condition, for the purpose of the education, pleasure, and recreation of the public; and

WHEREAS, the said Board of Commissioners of the District also has acquired in like manner lands for the consolidation of such preserves into unit areas of a size and form convenient and desirable for public use and economical maintenance and improvement, and lands for the purpose of connecting such preserves with forested ways or links in order to increase their accessibility, use, and enjoyment, and lands for improvement by forestation, roads, and pathways, and lands for the purpose of constructing, maintaining, and operating recreational facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the District has in a like manner acquired lands along water courses or elsewhere which, in their judgment, were required to control drainage and water conditions and necessary for the preservation of forested areas acquired or to be acquired as preserves and lands for the purpose of extension of roads and forested ways around and by such preserves and for parking space for automobiles and other facilities not requiring forested areas but incidental to the use and protection thereof; and

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the District as follows:

Section 1. That a unified Forest Preserve be and the same is hereby created within the District which shall contain and connect lands now owned and lands to be acquired in substantial accordance with the plat now on file in the office of the General Superintendent of the District, which by reference is hereby made a part hereof, and for the purposes of said Forest Preserve and for the carrying out of the statutory purposes more particularly set out in the preamble of this ordinance, it is necessary and desirable for the District to own and it shall acquire property hereinafter described in Section 2 of this ordinance, for the purpose of creating a Forest Preserve and for District uses.

Section 2. That the lands referred to in Section 1 of this ordinance are more particularly described as follows:

Parts of 19100 E. Glenwood Dyer Road & 2990 Ridge Road, Unincorporated Cook County, Illinois

PARCEL C:

THAT PART OF THE EAST HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER LYING SOUTH OF GLENWOOD-DYER ROAD OF SECTION 11, TOWNSHIP 35 NORTH, RANGE 14 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AND THAT PART OF THE WEST HALF (EXCEPT THE EAST 990.0 FEET THEREOF MEASURED ON SOUTH LINE) OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 11, TOWNSHIP 35 NORTH, RANGE 14 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, WHICH LIES SOUTH OF GLENWOOD-DYER ROAD, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE EAST HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 11; THENCE SOUTH 89° 39' 53" WEST A DISTANCE OF 1322.00 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE EAST HALF OF SAID SOUTHWEST QUARTER; THENCE NORTH 01° 02' 19" WEST ALONG THE WEST LINE OF THE EAST HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER, A DISTANCE OF 2,650.68 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE EAST HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER; THENCE NORTH 89° 38' 28" EAST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF THE EAST HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER, A DISTANCE OF 350.00 FEET; THENCE DEPARTING SAID NORTH LINE, ON A LINE PARALLEL WITH THE WEST LINE OF THE EAST HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER ON A BEARING OF SOUTH 01° 02' 19" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 600.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 54° 01' 29" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 1,217.48 FEET TO THE EAST LINE OF THE EAST HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER, ALSO BEING THE WEST LINE OF THE WEST HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 11; THENCE CONTINUING ALONG LAST SAME LINE ON A BEARING OF SOUTH 54° 01' 29" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 412.84 FEET TO THE WEST LINE OF THE EAST 990.0 FEET OF THE WEST HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 11; THENCE SOUTH 01° 03' 52" EAST ALONG LAST SAID WEST LINE OF THE EAST 990.0 FEET OF THE WEST HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 11, A DISTANCE OF 1,085.40 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE EAST 990.0 FEET OF THE WEST HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER; THENCE SOUTH 89° 40' 26" WEST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID WEST HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER, A DISTANCE OF 330.38 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, ALL IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

TOGETHER WITH A NON-EXCLUSIVE 24-FOOT-WIDE INGRESS AND EGRESS EASEMENT FROM GLENWOOD-DYER ROAD ALONG THE EASTERN PROPERTY BOUNDARY OF PIN 32-11-400-004.

Parts of PINs: 32-11-301-001-0000 & 32-11-400-004-0000

SAID PARCEL CONTAINING 2,969,287 SQUARE FEET, OR 68.17 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

SAID EASEMENT CONTAINING 31,200 SQUARE FEET, OR 0.72 ACRE, MORE OR LESS.

Section 3. This ordinance is hereby made and ordained to be severable as to each parcel of land or portion thereof or right of interest in any of the same hereby authorized to be acquired, and failure to acquire any of the said parcels of land described in Section 2 hereof or right of interest in any of the same shall not impair or invalidate the authority by this ordinance granted to hold, own, or acquire any other of said parcels or any right or interest therein, it being the intention of said Board of Commissioners of the District to carry out the general plan provided in this ordinance so far as legally and financially practicable, and to negotiate for purchase, condemn, or otherwise acquire from time to time the parcel(s) of land described in Section 2 hereof and all right or interest therein.

Section 4. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

District 5

24-0417

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

PROPOSED PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE

Department(s): Legal Department

Other Part(ies): The Conservation Fund, A Nonprofit Corporation (Owner of Record)

Request: It is respectfully requested that this proposed purchase be approved.

Description of Real Estate: Parts of 19100 E. Glenwood Dyer Road & 2990 Ridge Road, Unincorporated Cook County, Illinois

Section: N/A

Parcel(s): Part of PINs: 32-11-301-001-0000 & 32-11-400-004-0000

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SAID EASEMENT CONTAINING 31,200 SQUARE FEET, OR 0.72 ACRE, MORE OR LESS.

Fiscal Impact: \$1,310,000.00 purchase price plus closing costs up to \$10,000.00 (up to \$1,320,000.00 in total).

Accounts: Real Estate and Land Acquisition Fund 51006.560010; and ARPA Fund 51032.560010

District(s): 5

Summary: The Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) has identified a parcel of land for acquisition that would add to the Forest Preserves’ current holdings near Sweet Woods (the “Property”). The Property, commonly known as Parts of 19100 E. Glenwood Dyer Road & 2990 Ridge Road, Unincorporated Cook County, Illinois, consists of approximately 68.17± acres plus an approximately 0.72 acre ± Ingress and Egress Easement. The Property has natural and fallowed land and contains a part of Deer Creek.

Through negotiations, the Owner of Record (the “Seller”), has agreed to sell the Property to the Forest Preserves for the sum of ONE MILLION THREE HUNDRED TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00/100 (\$1,310,000.00) plus closing costs up to \$10,000.00 (up to \$1,320,000.00 in total). The purchase price is based upon two (2) M.A.I. appraisals obtained by the Forest Preserves and is subject to the Forest Preserves’ satisfactory completion of its due diligence.

Permission is now sought, upon satisfactory completion of all due diligence and negotiation of any and all required documentation as determined by the Forest Preserves Legal Department, to effectuate payment in the amount of the purchase price plus closing costs as full compensation for the acquisition of the Property.

This land acquisition advances the goals of the Forest Preserves’ Southeast Cook County Land Acquisition Plan, Next Century Conservation Plan, and Acquisition and Disposition of Land Position Paper.

24-0311

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

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

FEEES AND OCCUPANCY OF DISTRICT LANDS

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Title 1 (Administrative), Chapter 9 (Land Acquisitions and Dedications) of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as follows:

CHAPTER 9 LAND ACQUISITIONS AND DEDICATIONS FEES AND OCCUPANCY OF DISTRICT LANDS

1-9-1: [REPEALED] LAND ACQUISITIONS.

A. Appraisals Required: ~~All land recommended for purchase by the Land Acquisition Team shall be appraised by a competent real estate appraiser.~~

1. ~~No surplus real estate owned by the District shall be sold or exchanged unless two written independent fee appraisal reports have first been obtained and presented to the District Board of Commissioners and the proposed sale or exchange has been presented to the Real Estate Committee. At least one of such appraisals shall be an M.A.I. appraisal. The grantee may be required to pay the cost of such appraisals as a condition of conveyance of the real estate proposed to be sold or exchanged.~~

2. ~~Unless the purchase price is \$50,000.00 or less, no real estate shall be purchased by the District unless two written independent fee appraisal reports have first been obtained and presented to the District Board of Commissioners and the proposed purchase has been presented to the Real Estate Committee. At least one of such appraisals shall be an M.A.I. appraisal.~~

B. Negotiations: ~~All negotiations with the respective owners of lands sought to be acquired by purchase or condemnation shall be carried on by the Chief Attorney, assisted by the Real Estate Agent, who shall give a full report to the Board with recommendations.~~

C. Titles to Land: ~~The title to all land ordered purchased by the Board shall be examined and passed upon by the Legal Department of the District before the purchase price is paid.~~

D. Reports; Purchasing Land: ~~The Legal Department having examined the title to land ordered to be purchased by the Board shall report in writing to the President of the Board the name of the party or parties in which title in fee simple has been found, the name or names of other parties in interest, if any, the exact acreage of the land, as certified by the Planning and Development Department, the purchase price decided upon by the Board and the compliance with all the conditions imposed by the Board, by date and number of page. When the Legal Department in its report recommends the payment of the purchase price, then the President, Treasurer and Comptroller shall pay as the purchase price, to the grantor or grantors upon the delivery of property instruments, such sum or sum of money by checks or bonds of the District in such manner as may be recommended by the Legal Department and approved by the President.~~

(1989 Code; Ord. of 1-4-95)

1-9-2: [REPEALED] DEDICATION OF LANDS FOR HIGHWAY PURPOSES.

~~On all designated County State Aid Roads, and State Bond Issue Roads running through or adjacent and contiguous to the various Forest Preserves in the District, the use of a strip of land fifty feet (50') on either side of the center line of said designated highways, being a part of the Forest Preserve lands, may be designated for highway purposes, subject to the approval of the General Superintendent.~~

~~(1989 Code)~~

1-9-3: FEES AND OCCUPANCY OF DISTRICT LANDS.

- A. Occupancy by Other than Forest Preserve District Employees:* Hereafter, all leases, privileges and occupancy must be requested by the applicant from the Board of Forest Preserve Commissioners, and no leases or permits of occupancy shall be given without first having the approval of the Board.
- B. Resident District Employees:* Employee occupancy shall be governed as follows:
1. All Employees occupying residences are required and must agree to perform the following duties.
 - a. Must be thoroughly familiar with District boundaries within their assigned area and make periodic inspections to make certain that District property is protected and report any prohibited or illegal activity and encroachments.
 - b. Be on constant watch for fires. During times of extreme fire dangers, must be available to report for fire duty. All watchman residents must be fire certified as a burn crew member and be in possession of the issued personal fire protection gear, flapper and/or backpack pump.
 - c. Check all bodies of water; clean up all minor debris; check all facilities for vandalism; and during the appropriate seasons check area frequently for illegal hunters.
 - d. Complete and submit Resident Watchman Report on a bi-monthly basis.
 - e. Must be constantly aware that as a public employee residing on public lands assistance must be offered to those visitors who need and request help and/or information. Must ensure that the District provided sign indicating that the residence is a Watchman Residence is prominently posted at all times.
 2. All occupants of District residences will pay utilities costs (heat, electric, water and sewage).
 3. An employee granted permission to occupy a Residence that is attached to a District facility shall pay an occupancy fee of Four Hundred and sixty-eight dollars (\$468.00) per month.
 4. An employee granted permission to occupy a Residence that is adjacent to a District facility shall pay an occupancy fee of Five Hundred and eighty-five dollars (\$585.00) per month.
 5. An employee granted permission to occupy a Free Standing residence shall pay an occupancy fee of Seven Hundred and two dollars (\$702.00) per month.

6. Every two years, subject to approval for renewal of the Occupancy Agreement, every resident will sign a new agreement with any changes that have been voted upon by the Housing Committee and approved by the General Superintendent. Any fee increase will commence at this time based on the Consumer Price Index added to the current fee and incorporated into the new Occupancy Agreement.
7. All fees collected will be placed into a Special Revenue fund, which will be used to maintain the major repairs of the residences and/or build standard maintenance facilities with an attached apartment. A house that has been deemed obsolete or is a burden to the District will be authorized for demolition.
8. The Housing Committee shall conduct no less than one annual inspection of all residences. If a house has been deemed by the Housing Committee to be obsolete or a burden to the District, a recommendation for demolition will be presented to the Board of Commissioners. The Housing Committee may authorize random inspections of each residence in the Housing Program as deemed necessary to maintain the integrity of the program and compliance with the terms of the Occupancy Agreement.
9. All residents will be responsible for "Minor Maintenance" and the Forest Preserve District will be responsible for "Major Maintenance", as each term is defined in the Occupancy Agreement.
10. This section, relating to Fees and Occupancy of District Lands, shall be re-evaluated by the Housing Committee and reported to the General Superintendent on an annual basis.
11. Those employees who retire or resign from employment with the District shall be required to vacate the premises within a reasonable time, not to exceed sixty (60) days after their last day of employment. Retirees and employees who resign shall be responsible for paying all required fees.
12. Widows/Widowers of employees shall be required to vacate the premises within a reasonable period of time, not to exceed six (6) months after the spouse's demise, provided widows/widowers are appropriately indicated in the Occupancy Agreement. Widows/Widowers shall be responsible for paying all required fees, but shall not be responsible for providing services of the Occupancy Agreement.
13. The General Superintendent shall establish policies and procedures for the occupancy of District residences as set forth in the Resident Watchman Program Manual. The General Superintendent has the discretion to add or subtract any task necessary to assist in the mission statement of the Forest Preserve District.
14. A Housing Committee shall be appointed and designated by the General Superintendent.
15. The performance of all duties and responsibilities of the resident watchman as set forth in the

Occupancy Agreement shall be monitored by the Housing Committee. Failure to perform or to adhere to the terms of the Occupancy Agreement by the resident watchman and authorized occupants of the District residence may result in termination of the Occupancy Agreement.

16. The Forest Preserve District Superintendent shall place on the agenda of the March meeting of the Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners an Annual report to the Forest Preserve Board of Commissioners listing the names of employees occupying forest preserve homes for part or all of the fiscal year, as well as their job titles and salaries. In addition, the report shall contain copies of all watchman reports filed by employees occupying forest preserve homes.

Effective date: This ordinance amendment shall be in effect on January 1, 2025.

[24-0313](#)

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

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

ACQUISITION, CONVEYANCE, LICENSE AND USE OF DISTRICT PROPERTY

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Title 2 (Forest Preserve Lands and Property), Chapter 5 (Authorized Conveyance of Property) of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code of Ordinances is hereby repealed in its entirety and the following ordinance provisions are substituted in its place:

- 2-5-1 Purpose and Policy Objectives
- 2-5-2 Definitions
- 2-5-3 Land Acquisitions
- 2-5-4 Conveyances
- 2-5-5 Licenses
- 2-5-6 Easements and Rights-of-Way
- 2-5-7 Vacations
- 2-5-8 Annexation

- 2-5-9 Eminent Domain
- 2-5-10 Resolution of Encroachments
- 2-5-11 Required Review Factors; Procedure
- 2-5-12 Supplemental Mitigation Measures and Public Amenities and/or Benefits
- 2-5-13 No Net Loss of Land Over Time; Annual Reporting

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Effective date: This ordinance amendment shall be in effect on January 1, 2025.

24-0314

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

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

LICENSE PROCESS

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Title 5 (Public Utilities), Chapter 2 (Franchises), Article A (Utility Companies and Other "For Profit" Entities) and Article B (Municipalities and Other Governmental Agencies) of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code of Ordinances are hereby amended as follows:

5-2A-4: LICENSE FEE.

In addition to those special fees as may be recommended by District staff, the fee for licenses issued under this Article will be determined by multiplying the acres used by the cost per acre. Acres used will be calculated by multiplying the linear footage shown on the license application (or revised application) by the width required for future maintenance of the facilities. The minimum width will be fifteen (15) feet for all licenses regardless of the facilities installed or location of said facilities. Requests for widths above fifteen (15) feet must include an explanation justifying the need for additional width. The minimum license fee will be five (5) percent of the cost per acre for the current year. Additionally, a Youth Education, Land Acquisition and Restoration (YELAR) Program Fee of seven and one-half (7.5) percent of the cost per acre, and a License Review Fee, shall be assessed against all licenses issued. Cost per acre, minimum

license fee, License Review Fee and YELAR program fee figures can be found in Appendix A at the end of this Article. All fees due will be paid as a lump-sum up-front one-time payment, unless otherwise approved by the Board. With respect to Appendix A, the license fee for any extended year period shall be calculated as established in paragraph 5-2A-4 using a cost per acre of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) higher than the previous year.

5-2A-7: EXPIRATION OF THIS ARTICLE.

~~**[REPEALED]** This Article will expire on December 31, 2024. Any license previously issued by the FPD that expires after the expiration of this Article and before a replacement Article has been adopted shall be automatically renewed for one (1) period(s) until a replacement Article is adopted. The fee for any extended year period shall be calculated as established in paragraph 5-2A-4 using a cost per acre of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) higher than the previous year.~~

5-2B-4: LICENSE FEE.

In addition to those special fees as may be recommended by District staff, the fee for licenses issued under this Article will be determined by multiplying the acres used by the cost per acre. Acres used will be calculated by multiplying the linear footage shown on the license application (or revised application) by the width required for future maintenance of the facilities. The minimum width will be fifteen (15) feet for all licenses regardless of the facilities installed or location of said facilities. Requests for widths above fifteen (15) feet must include an explanation justifying the need for additional width. The minimum license fee will be five (5) percent of the cost per acre for the current year. Additionally, a Youth Education, Land Acquisition and Restoration (YELAR) Program Fee of seven and one-half (7.5) percent of the cost per acre, and a License Review Fee, shall be assessed against all licenses issued. Cost per acre, minimum license fee, License Review Fee and YELAR program fee figures can be found in Appendix A at the end of this Article. All fees due will be paid as a lump-sum up-front one-time payment, unless otherwise approved by the Board. With respect to Appendix A, the license fee for any extended year period shall be calculated as established in paragraph 5-2B-4 using a cost per acre of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) higher than the previous year.

5-2B-6: EXPIRATION OF THIS ARTICLE.

~~**[REPEALED]** This Article will expire on December 31, 2024. Any license previously issued by the FPD~~

~~that expires after the expiration of this Article and before a replacement Article has been adopted shall be automatically renewed for one (1) period(s) until a replacement Article is adopted. The fee for any extended year period shall be calculated as established in paragraph 5 2A 4 using a cost per acre of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) higher than the previous year.~~

Effective date: This ordinance amendment shall be in effect on January 1, 2025.

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

24-0405

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

ADOPTION OF THE 2024 COOK COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserves of Cook County (“Forest Preserves”) recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property within the Forest Preserves and recognizes the importance of reducing or eliminating vulnerability to disasters caused by natural hazards for the overall good and welfare of the community; and

WHEREAS, on October 10, 2000, the U.S. Congress passed the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (“Act”) which provides the legal framework for the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s (FEMA) mitigation and planning requirements for state, local, and tribal governments as a condition of mitigation grant assistance, emphasizing the need for pre-disaster mitigation of potential hazards; and

WHEREAS, as a condition of future funding for mitigation projects, the Act requires jurisdictions to prepare and adopt hazard mitigation plans to identify and address certain vulnerabilities that exist prior to and during a disaster; and

WHEREAS, FEMA supports disaster grant funding through the Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grant Program, which has, as a condition of funding eligibility, a requirement for jurisdictions to prepare and adopt a hazard mitigation plan; and

WHEREAS, to maintain continued eligibility for FEMA mitigation grant assistance programs, the Act requires that a hazard mitigation plan be updated and adopted every five years; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 update of the Cook County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan was adopted by the Cook County Board of Commissioners on July 25, 2024 (Board Item No. 24-3577); and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Act's requirements, 125 Cook County jurisdictions, including municipalities, special districts, and the Forest Preserves, engaged in the FEMA-prescribed mitigation planning process to prepare the 2024 Cook County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan ("2024 Plan") and its associated local hazard mitigation plan annexes; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 Plan has been approved by the Illinois Emergency Management Agency and Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region V; and

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserves manages nearly 70,000 acres of public land that provide valuable ecosystem services including cleaner air and water, reduced flooding, and contribute to this region's resilience to disasters and to events triggered by climate change.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserves of Cook County hereby accepts, approves and adopts in their entirety Volumes 1 (Planning-Area-Wide-Elements) and 2 (Planning Partner Annexes) of the 2024 Cook County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Forest Preserves of Cook County commits to continuing to participate in the updating and revision of the 2024 Plan, with another plan review and revision to occur within a five-year cycle, and designating staff to provide annual progress reports on the status of implementation of the 2024 Plan to the Forest Preserves Board of Commissioners.

24-0371

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

PROPOSED AGREEMENT

Vendor: The Eugene S. Pike House Foundation, Inc., Chicago, Illinois

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

Reason: An agreement with The Eugene S. Pike House Foundation, Inc. ("Pike House Foundation") for the donation of material and labor for roof repair services for the Eugene S. Pike House (the "Pike House"), a Forest Preserves owned building, located at 1826 W. 91st Street, within the Dan Ryan Woods preserves in Chicago, Illinois. This donation of roof repair services will be at no cost to the Forest Preserves and be subject to the confirmation of funding and other terms and conditions, including, without limitation, the utilization of prevailing-wage labor, securing all the required Cook County Building and Zoning permits, insurance coverage for all services and materials associated with the roof repair,

indemnification of the Forest Preserves, and compliance with all other applicable law. This work is related to an existing understanding between the Pike House Foundation and Forest Preserves staff to support, subject to approval by the Board of Commissioners, a long-term license once the majority of the funds for additional critical repairs for the Pike House are secured by the Pike House Foundation. Roof work on the Pike House is urgent and needs to be completed in the immediate future.

Contract Period: Nine (9) months from the date of full execution of the Agreement.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: N/A

Account(s): N/A

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

District(s): 4

24-0411

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

Sponsored by: SEAN M. MORRISON, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED AGREEMENT

Vendor: Village of Willow Springs, Sarah Halladay, Sarah's Family Riding Center, Sarah's Pony Rides, Eugene Halladay, The Eugene Halladay Trust, Willows Springs, Illinois

Request: Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") to enter into a parking agreement

Reason: The Forest Preserves currently owns an approximately 9,450 square foot gravel lot in Buffalo Woods directly between the properties owned by Sarah's Pony Rides and The Eugene Halladay Trust on South Kean Avenue in Willow Springs. These owners that are located directly North and South of the gravel lot are seeking authorization to utilize the gravel lot for patron parking, school bus drop-offs for various programs involving special needs individuals, truck/trailer loading and unloading, and access to a nearby rustic trail. The proposed multi-party agreement would allow for this nonexclusive parking, access, and maintenance by these property owners after the payment of the parking permit fees below. The agreement also covers parking access for the following entities/persons: Sarah Halladay, Sarah's Family Riding Center and Eugene Halladay. It would also require the Village of Willow Springs to maintain the rustic trail west of the gravel lot throughout the agreement term. The agreement would not be assignable, and the parties would indemnify the Forest Preserves and maintain proper insurance throughout the agreement's term.

Contract Period: 1/1/2024 (retroactive) - 12/31/2028, with two (2) five-year renewal options to be exercised at the discretion of the General Superintendent

Estimated Fiscal Impact: N/A (Revenue Generating). \$6,502.00 per year for the first term; \$6,922.00 per year for the first renewal term; and \$7,672.00 per year for the second renewal term. Payments for calendar years 2024 and 2025 will both be due by 12/1/2024. All subsequent payments will be due by December 1st of the prior year for the upcoming calendar year (e.g. 12/1/2025 for the payment to cover calendar year 2026 etc.).

Account(s): Miscellaneous Income 51001.411467

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

District(s): 17

24-0433

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

PROPOSED PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT AMENDMENT

Request: Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to amend its Partnership Agreement with Openlands, Chicago, Illinois.

Reason: The Forest Preserves wishes to extend its partnership agreement with Openlands in order to accept additional grant funding of up to \$74,000.00 and expand restoration activities undertaken in association with the installation of a community gathering space at Beaubien Woods.

Original Contract Period: 1/11/2022 - 9/30/2023; Board Approved Extension 10/1/2023 - 12/31/2024

Proposed Partnership Agreement Extension: 1/1/2025 - 12/31/2026

Fiscal Impact: N/A. The project will continue to be implemented at no direct cost to the Forest Preserves, which may provide in-kind staff support for the planning, implementation, and monitoring of the projects.

Account(s): Grant and Mitigation 51010.521314 and 51010.521444

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

District(s): 4, 5

Summary: Due to successful fundraising efforts, Openlands has received and would like to contribute an additional \$24,000.00 towards the completion of a grant-funded project supporting approximately twenty-one (21) acres of ecological restoration at Beaubien Woods. The additional funds will be utilized to purchase native seed and expand contractual invasive weed control efforts. As such, the Forest Preserves is seeking to extend its partnership agreement with Openlands for an additional two (2) years in order to continue restoration activities at the project site. The Forest Preserves is also preemptively seeking authority to receive up to \$50,000.00 in additional grant funding from Openlands to be put towards the project, should future fundraising efforts continue to be fruitful.

The project is being conducted at no direct cost to the Forest Preserves, and builds on plans developed by the Forest Preserves, local communities, and several other governmental organizations and nonprofits to create inviting and culturally relevant access to nature and the Little Calumet River in a way that fosters a healthy community. The project was originally approved by the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners on 10/5/2021 (Board Item No. 21-0453) and subsequently amended on 6/27/2023 (Board Item No. 23-0387) to extend the term due to initial project delays. The original agreement also referred to the creation of a community gathering space, which has been addressed via a separate partnership agreement with The Field Museum of Natural History and Artist Christine Perri (see Board Item No. 22-0521). Through the generous contributions of the Walder Foundation and the Central Indiana Foundation, project grant funds received to-date total \$424,000.00.

24-0406

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

PROPOSED LICENSE RENEWAL REQUEST

Request: Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”), as Licensor to renew a License to the Illinois Nature Preserves Commission, Grantee, to use approximately 400 square feet of workspace in the property commonly known as Salt Creek Resource Management, 500 Ogden Avenue, Western Springs, Illinois. The Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners approved a prior renewal of the License on June 6, 2017 (Board Item No. 17-0162). Shared occupancy of this location facilitates collaboration between the Forest Preserves and the Illinois Nature Preserves Commission for mutual projects involving management and conservation of dedicated Nature Preserves and Illinois Land and Water Reserves in our region. The Illinois Nature Preserves Commission has occupied the space since April, 2012. No other changes to the terms of the original License are being proposed.

Original Term: Original license period 4/2/2012 - 12/31/2017; Board Approved Extension 1/1/2018 - 12/31/2022

Proposed Extension: 1/1/2023 (retroactive) - 12/31/2027, with one (1) additional four-year extension option to be exercised at the discretion of the General Superintendent

License Fee: N/A (waived)

License Application Fee: N/A (waived)

YELAR Fee: N/A (waived)

Total one-time upfront fee of \$0.00 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: Approximately 400 square feet

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

District(s): 17

24-0412

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

Sponsored by: KEVIN B. MORRISON, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Department: Department of Planning and Development

Other Part(ies): Elk Grove Village (Village), Illinois

Request: Authority to enter into an agreement for use of Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") land for construction of a pedestrian bridge and trail spur

Goods or Services: Design, construction and maintenance of a new pedestrian bridge structure, ramps and trail spur to the Busse Woods paved trail on the west side of Arlington Heights Road approximately 900 feet south of Higgins Road. The bridge structure and trail spur would impact approximately 0.28 acres (12,000 s.f.) of Forest Preserves land. An additional 0.25 acres would be impacted during construction,

primarily to remove and restore an existing trail spur. No trees would be impacted.

Agreement Number(s): IGA #24-0412

Agreement Period: Forty (40) years with automatic one (1) year renewals with an option to renew for an additional forty (40) year term with no additional license fees, subject to future approval by the Board of Commissioners

Fiscal Impact: N/A

License Fees: \$26,655.65 (waived)

License Application Fee: \$500.00 (waived)

Level One Review Fee: \$3,000.00 (waived)

YELAR Fee: \$7,200.00 (waived)

Tree Mitigation Fees: N/A

Total Fees: \$37,355.65 (waived)

Accounts: N/A

District(s): 15

Summary: Elk Grove Village is proposing to construct a new pedestrian bridge over Arlington Heights Road between Higgins Road and Oakton Street to serve a major new mixed-use development, as well as adjacent residential areas, as part of a bigger Village bike plan. The new mid-block crossing would reduce the need for an existing at-grade crossing and trail spur from the southwest corner of Higgins and Arlington Heights roads. In addition to the Village's removal and restoration of that trail spur, the Village would also install wayfinding and information signs approved by Forest Preserves staff both at the bridge and on nearby trails to educate and guide visitors to the Forest Preserves. Waiver of all fees is recommended due to the minimal impact to Forest Preserves land and the above benefits of the proposed use. This project enhances the Forest Preserves and is in accordance with its mission. Final intergovernmental agreement subject to legal review and approval.

24-0413

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

Sponsored by: KEVIN B. MORRISON, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Department: Department of Planning and Development

Other Part(ies): Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways (“DOTH”)

Request: Authority to execute agreement and convey temporary easement for construction of trail spur

Goods or Services: Construction of trail spur to the Paul Douglas paved trail at the northeast corner of Central Road and Freeman Road in Hoffman Estates, Illinois. The work will require one temporary easement for 0.317 acres (13,811 square feet) and the removal of thirteen (13) trees.

Agreement Number(s): IGA #24-0413

Agreement Period: From full execution date of the IGA to the completion of the work by DOTH and acceptance by the Forest Preserves (but no later than five (5) years from the date of execution)

Fiscal Impact: N/A

Easement Fee: \$4,000.00 appraised value of temporary easement (waived)

Tree Mitigation Fee: \$24,725.24 (waived)

Accounts: N/A

District(s): 15

Summary: DOTH is seeking temporary use of Forest Preserves of Cook County land to construct a trail connection from a proposed shared use path to the existing Paul Douglas bike trail as part of a larger Central Road improvement project. DOTH intends to reconstruct several miles of Central Road that would include a shared use path in the right of way (“ROW”) east of Barrington Road to Freeman Road.

A trail spur to the Paul Douglas Trail would be included. Resource Management Department staff have inspected the area to be impacted and do not have any concerns. In consideration of the benefits to the Forest Preserves of improved access to the Paul Douglas Trail through this new trail spur, Forest Preserves staff recommends waiver of all easement compensation (\$4,000.00) and tree mitigation fees (\$24,725.24 for the removal of thirteen (13) trees). The Forest Preserves has waived all fees for other shorter “complete streets” trail spurs at intersections that are mission-related and where the Forest Preserves has agreed to long-term ownership and maintenance. Final intergovernmental agreement subject to legal review and approval.

24-0431

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Department of Law Enforcement

Vendor: Axon Enterprise, Inc., Scottsdale, Arizona

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Purchase of one hundred (100) Body Worn Cameras, one hundred (100) Taser units, three (3) search and rescue unmanned aerial vehicles (drones), as well as all related licensing, software, warranties, cloud storage and training services for law enforcement based upon the University of Nebraska Master Agreement 3544-21-4615 between the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska and Axon Enterprise, Inc., effective December 21, 2022.

Contract Value: \$2,000,000.00

Contract Period: 1/1/2025 - 12/31/2029

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2025 \$275,000.00; FY 2026 \$431,250.00; FY 2027 \$431,250.00; FY 2028 \$431,250.00; and FY 2029 \$431,250.00

Accounts: Equipment 51001.540132

Contract Number(s): #74000014996

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: The Department of Law Enforcement would like to piggyback off the University of Nebraska Master Agreement 3544-21-4615 between the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska and Axon Enterprise, Inc., for the purchase of one hundred (100) Body Worn Cameras, one hundred (100) Taser units, three (3) search and rescue unmanned aerial vehicles (drones), as well as related licensing, software, warranties, cloud storage and training services for law enforcement.

The Law Enforcement Officer-Worn Body Camera Act along with the recently passed Illinois SAFE-T Act requires the use of officer-worn body cameras. Axon Enterprise has been providing both body-worn cameras and Taser units to the Department of Law Enforcement since 2019. The execution of a new contract with Axon Enterprise is necessary as the current contract expires on December 31, 2024. Axon has upgraded its technology and will provide new body-worn cameras and Taser units for law enforcement to replace the existing units which are nearing their expected end of life cycle. Thus, the need to purchase these new products is critical.

The purchase of three (3) unmanned aerial vehicles (drones) for search and rescue operations by Law Enforcement will enhance the department's ability to search the Forest Preserves for persons reported missing and those that are lost in part of our nearly 70,000 acres of land. Said unmanned aerial vehicles will allow effective communication between the vehicle's trained operator and officers conducting the search. This capability will enhance protection of the patrons in the Forest Preserves and of the sworn personnel. When searching for a missing or lost person, this unmanned aerial technology is critical to cover large areas of land quickly.

On July 25, 2024, the Cook County Board Approved Item No. 24-3209, which allowed the Cook County Sheriff and the Cook County Public Defender to enter into and execute a contract with Axon Enterprise, Inc., for Taser Devices, Body Cameras and Related Products and Services.

The Department of Law Enforcement requests that this proposed piggyback contract, in the sum of \$2,000,000.00 with Axon Enterprise, Inc., for five (5) years be approved.

24-0362

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

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

Vendor: Oak Park Tennis Center, River Forest, Illinois

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to extend contract

Good(s) or Service(s): Management of a tennis facility on Forest Preserves property

Original Contract Period: 12/12/2017 - 12/11/2024 with a thirty-six (36) month renewal option.

Proposed Contract Period Extension: 12/12/2024 - 12/11/2026 with one (1) twelve (12) month renewal option at the discretion of the General Superintendent.

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: N/A (revenue generating)

Original Approval: 12/12/2017 (Board Item No. 17-0450)

Previous Increase(s): N/A

This Increase Requested: N/A

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$21,092.63 (Revenue Generating) in annual base fees to be paid to the Forest Preserves over three (3) years, plus a capital contribution of \$20,000.00 per year.

Accounts: Concession Fees 51001.411316

Contract Number(s): N/A

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

District(s): 9

Summary: The Forest Preserves relationship with the Oak Park Tennis Center was established more than one hundred (100) years ago. The current revenue-generating agreement expires December 11, 2024. It originally included a renewal option for thirty-six (36) months. However, because the Forest Preserves is exploring future options for this site that are more mission compatible, the Forest Preserves seeks authorization from the Forest Preserves Board of Commissioners to amend the current agreement to include and utilize a two (2) year extension with one (1) twelve (12) month extension option.

24-0407

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Department of Resource Management

Vendor: Friends of the Forest Preserves, Inc., Chicago, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Career Immersion Program

Original Contract Period: 1/1/2018 - 12/31/2022; Board Approved Extension 1/1/2023 - 12/31/2023; Administrative Extension 1/1/2024 - 12/31/2024

Proposed Contract Period Extension: 1/1/2025 - 12/31/2025

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$1,300,000.00

Original Approval: 11/14/2017, \$1,000,000.00

Previous Increase(s): 4/5/2022, \$50,000.00; 11/15/2022, \$250,000.00

This Increase Requested: Not to exceed \$150,000.00

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2025 \$150,000.00

Accounts: Professional Services 51034.520840; Grant and Mitigation 51010.521444 and 51010.520840; and all future Professional Services accounts

Contract Number(s): #74000002916

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

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: Conservation Corps programs are part of the Next Century Conservation Plan and the Expansion Strategy for the Conservation Corps, which defines conservation corps as paid employment that mobilizes people who reflect the diversity of Cook County to maintain and restore the land to ecological health. Conservation Corps programs provide youth and adult participants with paid environmental education and job skills training within the conservation field, with a focus on ecological restoration in the Forest Preserves. The Career Immersion Program, a part of these Corps programs, gives approximately twelve (12) adult participants the opportunity to work alongside Forest Preserves fisheries biologists, wildlife biologists, and resource management crews. Participants receive important resource management skills and leadership development training, while exploring various career opportunities in conservation.

The Career Immersion program is administered by the Friends of the Forest Preserves through a contract issued under RFP #17-31-117, which was originally approved by the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners on 11/14/2017 (Board Item No. 17-0387), and subsequently amended on 4/5/2022 (Board Item No. 22-0208) and 11/15/2022 (Board Item No. 22-0425).

The Forest Preserves is now requesting authorization from the Board of Commissioners to provide \$150,000.00 in additional funding to extend the Career Immersion Program through the end of calendar year 2025. The proposed extension will allow for continuity of existing professional development programs that did not receive a response from the Forest Preserves' Request for Proposals (RFP) for Conservation Corps programs that was solicited in late 2023 (see Board Item No. 23-0603). Specifically, the Forest Preserves would like to continue to offer programs which directly engage participants with Forest Preserves staff from a wide range of professional scientific fields. Accordingly, the Forest Preserves intends to issue another Conservation Corps RFP in 2025 to address this programmatic gap.

24-0435

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

PROPOSED MISCELLANEOUS ITEM OF BUSINESS

Department: Office of the General Superintendent

Goods or Services: Acceptance and match of grant funds from the Forest Preserve Foundation ("Foundation") for various programs

Fiscal Impact: Not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 in the aggregate per year through 12/31/2027, for a total of \$150,000.00

Accounts: Special or Coop Programs 51001.521314; and Habitat Restoration 51001.521444

Summary: The Foundation is dedicated to supporting the mission of the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) and to raising funds that support Forest Preserves initiatives and projects that protect and restore natural habitats, ensure that all people in Cook County feel welcome in the preserves, and encourage residents to seek out the Forest Preserves for outdoor recreation and nature exploration. The Forest Preserves and the Foundation currently work together to secure funding for the implementation of important initiatives such as the Conservation Corps, restoration projects, volunteer stewardship activities, and community engagement programs, and the Forest Preserves wishes to contribute to these efforts by providing cash match, staff support and expertise.

The Forest Preserves would like to streamline the process of accepting grant funds from the Foundation via agreements that require matching grant funds and/or other contractual obligations upon the Forest Preserves. Thus, the Forest Preserves hereby seeks authorization for the General Superintendent to execute grant agreements with the Foundation on behalf of the Forest Preserves to provide the Foundation a cash match up to \$50,000.00 in the aggregate, if needed, per calendar year through 2027. In no event will a match fund more than 50% of any individual project’s costs. The term of each such grant agreement would not exceed three (3) years in length and would be subject to legal review and approval. While the Foundation currently receives an annual contribution from the Forest Preserves (see Board Item No. 22-0371), this request is limited to those projects for which funding was secured in part by the Foundation, but a match is required by the Forest Preserves up to a maximum of 50% of project costs.

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

District(s): Districtwide

24-0069

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: 8/1/2024 - 8/31/2024

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

24-0419

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Departments of Legal and Finance

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Workers’ Compensation Report - August 2024

Report Period: 8/1/2024 - 8/31/2024

Summary: The Forest Preserves of Cook County Departments of Legal and Finance are submitting Workers’ Compensation Claim Payments for the month of August 2024. Payments total \$144,639.35 for August 2024.

24-0408

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 10/22/2024 - 11/18/2024. Please check the Forest Preserves of Cook County’s website for updates and changes.

Thursday, 10/24; 10am - 12pm

Fall Color Excursion, Caldwell Woods, Chicago

Join us and explore the North Branch paved trail. You can experience the changing colors of local species. *The event will begin at Grove 1. For more information, please call (773)758-8899.*

Saturday, 10/26; 10am**Project Feeder Watch, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

This program will teach you how birds are adapting to environmental change. You will learn how to identify, count, and report bird species findings and how scientists interpret the data. *Registration required. Please call (708) 839-6897.*

Saturday, 10/26; 10am - 2pm**The Great Sand Ridge Tiny Pumpkin Hunt, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Discover hidden pumpkins on a fun scavenger hunt! You can take home your own pumpkin after finding them all. *Supplies are limited. Attendees are encouraged to wear costumes. For more information, please call (708) 868-0606.*

Saturday, 10/26; 11am - 3pm**Nature Navigator, Thatcher Woods, River Forest**

Join us for a fun day packed with interactive outdoor learning experiences led by refugee youth leaders from the Refugee Education and Adventure Challenge organization also known as REACH. *This event will be held at Grove 1. For more information, please visit the website.*

Saturday, 10/26; 11:30am**Day Hiking Leadership Training, Bemis Woods-North, Westchester**

This program is great for teachers and the youth. You can learn about the tools needed to take groups into the preserves for the day. *Registration required. For more information, please visit the website.*

Saturday, 10/26; 12pm - 3pm**Dan Ryan Music Jam, Dan Ryan Woods Pavilion, Chicago**

Join us for an afternoon of music! You can play your own instrument or listen to local talent from the community. *For more information, please visit the website.*

Saturday, 10/26; 1pm**Introduction to Orienteering, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

This program will teach you the basics of finding your way with maps and baseplate compasses. *Registration required. Ages 8 and up. Please call (708) 366-6530.*

Sunday, 10/27; 10:30am**The Un-haunted Forest, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Join us for a magical walk. *Registration required. The cost is \$5 per child. Registration and payment are required by 10/24. Attendees are encouraged to wear costumes. Please call (847) 824-8360.*

Sunday, 10/27; 12pm - 5pm**Trunk or Treat, Eggers Grove, Chicago**

Join us for a family friendly Halloween event filled with activities and candy. *This is a family program, and it is presented by the Cook County Forest Preserves and the East Side Chamber of Commerce.*

For more information, please visit the website.

Sunday, 10/27; 1pm**Fall Art, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington**

Let the fall color be your inspiration as you paint and create leaf art. *Registration required. Ages 3-7 with an adult. Please call (847) 381-6592.*

Sunday, 10/27; 1:30pm**The Un-haunted Forest, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Join us for a magical walk. *Registration required. The cost is \$5 per child. Registration and payment are required by 10/24. Attendees are encouraged to wear costumes. Please call (847) 824-8360.*

Sunday, 10/27; 2pm - 5pm**Spooky Stories and S'mores, Thatcher Woods, River Forest**

Families can trick-or-treat through Halloween-themed activity stations! The activities include pumpkin painting, making s'mores and listening to spooky children's stories. *This is a family program. Attendees are encouraged to wear costumes. For more information, please visit the website.*

Friday, 11/1; 4pm - 8pm**Dia de Los Muertos Artmaking and Night Hike, Eggers Grove, Chicago**

Celebrate the history of Dia de los Muertos with artmaking and a night hike. *For more information, please visit the website.*

Friday, 11/1; 6:30pm**Dark Sky Walk, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

Join us for a walk in an Urban Night Sky Place during the darkest night of the month while searching for stars and planets. *Registration required. Please call (708) 839-6897.*

Saturday, 11/2; 8:30am**Bird Walk, Eggers Grove, Chicago**

Join a naturalist as we explore this preserve while looking for local birds.

Saturday, 11/2; 5pm - 8pm**Stars, Stories, and S'mores, LaBagh Woods, Chicago**

Join us for this annual celebration for an evening in the Preserves. You can listen to storytelling, take a night hike, make s'mores, view stars, and more. *The event will be held at Grove 2. This event is presented with Haugan Elementary School and the American Indian Health Services.*

Saturday, 11/2; 6pm - 8pm**Owl-o-ween Prowl, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Join us for a not-so-spooky night! You can learn about and search for these amazing predators of the night. *Registration required. Candy will be provided. Attendees are encouraged to wear costume. Please call (708) 868-0606.*

Sunday, 11/3; 11am & 12:30 pm**GPS Scavenger Hunt, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

You can learn about and participate in a technology-inspired scavenger hunt. *Registration required. Please call (847) 824-8360.*

Sunday, 11/3; 1pm- 3pm**Makin' Music Bluegrass Jam, Thatcher Woods, River Forest**

Join the jam or just listen! You can make a simple musical instrument from repurposed invasive plants or bring your own instrument. *For more information, please visit the website.*

Sunday, 11/3; 1:30pm**Walk and Talk: History of the Preserves, Camp Pine Woods, Mount Prospect**

Join us for a walk that is led at a slower pace and learn more about the Forest Preserves and natural areas.

Wednesday, 11/6; 5:30pm - 7pm**Camping 101, Camp Sullivan, Oak Forest**

You can learn about basic camping skills in this 1.5-hour long workshop. *For more information, please visit the website.*

Friday, 11/8; 5pm - 8 pm**Stars, Stories, and Smores, Dan Ryan Woods Pavilion, Chicago**

Join us for s'mores by the fire, storytelling, astronomy and more.

Saturday, 11/9; 10am**Book Discussion: "Ignition" by M.R. O'Connor, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Join us for a book discussion on exploring cultural views on fire. We will celebrate National Native American Heritage Month with a focus on Pawnee traditions. *For more information, please call (630) 257-2045.*

Saturday, 11/9; 1pm**Fossil Quarry Tour, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

The indoor presentation will teach you about Chicago's ancient history through fossils. We will then visit a fossil reserve quarry. *Registration required. Please call (630) 257-2045.*

Sunday, 11/10; 1:30pm**Sugar Shack Time Machine, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Travel through time as we open our sugar shack and learn about the history of maple syrup. *Registration required. Registration is required by 11/7. Please call (847) 824-8360.*

Monday, 11/11; 1pm

Plants in the Military, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington

Join us on Veteran's Day as we explore how plants are used in the military. *For more information, please call (847) 381-6592.*

Thursday, 11/14; 1pm - 3pm**Archery, Brookfield Woods, Brookfield**

Participants can learn the basics of archery. *Ages 10 and up. Equipment will be provided. For more information, please call (312) 533-5751.*

Friday, 11/15 through Monday, 11/18; 4:30pm - 11pm**Lightscape, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe**

Join us and embrace the spirit and beauty of the season with glowing of lights, art, and music! We are celebrating our sixth year of this annual holiday celebration. We are taking this year's celebration to new heights and lights with our re-imagined trail that will have dazzling installations debuting in the U.S. for the first time. You can leave your to-do list at home and make lasting memories at Lightscape. *This event has tiered cost and timeslots. For more information, please visit the website.*

Friday, 11/15; 5pm**River Trail Nightlife: Owl Prowl, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

A guided walk to search for local owls. *Registration required by 11/12. Ages 8 and up. Please call (847) 824-8360.*

Friday, 11/15; 6pm - 9pm**Pride Night, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington**

Join us for a walk on candlelit trails and enjoy a hot cocoa bar and s'mores at a bonfire. *Registration required. Ages 18 and up. LGBTQ2S+ people and allies are welcomed. This event is presented with the Kenneth Young Center. Please call (847) 381-6592.*

Friday, 11/15; 7pm**River Trail Nightlife: Owl Prowl, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

A guided walk to search for local owls. *Registration required by 11/12. Ages 8 and up. Please call (847) 824-8360.*

Friday, 11/15; 7:30pm**Full Moon Nature Walk, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Enjoy a night walk on Sagawau trails. *Registration required. Please call (630) 257-2045.*

Sunday, 11/17; 9am - 12pm**Teen Exploration Day: Stewardship, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Join us to protect our natural areas by collecting seeds or removing invasive species. *Registration required. Equipment will be provided. For more information, please visit the website.*

Sunday, 11/17; 10am

National Take a Hike Day, Country Lane Woods, Willow Springs

Celebrate National Take a Hike Day by hitting the trail with a naturalist on a 5-mile hike.

COMMITTEE ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

**RULES COMMITTEE
MEETING OF OCTOBER 22, 2024**

24-0428 JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS Regular meeting held on September 17, 2024

24-0432 JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS Special meeting held on September 19, 2024

**FINANCE COMMITTEE
MEETING OF OCTOBER 22, 2024**

24-0083 REPORT Report Title: Corporate Fund Analysis of Revenue and Expenditures, Report Period: 1/1/2024 - 8/31/2024

24-0376 PROPOSED AGREEMENT Indigo Sports, LLC (formerly Billy Casper Golf), a wholly owned subsidiary of Troon Golf, LLC, Scottsdale, Arizona, Districts 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 13, 15, 17

24-0415 RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (LITIGATION) Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Litigation – 10/22/2024

24-0418 RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (WORKERS' COMPENSATION) Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Workers' Compensation – 10/22/2024

**REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE
MEETING OF OCTOBER 22, 2024**

24-0373 EASEMENT REQUEST Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), Joliet Road and Brainard Avenue, Countryside, Illinois, Safety Improvement Project, District 17

**AUDIT COMMITTEE
MEETING OF OCTOBER 22, 2024**

24-0399 REPORT Report Title: FPCC - MBE-WBE Audit Report, Report Period: January 30, 2024, through May 21, 2024

24-0400 REPORT Report Title: ARPA - FPCC Conservation Corp Audit Report, Report Period: January 30, 2024, through May 21, 2024

**ZOOLOGICAL COMMITTEE
MEETING OF OCTOBER 22, 2024**

24-0307 REPORT Report Title: 2024 Brookfield Zoo Chicago's Next Century Plan