



**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, April 8, 2025, 10:00 AM

Issued On: 4/3/2025

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**25-0070**

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 10, 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:

290 E. Glenwood Dyer Road, Glenwood, Illinois & Part of 220 E. Glenwood Dyer Road, Unincorporated Cook County, Illinois

EXCEPTING THAT PART NORTH OF DEER CREEK; THAT PART OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 35 NORTH, RANGE 14, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 10; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES, 09 MINUTES, 05 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID NORTHEAST 1/4, 50.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 22 DEGREES, 48 MINUTES, 38 SECONDS WEST 53.91 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EAST LINE OF THE WEST 30.00 FEET OF SAID NORTHEAST 1/4 WHICH IS 50 FEET NORTH OF THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID NORTHEAST 1/4; THENCE NORTH 01 DEGREE, 02 MINUTES, 05 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE EAST LINE OF THE WEST 30.00 FEET OF SAID NORTHEAST 1/4 2,593.16 FEET TO THE NORTH LINE OF SAID NORTHEAST 1/4; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES, 04 MINUTES, 17 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID NORTH LINE 30.00 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID NORTHEAST 1/4; THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREES, 02 MINUTES, 05 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID NORTHEAST 1/4 2,643.12 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING (EXCEPT THAT PART THEREOF FALLING IN GLENWOOD-DYER ROAD), IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Part of PINs: 32-10-200-010-0000 & 32-10-200-011-0000

SAID PARCELS CONTAINING 1,110,780 SQUARE FEET, OR 25.50 ACRES, 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

25-0071

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

PROPOSED PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE

Department(s): Legal Department

Other Part(ies): Neil Nielsen, independent executor of the estate of Mary T. Bailey, deceased (Owner of Record)

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

Description of Real Estate: 290 E. Glenwood Dyer Road, Glenwood, Illinois & Part of 220 E. Glenwood Dyer Road, Unincorporated Cook County, Illinois

Section: N/A

Parcel(s): Part of PINs: 32-10-200-010-0000 & 32-10-200-011-0000

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Fiscal Impact: \$950,000.00 purchase price plus closing costs up to \$10,000.00 (up to \$960,000.00 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 two (2) parcels of land for acquisition that would add to the Forest Preserves’ current holdings near Sweet Woods (the “Property”). The Property, commonly known as 290 E. Glenwood Dyer Road, Glenwood, Illinois & Part of 220 E. Glenwood Dyer Road, Unincorporated Cook County, Illinois, consist of approximately 25.50 ± acres. 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 NINE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00/100 (\$950,000.00) plus closing costs up to \$10,000.00 (up to \$960,000.00 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.

25-0019

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

Sponsored by: SCOTT R. BRITTON, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Department: Department of Planning and Development

Other Part(ies): New Trier Township High School District 203 (“School District”), Northfield, Illinois

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to enter into an Intergovernmental License Agreement (“IGA”) with the School District

Goods or Services: Maintenance of a portion of an access drive and underground sewer line (total area 0.23 acres) on Forest Preserves land and priority status for Forest Preserves playfield seasonal permits in exchange for payment of license fees and other benefits to the Forest Preserves including use of School District parking for Forest Preserves patrons and permittees

Agreement Number(s): IGA #25-0019

Agreement Period: Twenty (20) years from date of execution with option to extend at the discretion of the General Superintendent for one additional ten (10) year renewal term subject to then applicable per-acre license fees.

Fiscal Impact: N/A (revenue generating)

License Fees: \$22,243.20 for the initial 20-year term

License Application Fee: N/A (\$500.00 fee waived)

License Review Fee: N/A (\$3,000.00 fee waived)

YELAR Fee: N/A (\$7,200.00 fee waived)

Tree Mitigation: N/A

Total one-time upfront fee of \$22,243.20 for the initial term of the license. The renewal term will require additional payment of per-acre license fees to be determined upon renewal.

Accounts: N/A

District(s): 14

Summary: The School District constructed certain infrastructure on Forest Preserves land over sixty (60) years ago and is seeking a new agreement to continue to maintain this infrastructure on Forest Preserves land. The proposed intergovernmental license agreement will replace an expired license (#528) that was issued in 1963 for twenty (20) years and then renewed for another twenty (20) years in 1990. The Forest Preserves is recommending approval for another twenty (20) years, consistent with past license periods in exchange for payment of licenses fees that would otherwise be due for a new 10-year license and other benefits. As an additional benefit to the Forest Preserves, the School District has agreed to allow shared use of a portion of its parking lot near Forest Preserves playfields and the North Branch Bike Trail at times when it is not needed for school operations. The School District will also install signs to identify the designated shared parking area. Final agreement is subject to legal review and approval.

25-0153

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Department: Department of Facilities and Fleet

Other Part(ies): Cook County Department of Emergency Management and Regional Security, Cook County, Illinois (“DEMRS”)

Request: To enter into a mutually beneficial Intergovernmental Agreement for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) use of emergency generators provided by DEMRS.

Goods or Services: Five (5) Triton generators

Agreement Number(s): IGA #25-0153

Agreement Period: Continuous term until terminated, provided, however, in no event will the agreement term exceed thirty (30) years.

Fiscal Impact: N/A

Accounts: N/A

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: DEMRS would like to provide on loan to the Forest Preserves five (5) Triton generators. Title and ownership of the generators would remain with DEMRS. The Forest Preserves intends to use the generators to provide emergency backup power in the event of a power loss to any Forest Preserves-owned building. These generators will ensure the continued operation of critical infrastructure systems within the affected building(s), including fire suppression systems, fire notification systems, electrical systems, mechanical systems (heating and cooling), plumbing systems, and other essential systems required for day-to-day operations until primary power is restored. DEMRS is agreeable to the long-term use of the generators by the Forest Preserves for that purpose. The Forest Preserves would be responsible for maintenance. Final agreement is subject to legal review and approval.

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

25-0155

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 accept additional grant funding of up to \$166,000.00 to expand restoration activities undertaken in association with the installation of a community gathering space at Beaubien Woods

Contract Period: Original 10/5/2021 (1/11/2022 - 9/30/2023); Board Approved Extensions 6/27/2023 (10/1/2023 - 12/31/2024) and 10/22/2024 (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: Openlands has received and would like to contribute \$66,000.00 in additional funding to support the expansion of ecological restoration activities at Beaubien Woods, located on the south side of Chicago. These funds are part of a grant-funded project first initiated in 2022 through the generous contributions of

the Walder Foundation and the Central Indiana Foundation.

The newly acquired funds will be utilized to expand invasive brush removal and weed control efforts across an additional 20 acres at Beaubien Woods. The Forest Preserves previously received authority to accept up to \$74,000.00 in additional grant funding for this project (Board Item No. 24-0433). However, this amount has already been exceeded due to Openlands' successful fundraising efforts. As such, the Forest Preserves is once again preemptively seeking authority to accept up to \$100,000.00 in additional grant funding (in addition to the \$66,000.00 already raised) from Openlands to account for future fundraising that may occur. To date, just under \$500,000.00 has been raised in support of this project by Openlands.

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 access to nature and the Little Calumet River. 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) and 10/22/2024 (Board Item No. 24-0433) in order to extend the term and accept additional grant funding. 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).

25-0160

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

PROPOSED GRANT AWARD

Department: Department of Planning and Development

Grantee: Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves")

Grantor: Illinois Department of Natural Resources ("IDNR"), Springfield, Illinois

Request: Authorization to accept grant and to enter into grant agreement

Purpose: For the acquisition of a 79-acre parcel in Sauk Village in southeast Cook County, Illinois

Grant Amount: \$1,067,500.00

Grant Period: 4/8/2025 - 3/31/2027

Fiscal Impact: Not to Exceed \$1,067,500.00

Accounts: Real Estate and Land Acquisition Fund 51006.560010; and Grant Fund 51010.560010

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

District(s): 6

Summary: The Forest Preserves has been awarded an Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development (“OSLAD”) grant for 50% of the estimated cost to acquire a 79-acre parcel in Sauk Village in southeast Cook County, Illinois. This property will connect to a series of smaller parcels - totaling 192 acres - purchased by the Forest Preserves over the last ten (10) years, creating a 271-acre contiguous preserve to support wildlife and outdoor recreation amenities. The proposed acquisition would advance the Forest Preserves’ Southeast Cook County Land Acquisition Plan, a data-driven vision to protect land and support community resilience, and will generate multiple benefits to residents, including reduced flooding and improved air quality. After acquisition, the Forest Preserves will begin restoration and development of the site to ensure public access, including the installation of a picnic grove and parking lot.

25-0154

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

PROPOSED GRANT AWARD AMENDMENT

Department: Department of Resource Management

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

Grantor: Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (“DCEO”), Springfield, Illinois

Request: Authorization to extend grant agreement

Purpose: Comprehensive infrastructure upgrades and restoration of the Palos and Sag Valley trail systems in southwest Cook County

Supplemental Grant Amount: N/A

Grant Period: 10/1/2023 - 9/30/2025

Extension Period: 10/1/2025 - 9/30/2026, with two (2) one-year extension options to be exercised at the discretion of the General Superintendent

Fiscal Impact: N/A. The project will be conducted at no direct cost to the Forest Preserves, which may provide in-kind staff support for the planning, implementation, and monitoring of the project. There is no additional cost associated with the extension.

Accounts: Grant Account 51010.521314 and 51010.521444

Date of Previous Board Authorization for Grant: 12/12/2023

Previous Grant Amount: \$10,000,000.00

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

District(s): 17

Summary: On 12/12/2023, the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners approved the acceptance of grant funding from DCEO as part of the 2019 Rebuild Illinois Capital Plan (as reappropriated) to design and reconstruct portions of the Palos and Sag Valley unpaved trail systems (Board Item No. 23-0610). A time extension of the grant agreement until 9/30/2026 is being requested to allow for completion of the project. The Forest Preserves also seeks authorization to execute up to two (2) additional one-year extensions of the grant term, as needed, to account for any unforeseen delays in construction or unfavorable seasonal weather conditions.

Trail improvements include erosion mitigation and accessibility upgrades, installation of sustainable drainage structures, and improved wayfinding markers. The improved trail system will enhance public safety and navigability from key destinations near the Swallow Cliff Woods and Red Gate Woods priority areas, connecting to recreational amenities such as the Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Camp Bullfrog, the Swallow Cliff stairs, and area lakes. The project also features approximately 1,100 acres of ecological restoration to bolster the sustainability of the rehabilitated trails, open sight lines, and improve the quality of the nature experience for trail users. To date, approximately 860 acres of brush clearing have been completed.

25-0123

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Department of Facilities and Fleet

Vendor: R.N.O.W., Inc., West Allis, Wisconsin

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Five (5) 2025 Freightliner M2-106 Refuse Trucks

Contract Value: \$1,297,368.00

Contract Period: One-time purchase

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2025 \$1,297,368.00

Accounts: Vehicle Purchase 51009.560266

Contract Number(s): #74000015949

Concurrences: The Vehicle Steering Committee has approved the purchase of the referenced vehicles.

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

Piggyback contract based on Cooperative Procurement Agreement with no MWBE participation goals.

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: The Forest Preserves is requesting the purchase of five (5) refuse trucks based on Sourcewell contract #110223-LEG with Labrie Environmental Group USA Inc., expiring 12/28/2027, fulfilled by their authorized dealer R.N.O.W., Inc., for the Department of Landscape Maintenance operations. This purchase and the decommissioning of five (5) existing Forest Preserves vehicles were approved by the Vehicle Steering Committee on 3/25/2025.

25-0124

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Department of Facilities and Fleet

Vendor: Elliott Auto Supply Co., Inc. D/B/A Factory Motor Parts, McCook, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) Automotive Parts and Supplies

Original Contract Period: 12/14/2021 - 12/14/2024; Administrative Extension (12/15/2024 - 12/14/2025)

Proposed Contract Period Extension: N/A

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$440,000.00

Original Approval: 12/14/2021, \$400,000.00 (contract #74000009033)

Previous Increase(s): Administrative increase, \$40,000.00

This Increase Requested: \$150,000.00

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2025 \$150,000.00

Accounts: Equipment, Supplies and Maintenance Service 51001.540275

Contract Number(s): #74000010300

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

Piggyback contract based on Cooperative Procurement Agreement with no MWBE participation goals.

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: The Department of Facilities and Fleet utilizes this vendor to provide a wide variety of original equipment manufacturer (OEM) parts and supplies. Due to the increase in fleet inventory and industrial price increases, the Department of Facilities and Fleet is requesting an additional \$150,000.00 be added to this contract.

25-0025

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: 2/1/2025 - 2/28/2025

Summary: Submitting the Procurement and Disbursement Report for the period of February 2025. The report is to be received and filed in compliance with Section 1-8-2 (BB) of the District's Code of Ordinances.

25-0159

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Departments of Legal and Finance

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Workers' Compensation Report - February 2025

Report Period: 2/1/2025-2/28/2025

Summary: The Forest Preserves of Cook County Departments of Legal and Finance are submitting Workers' Compensation Claim Payments for the month of February 2025. Payments total \$160,256.52 for February 2025.

25-0149

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 4/8/25 - 5/5/2025

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

Saturday, 4/12; 8am

Fishing Derby, Papoose Lake, Palos Park

Join us for a fun family day of fishing. Prizes will be awarded. *This program is presented by the Village of Palos Park and the Forest Preserves of Cook County. For more information, please call (312) 533-5751 or visit the website.*

Thursday, 4/12; 8am - 10am

Bird Walk, Eggers Grove, Chicago

Join a naturalist as we explore the preserve while looking for local birds. *For more information, please call (224) 763-4317.*

Saturday, 4/12; 8am

Signs of Spring Walk, Palos Park Woods, Palos Park

Join us for a 3.4-mile walk while observing the blooming wildflowers, listening to animals and taking in the smells of spring's arrival. *This program is perfect for families. For more information, please call (312) 533-5751 or visit the website.*

Saturday, 4/12; 1pm

Climatology 101, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

Climate affects everything including our planet which requires us to be climate-savvy. Join us for a discussion on how climate change affects the Forest Preserves. *For more information, please call (630) 257-2045.*

Saturday, 4/12; 5pm - 7pm

Woodcock Watch, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Join us for a walk during dusk to look for the American woodcock and potentially witness their dramatic courtship flights. *Registration required. Please call (708) 868-0606.*

Sunday, 4/13; 10am**Babies and Booties, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

Grab your boots and join us for a family spring hike! *For more information, please call (708) 839-6897.*

Sunday, 4/13; 11am**GPS Scavenger Hunt, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Learn about and participate in a technology inspired scavenger hunt. *Registration required. All ages. Please call (847) 824-8360.*

Sunday, 4/13; 12:30pm**GPS Scavenger Hunt, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

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Sunday, 4/13; 1pm**Plant Appreciation Day - The Under-appreciated Plants, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Join a naturalist for a discussion and short walk to investigate some of the underappreciated gems that call Sagawau home. *Registration required. Ages 18 and up. Please call (630) 257-2045.*

Sunday, 4/13; 1pm - 3pm**Pollinator Pockets, Trailside Museum of Natural History, River Forest**

Drop-in and learn how to create your own pocket garden for pollinators. You can learn about our local bees and butterflies as well as make a seed bomb to plant at home. *For more information, please call (708) 366-6530.*

Sunday, 4/13; 2pm**GPS Scavenger Hunt, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Learn about and participate in a technology inspired scavenger hunt. *Registration required. All ages. Please call (847) 824-8360.*

Thursday, 4/17; 10am - 12pm**Story Trails, Catherine Chevalier Woods, Chicago**

In honor of Arab American Heritage Month, experience a story unfold along a short trail. A craft will be available to take home upon completion. *Registration required. This event will be held at Grove 1. Please call (773)758-8899.*

Thursday, 4/17; 6pm**International Bat Appreciation Folktale and Hike, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

Join us for a folktale about bats as we hike and discuss the importance of these amazing flying mammals. *This program is presented with LaGrange Park Library. For more information, please call (708) 839-6897.*

Thursday, 4/17; 7pm**Nature Book Club: "The Serviceberry" by Robin Wall Kimmerer, Trailside Museum of Natural History, River Forest**

Join us for a lively discussion of the bestselling book: *The Serviceberry* by Robin Wall Kimmerer. *Registration required. This program is presented with Forest Park Public Library. Ages 18 and up. For more information, please visit the website.*

Friday, 4/18; 3pm - 5pm**Earth Day Cleanup, Jerome Huppert Woods, River Grove**

Celebrate Earth Day by helping clean up litter in the Forest Preserves. *Litter picks and supplies will be available to check out. For more information, please call (312) 533-5751 or visit the website.*

Saturday, 4/19; 8am**Earth Day: Bike Ride, Sauk Trail Woods-Central, South Chicago Heights**

Join us for a guided bike ride around Sauk Trail Woods. *The bike ride will be approximately 5 miles, and you must bring your own bike and helmet. For more information, please call (224) 763-4317.*

Saturday, 4/19; 10am - 1pm**Earth Day Celebration, Sauk Trail Woods-Central, South Chicago Heights**

Celebrate planet Earth with games, artmaking and other family fun! *For more information, please call (224) 763-4317.*

Saturday, 4/19; 11am - 1pm**Earth Day Hike and Plant ID, Schiller Woods-East, Chicago**

A member from the American Indian Center will lead a hike through the woods to identify trees and plants, discuss sustainable practices, and teach participants how Native people view plants as relatives.

This event will be held at Grove 13 and is presented by the American Indian Center. For more information, please visit the website.

Saturday, 4/19; 11am - 2pm**Earth Day Celebration, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

Drop-in and celebrate Earth's biodiversity through stewardship, art and educational activities. *There will be free plant giveaways. For more information, please call (708) 839-6897.*

Saturday, 4/19; 12pm - 3pm**Earth Day Nature Play, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington**

Play, plant, paint and pretend with family-fun activities. *For more information, please call (847) 381-6598.*

Saturday, 4/19; 1pm - 3pm**Earth Day Clean up, Schiller Woods-East, Chicago**

Celebrate Earth Day by helping clean up litter in the Forest Preserves. *Litter picks and supplies will be available to check out. This event will be held at Grove 13. For more information, please call (312) 533-5751 or visit the website.*

Saturday, 4/19; 1pm - 3pm**Senior Walk and Sketch, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Join us for a leisurely stroll through our trails while we sketch what we see. *Registration required. This program is geared towards seniors but is open to participants ages 18 and up. Please call (708) 868-0606.*

Sunday, 4/20; 1pm**Earth Day: Garlic Mustard Pull, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

You can make a difference on Earth Day by removing invasive garlic mustard from our wetlands. *Registration required. Ages 18 and up. Please call (630) 257-2045.*

Tuesday, 4/22; 10am - 12pm**Earth Day, Caldwell Woods Wellness Center, Chicago**

Drop-in and celebrate Earth Day by doing your part in helping clean the Forest Preserves. *Litter pick-up supplies are available to check out. For more information, please call (773)758-8899.*

Tuesday, 4/22; 3pm - 5pm**Earth Day, Caldwell Woods Wellness Center, Chicago**

Drop-in and celebrate Earth Day by doing your part in helping clean the Forest Preserves. *Litter pick-up supplies are available to check out. For more information, please call (773)758-8899.*

Friday, 4/25; 4pm - 6pm**Teen Exploration Day: Wetland Clean Up and Lab, Eggers Grove, Chicago**

Wetlands are superheroes of the natural world! You can earn service-learning hours by removing litter while learning what makes this ecosystem so super. *Ages 13-17. For more information, please call (224) 763-4317.*

Friday, 4/25; 7:30pm**Nature at Night, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Explore the world of nature after the sun sets. *Registration required. The cost is \$5 per person. Please call (847) 824-8360.*

Saturday, 4/26; 10am**ESL Walking Club, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington**

Join us for a guided walk and discuss nature related topics with other adult English Language Learners. *For more information, please call (847) 381-6598.*

Saturday, 4/26; 10am - 12pm**Celebrate Earth Day Activities, Trailside Museum of Natural History, River Forest**

Drop-in and celebrate Earth! There are many activities like making bird feeders, picking up litter, walking wildflower and creating recycled art. Participants can take home a small tree. *For more information, please call (708) 366-6530.*

Saturday, 4/26; 12pm - 5pm**Community Powwow: MMIR, Caldwell Woods Wellness Center, Chicago**

Join us for this informative program to bring awareness of community and social justice. Our Native American partners will discuss the obstacles their communities have faced in seeking justice for women and their families. *For more information, please call (773)758-8899.*

Saturday, 4/26; 1pm - 3:30pm**Hike the Freedom Trail Tour, Beaubien Woods Chicago**

Join us for this bus ride and walk and learn about the Freedom Seekers. Experts will share the story of the Freedom Seekers who traveled the Underground Railroad through the Calumet region. *For more information, please visit the website.*

Sunday, 4/27; 1pm - 2pm**Wildflower Walk, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Join us and witness the beauty of spring ephemerals before they are gone! *Registration required. Please call (708) 868-0606.*

Sunday, 4/27; 1:30pm**Spring Stroll, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Enjoy a walk to highlight the signs of spring. *For more information, please call (847) 824-8360.*

Monday, 4/28; 8:30pm**Dark Sky Walk, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

Enjoy an evening walk through our woods and get a close-up view of the night sky. *For more information, please call (708) 839-6897.*

Thursday, 5/1; 5:30pm - 7:30pm**Fiber Arts Circle, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Participants can practice or learn about fiber arts with others in a relaxing and natural environment. *Registration required. This program is open to all skill levels. Please call (708) 868-0606.*

Thursday, 5/1; 6:30pm - 8:30pm**Evening Walk: Stars and Stories, Dan Ryan Woods Pavilion, Chicago**

Join us at the Pavilion for a reading of the book: *Follow the Drinking Gourd*. You will learn about the significance of why reading the stars was important for survival. *All ages. For more information, please call (224) 763-4317.*

Thursday, 5/1; 7pm**Adult Night Hike: Wolf Road Woods, Willow Springs**

Join us and learn about nocturnal animals and the night sky. Then participate in a guided 1.5-mile night hike. *This program is BYOB. Ages 21 and up. For more information, please call (312) 533-5751.*

Friday, 5/2; 6:30pm - 8pm**Nature Exploration for Girl Scouts, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

Girls will enjoy a guided 2-mile walk through the woods. *This program is open to Cadettes-Ambassadors Troops and 2-3 Volunteers. For more information, please call (708) 839-6897.*

Saturday, 5/3: 11am - 3pm

Mental Health Resource Fair, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington

Join us and learn about mental health resources in the Northwest Suburbs. *This program is offered in partnership with the Kenneth Young Center. For more information, please call (847) 381-6598.*

Saturday, 5/3: 1pm

Bienvenidos Birds, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

Join us for an indoor presentation about the bird migration journey from Mexico to the Chicagoland area. *For more information, please call (630) 257-2045.*

Sunday, 5/4; 12pm - 3pm

Spring Festival, Trailside Museum of Natural History, River Forest

Don't miss interactive programs that include kids' tree climbs, guided wildflower walks, bird banding, kid's nature crafts, gardening information and more. *For more information, please call (708) 366-6530.*

Sunday, 5/4; 1:30pm

Frog Frenzy, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Learn how to dress, act, and live like a frog. *For more information, please call (847) 824-8360.*

COMMITTEE ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

**LEGISLATION AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE
MEETING OF APRIL 8, 2025**

25-0075 PROPOSED RESOLUTION Authorizing a Petition for Disconnection of Certain Real Property from the Rosemont Park District

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**RULES COMMITTEE
MEETING OF APRIL 8, 2025**

25-0148 JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS Regular meeting held on 3/11/2025

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**FINANCE COMMITTEE
MEETING OF APRIL 8, 2025**

25-0157 RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (LITIGATION) Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Litigation – 4/8/2025

25-0158 RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (WORKERS' COMPENSATION) Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Workers' Compensation – 4/8/2025

25-0026 REPORT Report Title: Corporate Fund Analysis of Revenue and Expenditures Report Period: 1/1/2025 - 2/28/2025

25-0121 REPORT Report Title: Concessions Annual Report - FY 2024 Report Period: 1/1/2024 - 12/31/2024

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**REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE
MEETING OF APRIL 8, 2025**

25-0125 PROPOSED ORDINANCE Create a Forest Preserve Near Paul Douglas Preserve

25-0126 PROPOSED PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE Hermann M. Caly Family Trust; 780 Group, LLC, an Illinois Limited Liability Company; Geh Day Holding Company, LLC, an Illinois Limited Liability Company (Owners of Record), Description of Real Estate: 20 Freeman Road & 18 N Freeman Road, South Barrington, Illinois

25-0118 PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT City of Oak Forest, Illinois (the "City"), Convey permanent and temporary easements to the City, Agreement Period: From date of full execution to final acceptance and restoration of site but no later than 12/31/2029

25-0117 EASEMENT REQUEST Grant two (2) permanent easements to Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways at 143rd Street east of Ridgeland Avenue in Oak Forest for a total of 5.266 acres or 229,387 square feet, more or less

25-0074 PROPOSED PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ITEM AMENDMENT Proposed amendment to correct an error in the legal description for a Proposed Sale or Purchase of Real Estate for The Catholic Bishop of Chicago, an Illinois Corporation Sole (Owner of Record)

25-0134 PROPOSED PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ITEM AMENDMENT Proposed amendment to slightly adjust total area of temporary easement for a Easement Request with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) at Joliet Road and Brainard Avenue in Countryside, Illinois

25-0082 REPORT Report Title: Land Use Request Report 2024 Report Period: 1/1/2024 - 12/31/2024
