



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

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

BOARD AGENDA

Tuesday, March 14, 2023, 10:00 AM

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

23-0245

PROPOSED RESOLUTION**HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF MARIA PESQUEIRA TO THE FOREST PRESERVES OF COOK COUNTY**

WHEREAS, as President of Healthy Communities Foundation, Maria Pesqueira leads efforts to advance health equity and ensure residents live in healthy communities; and

WHEREAS, Maria recognizes that healthy communities include nature and protected public lands, and health equity demands that all residents have access to these lands and feel safe and welcome there; and

WHEREAS, as a member of the Conservation and Policy Council of the Forest Preserves of Cook County from 2019 through February of 2023, Maria shared both her passion for equity and her expertise in health and human services and cultural awareness to guide efforts to implement the Next Century Conservation Plan; and

WHEREAS, Maria helped develop the Nature-Compatible Recreation position paper which calls upon the Forest Preserves of Cook County to support recreational facilities and programs which provide all residents a connection with nature, oppose new uses which are not aligned with the Forest Preserves' mission, and phases out existing recreational programs and facilities which are incompatible and/or unsustainable; and

WHEREAS, Maria facilitated a meeting with the National Association for Mental Health to help the Forest Preserves explore how its staff can support suicide prevention efforts; and

WHEREAS, Maria was a steadfast voice for Native and indigenous people and advocated for co-creating narratives which tell a more complete and complex story of Native Americans and their historical connection to the Forest Preserves; and

WHEREAS, as co-chair of the Forest Preserves' Equity, Cultural Sensitivity, and Inclusion Site Name Task Force, Maria recognized that names are an important part of creating a sense of place and belonging and led efforts to ensure site names throughout the forest preserves contribute to a positive experience for visitors, and that none of the site names are inappropriate or offensive or commemorate an event or an individual whose actions perpetuated inequalities or supported the marginalization of people based on race, color, ethnicity, national origin, ancestry, religion, ability, gender, gender identity, or sexual orientation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that President Toni Preckwinkle along with the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners, General Superintendent Arnold L. Randall, and on behalf of all residents of Cook County, do hereby extend appreciation to Maria Pesqueira for her dedication, contribution, leadership, and outstanding service to the Forest Preserves; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be tendered to Maria Pesqueira in recognition of her significant contributions to the Forest Preserves of Cook County.

23-0104

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE RECIPIENTS OF THE ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF PARK DISTRICTS' BEST OF THE BEST AWARDS: THE FOREST PRESERVES OF COOK COUNTY, FIELD MUSEUM, OPENLANDS, TRINITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, AND IMANI VILLAGE FOR ARTS IN THE PARK; JENNY FLEXMAN FOR OUTSTANDING CITIZEN VOLUNTEER; AND ST. CHARLES PARK DISTRICT AND ILLINOIS NATURE PRESERVES COMMISSION IN COOPERATION WITH THE FOREST PRESERVES OF COOK COUNTY, FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF KANE COUNTY, AND MCHENRY COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT FOR INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION

WHEREAS, on October 14, 2022, the Forest Preserves of Cook County, Field Museum, Openlands, Trinity United Church of Christ, Imani Village, Jenny Flexman, St. Charles Park District, Illinois Nature Preserves Commission, Forest Preserve District of Kane County and McHenry County Conservation District were all honored with Best of the Best awards from the Illinois Association of Park Districts during its annual gala; and

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserves of Cook County, Field Museum, Openlands, Trinity United Church of Christ, Imani Village received the Arts in the Park award for *Prairie Boat*, a gathering space at Beaubien Woods Forest Preserve, located on Chicago's southside; and

WHEREAS, the gathering space is a community-designed integration of art and culture, which will be a convening ground and rest area for people exploring nature in Beaubien Woods; and

WHEREAS, the design, titled *Prairie Boat*, by artists Christine Perri and Roman Villarreal, is in the shape of a boat and will allow for activities like yoga, book club meetings, dance, and theater performances; and

WHEREAS, this project was designed with community input from beginning to end, including the formation of a community-based curatorial committee that created the request for proposals, identified the

location of the installation, and selected the winning design; and

WHEREAS, this project was made possible through a partnership with the Field Museum and Openlands with funding from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the Walder Foundation; and

WHEREAS, this project embodies the Forest Preserves of Cook County's continued commitment to create safe spaces in nature that represent the diversity of stories and use of public lands by the citizens of Cook County; and

WHEREAS, Jenny Flexman received the Outstanding Citizen Volunteer Award for her service as a Site Steward at Poplar Creek Preserve in northwest Cook County where she has been volunteering for more than three decades to restore this 600-acre site to ecological health; and

WHEREAS, Jenny is a founding member of the Poplar Creek Prairie Stewards, a group of devoted volunteers working since 1989 to restore native plant communities and foster community support for conservation; and

WHEREAS, Jenny has contributed thousands of volunteer hours in the quest to improve habitat for grassland birds and rare plants and has helped oversee the ecological restoration of more than 300 acres, including Shoe Factory Road Prairie, a dedicated Illinois Nature Preserve; and

WHEREAS, Jenny excels at recruiting people to be part of a community of volunteers and is committed to being welcoming, inclusive, and engaging to volunteers from all backgrounds to mentor the next generation of conservation leaders and advocates; and

WHEREAS, Jenny is a force of nature, leading by example and inspiring others to protect and care for natural areas; and

WHEREAS, the St. Charles Park District and Illinois Nature Preserves Commission in cooperation with the Forest Preserves of Cook County, Forest Preserve District of Kane County and McHenry County Conservation District received the Intergovernmental Cooperation Award; and

WHEREAS, these agencies worked together on a cooperative genetic enhancement program sharing native plant seeds to ecologically restore St. Charles Park District's Ferson Creek Fen; and

WHEREAS, the Ferson Creek Fen is a 43 acre Illinois Nature Preserve is a premier wetland that had been impacted by invasive species and to combat struggling plant genetics, the St. Charles Park District worked with partners, including the Forest Preserves of Cook County, to collect native seed to restore this important habitat; and

WHEREAS, representatives from the St. Charles Park District visited the Forest Preserves' Spring Lake Nature Preserve in northwest Cook County, in addition to sites from other partners, to collect more than

23 pounds of native seed to help return Ferson Creek Fen to its former high quality.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Toni Preckwinkle, President, and the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners congratulate the recipients of the Illinois Association of Park District's Best of the Best Awards and thank them for their commitment to the mission of the Forest Preserves of Cook County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to the awardees as a token of appreciation for their service to the Forest Preserves of Cook County and the residents of Cook County.

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, IL 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 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 B, Chicago, IL. 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

23-0224

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE (President) and SEAN M. MORRISON, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF LAND VIA DONATION FROM SAVE THE PRAIRIE SOCIETY AND CREATING A FOREST PRESERVE NEAR WOLF ROAD PRAIRIE NATURE PRESERVE

AN ORDINANCE CREATING A FOREST PRESERVE in part of Section 30, Township 39 North, Range 12, East of the Third Principal Meridian, all in Cook County, Illinois near Wolf Road Prairie Nature Preserve in District 17.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois, 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 Forest Preserve 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 Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois 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 Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois 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

WHEREAS, the lands hereinafter described, all of which are situated within the boundaries of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois, are necessary and desirable for the lawful uses and purposes of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois, as hereinabove set forth, and also are of the character and nature of the lands which the statutes of the State of Illinois authorizes and empowers it to acquire; and

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois recently reached an agreement with Save the Prairie Society, an Illinois not-for-profit corporation, to acquire a parcel of land located adjacent to Wolf Road Prairie Nature Preserve, consisting of approximately five acres (“Property”) hereinafter described in Section 2 of this Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois as follows:

Section 1. That a unified Forest Preserve be and the same is hereby created within the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois (“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 Forest Preserve District uses.

Section 2. That the Property referred to in Section 1 of this Ordinance is more particularly described as follows:

10 Hickory Lane, Hinsdale, Illinois 60521

THE SOUTH HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 39 NORTH, RANGE 12, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

PIN: 15-30-400-020-0000

SAID PARCEL(S) CONTAINING 217,800 SQUARE FEET, OR 5 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

Section 3. The Board hereby determines that the acquisition of the Property from Save the Prairie Society is in the public interest. The Board hereby authorizes the acquisition of the Property from Save the Prairie Society, an Illinois not-for-profit corporation, for nominal consideration and closing costs not to exceed TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS and 00/100 CENTS (\$10,000.00), for the public purposes of preserving the existing land in an appropriate manner and as required by applicable laws and protecting and preserving the flora, fauna, and scenic beauties, in accordance with the District’s authority. Such acquisition shall be subject only to restrictions, covenants and easements shown of record and shall be “as-is” without warranties of any sort.

Section 4. The Board hereby authorizes the President or their designee to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the acquisitions described herein in accordance with customary terms and conditions, subject to this Ordinance.

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

23-0230

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION CREATING THE DECENNIAL COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, on June 10, 2022, the Decennial Committees on Local Government Efficiency Act (50 ILCS 70/1 et seq) (the “Act”) became effective and placed certain requirements on the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners (the “Board”), including the formation of a Decennial Committee by June 10, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of such committee would be to study the Forest Preserves of Cook County’s governing statutes, ordinances, rules, procedures, powers, jurisdiction, shared services, intergovernmental agreements, and interrelationships with other governmental units and the State; and

WHEREAS, no later than eighteen (18) months after the formation of the Decennial Committee, the Committee shall provide a report to the Cook County Board of Commissioners and such report shall include recommendations in respect to increased accountability and efficiency; and

WHEREAS, according to the Act, the Decennial Committee is to be chaired by the President of the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners or the President’s designee and shall include the following individuals: (1) the seventeen (17) Forest Preserves of Cook County Commissioners; (2) at least two (2) Cook County residents to be appointed by the President, with the advice and consent of the Board; (3) any chief executive officer or other officer of the Forest Preserves; and (4) additional persons as appointed by the Chair; and

WHEREAS, per Title 1, Chapter 5, Section 1-5-2, Subsection 2-5 of the Forest Preserves of Cook County Code of Ordinances, the Board may create special committees by resolution adopted by a majority of those elected and the appointed members of a special committee shall be designated by resolution.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby creates a Decennial Committee for the purpose of undertaking the tasks enumerated under the Act; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Committee Chair shall be the Chair of the Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Scott Britton, as the President’s designee for the Decennial Committee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Decennial Committee members shall include: (1) Forest Preserves of Cook County Commissioners, (2) General Superintendent Arnold Randall, (3) two Cook County residents to be appointed by the President, with the advice and consent of the Board, and (4) any additional persons to be appointed by the Chair; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Decennial Committee shall sunset on December 31, 2024, however, it shall be reestablished on a decennial basis with newly appointed members.

COMMISSIONERS

23-0172

Sponsored by: BILL LOWRY, SCOTT R. BRITTON and JOSINA MORITA, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

CODE OF ETHICAL CONDUCT - CALENDARS

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners, that TITLE 1 - ADMINISTRATIVE, CHAPTER 13 - CODE OF ETHICAL CONDUCT, SECTION NUMBER 1-13-2 - CODE OF CONDUCT of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as Follows:

Sec. 1-13-2: CODE OF CONDUCT.

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L. Political Activity.

1. No District Official or Employee shall compel, coerce or intimidate any District Official or Employee to make or refrain from making any political contribution. No District Official, Appointee shall directly solicit any political contribution from their Employees, the spouses, domestic partners or civil union partners of, or Relatives living with, their Employees. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent any Official or Employee from voluntarily making a contribution or from receiving a voluntary contribution.
2. No Employee with contract management authority nor Appointee of a District Official whose board or commission appointment provides for compensation and requires confirmation by the Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners shall serve on the political committee of any elected Official or Candidate for Cook County office.
3. District Employees shall not intentionally perform any prohibited political activity during any compensated time (other than vacation, personal, or compensatory time off). District Employees or Officials shall not intentionally misappropriate any District property or resources by engaging in

any prohibited political activity for the benefit of any campaign for elective office or any political organization or political committee.

4. At no time shall any Official or Employee intentionally misappropriate the services of any District Employee and at no time shall any Appointee misappropriate the services of any Board or Commission Employee by requiring that Employee to perform any prohibited political activity:
 - a. As part of that Employee's District duties or, in the case of a board or commission, as part of that Employee's board or commission duties;
 - b. As a condition of District employment or, in the case of a board or commission, as a condition of board or commission employment; or during any time off that is compensated by the District or board or commission (such as vacation, personal, or compensatory time off).
5. A District Employee or Appointee shall not be required at any time to participate in any prohibited political activity in consideration for that Employee being awarded any additional compensation or employee benefit, in the form of a salary adjustment, bonus, compensatory time off, continued employment, or otherwise.
6. A District Employee or Appointee shall not be awarded any additional compensation or employee benefit, in the form of a salary adjustment, bonus, compensatory time off, continued employment, or otherwise, in consideration for the Employee's participation in any prohibited political activity.
7. Except as provided by subsection c, District funds and resources may not be used by any elected District Official to print, mail, transmit, or pay for the printing, mailing, or transmission of any newsletters or brochures bearing the proper name of the elected District Official during the period of time;
 - a. Sixty (60) days prior to a general primary election and ending the day after such general primary election; and
 - b. Sixty (60) days prior to a general election and ending the day after such general election.
 - c. This Section shall not apply to:
 - (1) Responses to unsolicited inquiries from constituents and other interested parties; or
 - (2) Informational brochures that are solely related to and accompany any mailing of a property tax bill, notice of property tax assessment, or notice of voter registration or polling place information, or to a brochure mailed to a constituent in response to that constituent's inquiry concerning the needs of that constituent or questions raised by that

constituent.

- (3) Budget Books (Annual Appropriations Ordinances); annual and other official reports; memos, letters, and other communications on District letterhead; and coverage of press releases on official District events noting speakers or ribbon cutting or other official duties of elected Officials.
- d. No public service announcement or advertisement that is on behalf of any District administered program and contains the proper name, image, or voice_of any elected District Official shall be paid with District funds and broadcast or aired on radio or television or printed in a commercial newspaper or commercial magazine at any time on or after the date that the elected District Official files nominating papers for any elected office, and ending the day after such general election if the elected District Official is a candidate in such primary or general election. This Section shall not apply to any information available or posted by the District or any elected District Official on any District owned website or District owned social media account or broadcast or aired on the "public educational, government access" channels.
- e. The proper name or image of any elected Official may not appear on any promotional materials or items if designed, paid for, produced, and/or distributed with public funds or resources, including, but not limited to:
- (1) Bumper stickers;
 - (2) Commercial billboards;
 - (3) Lapel pins or buttons;
 - (4) Magnets;
 - (5) Sports teams;
 - (6) Items of clothing or apparel;
 - (7) Stickers;
 - (8) Calendars, with the exception of the annual District wall calendar which highlights and features photographic images of the flora and fauna, historical buildings, and landmarks within the District;
 - (9) Vehicles; or

(10) Equipment.

- f. At no time during official district events, shall any Official disseminate or display political promotional material that includes the Official's name and/or image.
8. Nothing in this Section prohibits activities that are otherwise appropriate for a District Employee or Appointee to engage in on a voluntary basis as permitted by law.

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Effective date: This ordinance shall be in effect immediately upon adoption.

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

23-0226

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

REQUEST TO AMEND THE NAME OF THE DES PLAINES TRAIL TO THE DES PLAINES RIVER TRAIL

WHEREAS, the Des Plaines Trail System winds its way for 28.4 miles through Cook County closely following the contours of the Des Plaines River and is a beloved outdoor recreation amenity enjoyed by tens of thousands of people each year; and

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserves recognizes that names play an important role in creating a sense of place and belonging, in honoring natural features, events or people, and in helping people find their way to the preserves; and

WHEREAS, the Des Plaines Trail System name currently does not reflect the important natural features that the trail highlights; and

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserves followed the Permanent Naming Policy adopted by the Board on September 24, 2019 (Board Item No. 19-0354) to request a name amendment; and

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserves recognizes that adding the word “River” to the Des Plaines Trail is more of a clarification, than a change, but is committed to following the process outlined in its Permanent Naming Policy; and

WHEREAS, Cook County residents were notified of the proposed name amendment via Forest Preserves’ social media accounts, monthly newsletter, and a press release sent to news outlets and

partners throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, Cook County residents were invited to provide comment on the proposed name amendment via a web form that was open for more than three months; and

WHEREAS, an overwhelming majority of public comments submitted support the proposed name amendment; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Toni Preckwinkle, President; and the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby approve that the Des Plaines Trail be amended to the Des Plaines River Trail.

23-0221

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING THE REGISTRATION OF POPLAR CREEK PRESERVE AS AN ILLINOIS LAND AND WATER RESERVE

WHEREAS, on January 24, 2023, at the 243rd meeting of the Illinois Nature Preserves Commission, Poplar Creek Preserve was approved for registration as an Illinois Land and Water Reserve; and

WHEREAS, dedication of a site as an Illinois Land and Water Reserve provides a high level of protection for land in Illinois, and is granted only to natural areas of regional ecological or cultural significance; and

WHEREAS, Poplar Creek Land and Water Reserve, commonly referred to as Carl R. Hansen Woods, is an approximately 572-acre preserve located within the larger Arthur L. Janura Preserve complex near the Village of Hoffman Estates in northwest Cook County; and

WHEREAS, Poplar Creek primarily consists of reconstructed prairie, savanna, mesic woodland, and streamside fen natural communities; and

WHEREAS, historically much of the site prior to acquisition by the Forest Preserves of Cook County was utilized as agricultural land interspersed with intact remnant woodlands and prairies. The land has since been successfully transformed into functional native ecosystems through significant investments in restoration and the efforts of volunteer groups such as the Poplar Creek Prairie Stewards, who have led management of the site since 1989; and

WHEREAS, Poplar Creek serves as an important buffer and extension of the rare gravel hill prairie community already preserved in the adjacent Shoe Factory Road Nature Preserve; and

WHEREAS, the site supports at least twenty-seven (27) species of plants and wildlife identified as being in the greatest need of conservation and provides habitat for several grassland bird species that are sensitive to habitat fragmentation, underpinning its ecological importance to the region; and

WHEREAS, authority to submit this addition for registration as an Illinois Land and Water Reserve was granted by the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners on May 10, 2022 per Board Item No. 22-0222; and

WHEREAS, the addition of Poplar Creek establishes the Forest Preserves of Cook County's 6th Illinois Land and Water Reserve. The Forest Preserves of Cook County now currently owns and manages 27 dedicated Illinois Nature Preserves and 6 Land and Water Reserves totaling approximately 10,968 acres; and

WHEREAS, registration of Poplar Creek advances the goal set forth in the Next Century Conservation Plan to dedicate eligible lands for Illinois Nature Preserve protection, and is consistent with the recommendations of the Natural and Cultural Resources Master Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Toni Preckwinkle, President, and the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby acknowledge the dedication and protection of Poplar Creek as an Illinois Land and Water Reserve, and the Forest Preserves of Cook County's steadfast commitment to protect and restore our region's significant natural resources.

23-0218

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Department: Department of Planning and Development

Other Part(ies): Village of Rosemont, Rosemont, Illinois

Request: Authority to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement and pay Village of Rosemont ("Rosemont") local match funds above the State Match Assistance if needed.

Goods or Services: Phase III Engineering Services and Construction for trail improvements to the Des

Plaines River Trail between Devon and Bryn Mawr Avenues, near Rosemont.

Agreement Number(s): N/A

Agreement Period: 3/14/2023 - 3/14/2028

Fiscal Impact: \$368,350.00 (FY2023 \$200,000.00 and FY2024 \$168,350.00)

Accounts: Professional Services 51009.520830, 510028.520830, 51029.520830, 510030.520830, 51031.520830, 51033.520830; Land Improvement 51009.560019, 510028.560019, 51029.560019, 510030.560019, 51031.560019, 51033.560019; and future Construction & Development accounts

District(s): 9

Summary: The Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) is cooperating with several municipalities to improve ten (10) miles of the Des Plaines River Trail from North Avenue to Touhy Avenue. Phase I engineering for the first four (4) segments from Irving Park to Touhy Avenue is complete. The Village of Rosemont agreed to seek grant funding for Phase II (Design Engineering), Construction, and Phase III (Construction Engineering) for the segment of trail from Devon to Bryn Mawr Avenues known as “Segment 2” provided the Forest Preserves agrees to cover the local match. Rosemont received an award letter from the Illinois Department of Transportation (“IDOT”) for up to \$1,473,400.00 in Illinois Transportation Enhancement “ITEP” grant funds for 80% of the total estimated project cost and 20% State Match Assistance up to a maximum of \$368,350.00. As the local sponsor, Rosemont has already contracted for and completed Phase II work and has awarded a contract for Phase III work that would be fully reimbursed assuming there are no unanticipated costs above the 20% State Match Assistance. IDOT is expected to open bids and award a construction contract in March 2023 subject to local sponsor agreement to pay any costs exceeding the 20% State Match Assistance. This board item seeks authorization for the Forest Preserves to pay any unanticipated costs above the 20% State Match Assistance, including permit costs incurred in Phase II and Phase III, up to a not-to-exceed contingency amount of \$368,350.00 or 20% of the approximately \$1.5 million grant award. Construction and Phase III Construction Engineering are expected to start in spring 2023 and end in 2024.

23-0223

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Department: Department of Resource Management

Other Part(ies): University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Champaign, Illinois

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to enter into a sponsored research agreement

Goods or Services: Research study investigating the first human occupants of Cook County, including modeling, public outreach, and archaeological field surveys of key glacial landscapes contained within the Forest Preserves

Agreement Number(s): #74000011983

Agreement Period: 3/14/2023 - 1/31/2026

Fiscal Impact: \$299,826.00 (FY 2023 \$101,480.00; FY 2024 \$100,124.00; FY 2025 \$98,222.00)

Accounts: Professional Services 51033.520840; and all future Construction and Development funds

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: The Forest Preserves seeks to partner with the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign through the Illinois State Archaeological Survey to conduct a study titled “First People in a New Landscape: An Interdisciplinary Investigation of Ice Age Cook County.” This multi-year research project will synthesize geological, paleontological, archaeological, and climatological data from the late Pleistocene/early Holocene periods to investigate how early humans, as well as the native communities of plants and animals on which they depended, adapted to climate change at the end of the last ice age.

Researchers will conduct field surveys to identify previously unrecorded archaeological sites and develop a predictive model to help inform current land management practices and future land acquisitions. Descendant communities will be consulted for input throughout the project, and a public webpage summarizing the research results will be developed.

Over half of all known archaeological sites within Cook County are protected within the Forest Preserves, the preservation of which provides invaluable information about our region’s rich cultural heritage. This project advances the goals of the Next Century Conservation Plan and the Natural and Cultural Resources Master Plan and is aligned with the “Amplifying Diversity and Inclusion in the Forest Preserves of Cook County” position paper. Final agreement is subject to legal review and approval.

23-0222

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Department: Department of Resource Management

Other Part(ies): University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine ("UICVM"), Urbana, Illinois

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement ("IGA")

Goods or Services: Wildlife pathology and diagnostic services

Agreement Number(s): #74000011980

Agreement Period: 1/1/2023 (retroactive) - 12/31/2032

Fiscal Impact: Not to exceed \$600,000.00 over the ten (10) year term (FY 2023 \$60,000.00, FY 2024 \$60,000.00, FY 2025 \$60,000.00, FY 2026 \$60,000.00, FY 2027 \$60,000.00, FY 2028 \$60,000.00, FY 2029 \$60,000.00, FY 2030 \$60,000.00, FY 2031 \$60,000.00, FY 2032 \$60,000.00)

Accounts: Wildlife Management 51001.521447; Professional Services 51033.520840; Grant and Mitigation 51010.521444 and 51010.520840; and all future Professional Services accounts

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: The Forest Preserves has partnered with UICVM since 2008 to conduct on-demand wildlife pathology and diagnostic services undertaken in association with wildlife research initiatives. This work allows Forest Preserves wildlife biologists to track changes in disease transmittal in wildlife communities and assess how those diseases may affect human populations. Information acquired through this analysis is dispersed throughout the health services community, including the Cook County Department of Public Health, Illinois Department of Public Health, and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to better inform them of potential risks of zoonotic disease transmission.

The Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners initially approved an amendment to extend and increase the pre-existing agreement on 9/20/2022 (Board Item No. 22-0366). However, due to

institutional contract regulations, UICVM has requested to allow the original agreement to expire (at the end of 2022) and subsequently enter into a new intergovernmental agreement encompassing the new ten year term. The new intergovernmental agreement would be subject to the same terms and conditions of the previously approved amendment. Final agreement is subject to legal review and approval.

23-0228

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

Request: Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to enter into a Partnership Agreement with Friends of the Forest Preserves, Chicago, Illinois.

Reason: Friends of the Forest Preserves has received a \$349,999.78 grant through the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation’s Chi-Cal River Program to support the Conservation for All Project, which will engage local communities in public engagement programming and habitat restoration including 66 acres of invasive species treatment at Whistler Woods, Kickapoo Woods, and Sand Ridge Nature Center preserves. The grant will combine the efforts of the Calumet Conservation Corps, Chicago Conservation Leadership Corps, and stewardship volunteers in the Calumet region.

Total project costs are \$718,198.78, of which the Forest Preserves will contribute \$34,000.00 or approximately 5% in direct match.

Contract Period: 1/2/2023 (retroactive) - 12/31/2024

Fiscal Impact: \$34,000.00 in direct cash match, plus up to \$45,180.00 of in-kind staff support for the planning, implementation, and monitoring of the projects

Account(s): Professional Services 51033.520840; Grant and Mitigation 51010.521444, 51010.520840; and all future Professional Services accounts

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

District(s): 4, 5

23-0229

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

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

enter into a Partnership Agreement with Audubon Great Lakes, Chicago, Illinois.

Reason: Audubon Great Lakes has received a \$208,882.31 grant through the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's Chi-Cal River Program to restore 98 acres of critical wetland habitat within the Powderhorn complex in southeast Cook County through invasive species removal, water level management, and native plant seeding. The project will engage Audubon Great Lakes' Wild Indigo Nature Exploration program to conduct a variety of community engagement and public access planning events focused on providing conservation programming, education, and stewardship events that build lasting relationships between urban communities of color and their local natural areas.

Total project costs are \$325,943.31, of which the Forest Preserves will contribute \$43,000.00 or approximately 13% in direct match.

Contract Period: Date of execution - 12/31/2024

Fiscal Impact: \$43,000.00 in direct cash match

Account(s): Professional Services 51033.520840; Grant and Mitigation 51010.521444 and 51010.520840; and all future Professional Services accounts

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

District(s): 4

23-0217

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, 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

Request: Authorization to accept grant

Purpose: Authorization is sought for the Forest Preserves to accept and enter into an agreement with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) for Boat Area Access Development (BAAD) grant funding for development of a canoe launch project at Beaubien Woods in Chicago, Illinois in Cook County.

Grant Amount: \$80,000.00

Grant Period: 3/1/2023 (retroactive) - 2/28/2025

Fiscal Impact: Not to exceed \$196,000.00 (\$150,000.00 estimated match + \$46,000 20% contingency). Estimated match in FY2023 \$75,000.00 and FY2024 \$75,000.00, excluding contingency.

Accounts: Land Improvements 51009.560019, 51010.560019, 51028.560019, 51030.560019, 51031.560019, 51033.560019; and future Construction and Development accounts

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

District(s): 5

Summary: The Forest Preserves has been awarded a BAAD grant that will support the development of a canoe launch along the Little Calumet River in Beaubien Woods, a 279-acre forest preserve in Chicago in southeast Cook County, Illinois. This project will improve existing boating and paddling facilities and increase awareness of important natural and cultural assets of the Calumet Heritage Area, including the African American Heritage Water Trail. A number of organizations including, the Forest Preserves and Openlands, are partnering with local historians to conduct both walking and paddling tours in this area.

The proposed project includes the rehabilitation of the existing boat ramps and development of an accessible canoe/kayak launch system. In addition, a recently approved IDNR OSLAD grant of \$1,150,000.00 (Board Item No. 22-0363 approved September 20, 2022) is also supporting other new visitor amenities including reconstruction of onshore fishing boardwalk, river-edge seating, a new program shelter and interpretive signs, and a comfort station and trail connection to the adjacent neighborhood of Altgeld Gardens. The Forest Preserves will bid reconstruction of the existing boat launch ramps and related accessibility upgrades to pier and dock structures and other land improvements with an estimated total cost of \$3,054,000.00.

23-0003

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Department of Fleet and Facilities

Vendor: Alta Equipment Company, Orland Park, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): New Holland Tractor parts and equipment

Contract Value: \$150,000.00

Contract Period: 3/14/2023 - 3/13/2026

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2023 \$40,000.00, FY 2024 \$50,000.00, FY 2025 \$50,000.00, FY 2026 \$10,000.00

Accounts: Equipment, Supplies and Maintenance Service 29275.540275

Contract Number(s): #74000011372

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

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

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: The Department of Fleet and Facilities has numerous New Holland agricultural tractors used extensively by the Departments of Landscape Maintenance and Resource Management. These tractors require Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) parts when repairs are needed. These repairs are performed by the Department of Fleet and Facilities in-house mechanics and technicians. Alta Equipment Company is the only authorized dealer of these parts in northeast Illinois. This is a sole source procurement.

23-0175

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Department of Fleet and Facilities

Vendor: BCR Automotive Group DBA Roesch Ford, Bensenville, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Four (4) Ford F150 Crew Cab Hybrid pick-up trucks based on City of Chicago contract #115511 expiring 7/19/2025

Contract Value: \$207,256.00

Contract Period: One-time purchase

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2023 \$207,256.00

Accounts: Vehicles and Equipment 51030.520840

Contract Number(s): #74000011976

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

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

The vendor has met the Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Ordinance via indirect participation.

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: The Department of Fleet and Facilities received permission from the Vehicle Steering Committee on 1/19/2023 to decommission four (4) Forest Preserves pick-up trucks due to age and condition; and purchase four (4) new pick-up trucks to be assigned to the Department of Resource Management. The purchase of four (4) Ford F150 Crew Cab Hybrid vehicles will be via a piggyback contract based on City of Chicago’s competitively bid contract #115511. All Ford F150 Crew Cab Hybrid vehicles are sustainable vehicles. The purchase of these pick-up trucks will support the Forest Preserves’ Green Fleet plan and reduce greenhouse gas production.

23-0176

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Department of Fleet and Facilities

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): Two (2) Ford F650 Super Duty Crew Max Garbage Trucks based on City of

Chicago contract #32877 expiring 8/24/2023

Contract Value: \$345,612.42

Contract Period: One-time purchase

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2023 \$345,612.42

Accounts: Vehicles and Equipment 51001.560266

Contract Number(s): #74000011977

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

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

The vendor has met the Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Ordinance via direct participation.

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: The Fleet and Facilities Department received permission from the Vehicle Steering Committee on 1/19/2023 to decommission two (2) Forest Preserves garbage trucks due to age and condition; and purchase two (2) new garbage trucks to be assigned to the Landscape Maintenance Department. The purchase of two (2) Ford F650 Super Duty Crew Max Garbage Trucks will be via a piggyback contract based on City of Chicago's competitively bid contract #32877. These garbage trucks will utilize propane and gas to reduce greenhouse gas pollution. The purchase of these garbage trucks will support the Forest Preserves' Green Fleet plan.

23-0212

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Department of Planning and Development

Vendor: Trane U.S. Inc., Willowbrook, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Heating and air conditioning equipment

Contract Value: \$439,803.00

Contract Period: One-time purchase

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2023 \$439,803.00

Accounts: Property Maintenance and Operations 51009.560105, 51010.560105 and 51033.560105

Contract Number(s): #74000011985 issued under Project #21-80-44VRF

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

Piggyback contract to a Public Sector Purchasing Consortium with no MWBE participation goals.

District(s): 9

Summary: The request to purchase very high efficiency (variable-refrigerant-flow) heating and cooling equipment is related to the proposed conversion of the Forest Preserves' General Headquarters (GHQ) building in River Forest from gas to electric systems by the fall of 2023. GHQ is one of the Forest Preserves' highest energy use buildings and its gas-fired boilers have reached the end of their useful life. A competitive construction bid opportunity for replacement of the old boilers with very-high-efficiency electric heating and cooling equipment will be posted in March with anticipated award in April. However, due to long manufacturing lead times for specialized very-high-efficiency equipment, the Forest Preserves is seeking to purchase this equipment sooner through a joint purchasing consortium (OMNIA Partners, Public Sector) contract (Racine #3341) with Trane U.S. Inc. for the equipment. The Trane U.S. Inc. contract was awarded through a competitive process. Staff are also seeking approval to purchase related specialized ventilation equipment that is not offered by the OMNIA Partners consortium through a separate sole source contract (Board Item No. 23-0213). Advance purchase of both types of equipment is necessary to ensure conversion of the heating system before next winter.

23-0213

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Department of Planning and Development

Vendor: Windy City Representatives, Oak Brook, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Building ventilation equipment

Contract Value: \$132,520.00

Contract Period: One-time purchase

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2023 \$132,520.00

Accounts: Property Maintenance and Operations 51009.560105, 51010.560105 and 51033.560105

Contract Number(s): #74000011986 for Project #21-80-44ERV

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

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

District(s): 9

Summary: This request to purchase very-high-efficiency building ventilation equipment on a sole source basis is related to the proposed conversion of the Forest Preserves' General Headquarters building in River Forest from gas to electric systems by the fall of 2023. Like the related request to buy very-high-efficiency heating and cooling equipment (Board Item No. 23-0212), the purchase of this equipment is needed in advance of awarding a construction contract for conversion of the building due to long manufacturing lead times for specialized very-high-efficiency equipment. Unlike the related request, the required ventilation equipment is not available through any purchasing consortium but is only available through Windy City Representatives as the authorized Chicagoland representative for Ventacity Systems. The Forest Preserves engineering design consultant has specified aggressive performance requirements and believes, based on its knowledge and experience, that the Ventacity Systems equipment is the only equipment capable of meeting these requirements.

23-0247

PROPOSED MISCELLANEOUS ITEM OF BUSINESS

Department: Office of the General Superintendent

Good(s) or Service(s): Advertising and Promotional Services

Fiscal Impact: \$300,000.00

Accounts: Advertising and Promotional Services 51001.520610

Summary: The Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) is requesting authorization for the General Superintendent or a designee to have discretionary spending up to \$300,000.00 throughout 2023 for advertising and promotional services with a variety of media vendors to promote and showcase the amenities, programs and natural areas of the Forest Preserves. The media vendors would be engaged for periods of one (1) year or less. Media purchases would align with the 2023 communications goals of the Forest Preserves, which include focused geographic and demographic outreach to communities and populations in Cook County impacted by a history of racial inequity.

The advertising and promotional spending packages would be suggested by the Forest Preserves’ Communications Division as part of an integrated marketing plan that may include electronic, print, broadcast and out-of-home (billboard) advertising and vetted based on the desired audience, frequency, reach and budget offered by local media. The marketing strategy also complements the short and long-term goals of the Next Century Conservation Plan, as well as other short and long-term goals of the Forest Preserves.

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

District(s): Districtwide

[23-0237](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Department of Finance and Administration

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Procurement and Disbursements Report

Report Period: 1/1/2023 - 1/31/2023

Summary: Submitting the Procurement and Disbursements Report for the period of January 2023. The report is to be received and filed in compliance with Section 1-8-2 (BB) of the District’s Code of Ordinances.

23-0246**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent**REPORT****Department:** Department of Facilities and Fleet**Request:** Refer to Finance Committee**Report Title:** Annual Energy Expense Report**Report Period:** 1/1/2022 - 12/31/2022

Summary: On 1/26/2021, the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners authorized the Forest Preserves of Cook County to enter into agreements recommended by Ameresco, Inc. (Board Item No. 21-0125). Previously, on 10/20/2020, the Board of Commissioners had approved a contract with Ameresco, Inc to provide, in part, procurement of electricity, natural gas, and renewable energy (Board Item No. 20-0363). As required by Board Item No. 21-0125, this report provides a monthly breakdown of related energy payments made during fiscal year 2022.

23-0234**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent**REPORT****Department:** Department of Permits, Rentals and Concessions**Request:** Refer to Finance Committee**Report Title:** Forest Preserves of Cook County Annual Concessions Report FY 2022**Report Period:** 1/1/2022 - 12/31/2022

Summary: On 3/15/2022, the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners approved the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") Concessions Ordinance (Board Item No. 22-0126) (the "Ordinance"). Under the Ordinance, the Forest Preserves is authorized to grant certain concession related permits and contracts. To assist with this process, the Forest Preserves implemented a Concessions Policy (Policy Number: 05.00.00) establishing the criteria by which the Forest Preserves will

issue permits and contracts for concessions opportunities to increase and improve visitor engagement by providing the public with access to complementary recreational activities, amenities and services while also generating revenue to support the mission of the Forest Preserves.

The Ordinance requires an annual report to the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners on concession related permits and contracts awarded by the Forest Preserves of Cook County for part or all of the prior fiscal year and any concession opportunities currently available or anticipated to be made available by the Forest Preserves of Cook County for the current year. The Concession Report describes the specific concessionaire permits and contracts that were awarded in 2022 along with opportunities anticipated for 2023.

In 2022, the Forest Preserves received \$1,466,969.00 in concession revenue from various permits and contract types.

23-0249

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Department of Finance and Administration

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Twelve-Week Paid Parental Leave Policy Financial Impact Analysis

Report Period: Two (2) years, 1/1/2021 - 12/31/2022

Resolution 22-0551 was approved by the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners on January 24, 2023. The resolution called for the Forest Preserves of Cook County to submit a report providing the analysis and financial impact of a blanket 12-week paid parental leave policy for full-time Forest Preserves of Cook County employees.

As background, the current paid parental leave is concurrent with FMLA and consists of two (2) weeks paid leave for non-birthing parents, four (4) weeks paid leave for birthing parents with a non-surgical birth and six (6) weeks paid leave for birthing parents of a surgical birth. Alternatively, new parents can take up to six (6) months of unpaid leave, foregoing paid leave.

The Forest Preserves of Cook County reviewed data over a two-year period (January 2021 to December 2022). During that time eighteen (18) full time employees took parental leave, and two (2) employees took unpaid leave. The analysis shows that the Forest Preserves of Cook County would incur additional

overtime costs for job duties that require coverage. In addition, the value of this unpaid leave benefit is calculated at approximately \$103,875 annually. Not captured in this analysis is any non-monetary impact to the employee and employer through such a policy.

23-0219

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Office of the General Superintendent

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Resident Watchman Annual Report

Report Period: 1/1/2022 - 12/31/2022

Summary: This report is required per Section 1-9-3 (Fees and Occupancy of District Lands) of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code of Ordinances. The report provides names, job titles, and salaries of employees who occupied property within the Resident Watchman Program for fiscal year 2022 and includes other program-related information.

23-0233

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Departments of Legal and Finance

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Workers' Compensation Report - January 2023

Report Period: 1/1/2023 - 1/31/2023

Summary: The Forest Preserves of Cook County Departments of Legal and Finance are submitting Workers' Compensation Claim Payments for the month of January 2023. Payments total \$87,281.08 for January 2023.

23-0235

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Department: Department of Conservation and Experiential Programming

Summary: Forest Preserves of Cook County Calendar: 3/14/2023 - 4/25/2023

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

Saturday, 3/18; 10am - 12pm

Teen Exploration Day: Waterfowl Watch, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington

Calling all teenage bird-lovers! Borrow binoculars and dive deeper into observing and getting to know the ducks and geese that visit Crabtree. *Ages 13-17 with adult.*

Saturday, 3/18; 1pm

Conservation@Home: Gardening with Native Plants, Sagawau Nature Center, Lemont

Did you know many native plants provide food for wildlife? Join us for an indoor presentation to learn how to incorporate natives in your garden. *Registration required.*

Sunday, 3/19; 1:30pm (Program in Polish)

Topienie Marzanny, Trailside Museum, River Forest

Pomóż nam przepędzić Zimę i powitać Wiosnę. Zapraszamy na topienie Marzanny z Trailside Museum of Natural History.

Sunday, 3/19; 11am - 3pm

Maple Syrup Festival, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Celebrate the arrival of spring with a special day of activities including crafts, games, tree tapping and maple syrup history with syrup samples to taste.

Tuesday, 3/21; 7:30pm

New Moon Walk and Telescope Viewing, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs

Enjoy an evening walk and get a close-up view of the night sky. Caminata de luna nueva y observación del telescopio. (Programa ofrecido en Español.) *Registration required.*

Wednesday, 3/22; 11am - 2pm

Celebrate Spring Fest, Cummings Square, River Forest

Build and play with natural materials: make a decorative terrarium, paint a bird house and participate in other kid-friendly activities.

Monday, 3/27; 9am - 3:30pm**Spring Nature Camp, Rolling Knolls, Elgin**

Learn the significance of spring in Native American culture while participating in various activities. *Drop-in. All ages. Presented by Trickster Cultural Center.*

Wednesday, 3/29; 11am - 2pm**Spring Breakout Adventure, Thatcher Woods, River Forest**

Enjoy time out of school with activities including archery, nature play, hikes, and other fun. *Drop-in.*

Thursday, 3/30; 3:30pm - 6:30pm**Teen Exploration Day: Fire Building 101, Camp Sullivan, Oak Forest**

Learn different methods for fire building outdoors. *Registration required.*

Thursday, 3/30; 1pm**Teen Exploration Day: The Botany of Zelda, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Learn how the fictional plants of Hyrule Forest connect to native plant species of the Forest Preserves of Cook County. Come have fun with botany inspired by the Nintendo game Zelda. *Ages 12 and up. Registration required.*

Sunday, 4/2; 1pm**Radio Telemetry, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington**

Learn about radio telemetry and how it's used to track animals. Try your hand at using radio telemetry equipment.

Wednesday, 4/5; 5:30pm - 7:30pm**Camping 101, Camp Dan Beard, Northbrook**

This is a free workshop covering basic camping skills. *Registration required.*

Wednesday, 4/5; 10am - 1pm**Spring Breakout Adventures, Bunker Hill, Niles**

Spend time in nature while on school break! Try out several outdoor recreation activities. Explore, discover and create!

Thursday, 4/6; 11am - 2pm**Spring Breakout Adventure, Dan Ryan Woods, Chicago**

Spend your time on break, outside! Enjoy a chance to try your hand at several outdoor recreation activities. Explore, discover and create!

Saturday, 4/8; 8am**Fishing Derby, Papoose Lake, Palos Park**

Join the Village of Palos Park and the Forest Preserves for a family-fun day of fishing.

Wednesday, 4/12; 5:30pm - 7:30pm**Weaving Workshop, Swallow Cliff Woods-North, Palos Park**

Create a small wall hanging art piece using natural materials. *Supplies and instruction provided. Ages 10 and up with adult. Registration required.*

Friday, 4/14; 7pm - 9pm**Frog Survey Night Hike, Sandridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Be a community scientist for an evening as we listen for frog calls and other creatures of the night. *Ages 12 and up. Registration required.*

Saturday, 4/15; 11am - 2pm**Animal Supplies Drop 'n Drive, Miller Meadow-South, Maywood**

Join in helping animals in need by donating supplies. *Drop-off event.*

Sunday, 4/16; 12pm**Chicago Voyagers Adventure Challenge, Busse Woods-South, Arlington Heights**

Help get Chicago youth outside by participating in an adventure obstacle race for the entire family. *Registration required.*

Friday, 4/21; 3pm - 5pm**Earth Day Cleanup, Jerome Huppert Woods, River Grove**

Celebrate Earth Day by helping clean up litter in the Preserves. We will have litter pick up supplies for individuals or families to check-out.

Friday through Sunday, 4/21 - 4/22; 9:30am - 11:30am**Earth Day: Restoration Weekend - Garlic Mustard Pull, Sagawau Nature Center, Lemont**

Celebrate Earth Day by welcoming back native plants and wildlife by pulling invasive garlic mustard.

Saturday, 4/22; 10am - 12pm**Earth Day, Bunker Hill, Niles**

Celebrate Earth Day by doing your part in helping clean up litter in the Preserves. *Litter pick-up supplies*

for individuals or families available to check-out.

Saturday, 4/22; 10am - 2pm

Earth Day, Sandridge Nature Center, South Holland

Celebrate Earth Day with themed games, a self-guided litter cleanup and more.

Saturday, 4/22; 10am - 1pm

Earth Day, Sauk Trail Woods, Chicago Heights

Help the earth with a litter clean up at your local forest preserve.

Saturday, 4/22; 10am - 12pm

Celebrate Earth Day Activities, Trailside Museum, River Forest

There are many things you can do to celebrate our beautiful planet Earth. Help us plant a tree, make your very own bird feeder to bring home, pick up litter, and create recycled material art. *Drop-in program for kids and families.*

Saturday, 4/22; 7pm - 9pm

Thankful for the Dark, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs

Learn about the importance of dark skies, and then enjoy a leisurely 3-mile hike. *All ages. Registration required.*

Sunday, 4/23; 12pm - 2pm

Build a Beehouse Workshop, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Help your native plants and garden by building a beehouse for local pollinators.

COMMITTEE ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

**FINANCE COMMITTEE
MEETING OF MARCH 14, 2023**

23-0231 RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (LITIGATION)

Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Litigation – 3/14/2023

23-0232 RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (WORKERS' COMPENSATION) Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Workers' Compensation – 3/14/2023

23-0236 REPORT Department of Finance and Administration, Report Title: Corporate Fund Analysis of Revenue and Expenditures, Report Period: 1/1/2023-1/31/2023

**RULES COMMITTEE
MEETING OF MARCH 14, 2023**

23-0256 JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS Regular meeting held on 02/07/2023

**REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE
MEETING OF MARCH 14, 2023**

23-0113 PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT Authorization to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the Village of Morton Grove

**ZOOLOGICAL COMMITTEE
MEETING OF MARCH 14, 2023**

23-0183 PROPOSED INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT AMENDMENT To amend an agreement between the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") and the Chicago Zoological Society (the "Zoo")
