



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

Thatcher Woods Pavilion, 8030 Chicago Avenue, River Forest, Illinois

BOARD NOTICE AND AGENDA

Tuesday, July 23, 2024, 10:00 AM

Issued On: 7/18/2024

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

There are no Consent items for this meeting.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

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PRESIDENT

24-0328

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION**AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT TO TAKE SAFETY MEASURES**

WHEREAS, During the week of August 19, 2024, Cook County is expected to receive roughly 50,000 visitors from across the country due to the Democratic National Convention; and

WHEREAS, The Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners does not meet in the month of August; and

WHEREAS, Many of these visitors will be notable public officials, which can invite a considerable amount of attention requiring robust safety and security measures and intergovernmental coordination; and

WHEREAS, One of the primary functions of local government is to maintain public safety; and

WHEREAS, Government entities across Cook County have made preparations to safely accommodate these visitors; and

WHEREAS, The Forest Preserves of Cook County may be called upon to assist other government entities in Cook County to effectively handle this influx of visitors; and

WHEREAS, Per Article VII, Section 10 of the Illinois Constitution, units of local government may contract or otherwise associate with other units of local government to obtain or share services and exercise, combine, or transfer any power or function in any manner not prohibited by law. Under the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act, 5 ILCS 220/1 et. seq, any power, privilege, function, or authority exercised by a public agency may be exercised, combined, transferred, and enjoyed jointly with any other public agency of the state.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserves of Cook County hereby authorizes the Interim General Superintendent to enter into intergovernmental agreements with other local governmental agencies, for a term within August 5, 2024 to August 26, 2024, to allow other government entities to temporarily store equipment, vehicles or animals at Forest Preserves facilities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Any government entity who enters into such an agreement with the Forest Preserves under the authority granted by this resolution must compensate the Forest Preserves of Cook County at fair market value, which would be determined at a date no later than October 22, 2024 and paid by December 31, 2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Forest Preserves of Cook County must produce a report to the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserves of Cook County detailing any actions authorized under this resolution by December 17, 2024.

24-0309

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

APPROVAL OF A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT EXTENDING THE TERM OF A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT NEGOTIATED BETWEEN THE FOREST PRESERVES OF COOK COUNTY AND THE ILLINOIS FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE LABOR COUNCIL (POLICE OFFICER UNIT)

WHEREAS, the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act (5 ILCS 315/1 et seq.) has established regulations regarding collective bargaining with a union; and

WHEREAS, a Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Forest Preserves of Cook County (“Forest Preserves”) and the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council (Police Officer Unit) is currently in effect for a term of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2024 covering Police Officers in the Law Enforcement Department of the Forest Preserves (Board Item No. 23-0523); and

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserves and the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council (Police Officer Unit) have entered into a Memorandum of Agreement subject to approval by the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners and such Memorandum of Agreement makes the following adjustment to the term of the Collective Bargaining Agreement negotiated between the Forest Preserves of Cook County and the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council (Police Officer Unit):

- a) January 1, 2021 to December 31, ~~2024~~ 2025;

WHEREAS, the Memorandum of Agreement makes the underlined adjustment below to the previously agreed upon salary adjustments and general wage increases included in the Collective Bargaining Agreement negotiated between the Forest Preserves of Cook County and the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council (Police Officer Unit):

- a) Effective the first full payroll period on or after July 1, 2021, the pay rates for the classification of Police Officer shall be increased by 1.5%;
- b) Effective the first full payroll period on or after July 1, 2022, the pay rates for the classification of Police Officer shall be increased by 2.5%;
- c) Effective the first full payroll period on or after July 1, 2023, the pay rates for the classification of Police Officer shall be increased by 2.5%;
- d) Effective the first full payroll period on or after July 1, 2024, the pay rates for the classification of Police Officer shall be increased by 2%;
- e) Effective the first full payroll period on or after July 1, 2025, the pay rates for the classification of Police Officer shall be increased by 5%;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the terms of the Memorandum of Agreement as negotiated between the Forest Preserves of Cook County and the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council (Police Officer Unit).

24-0310

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

PROPOSED RESOLUTION**PROPOSED COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT, SALARY SCHEDULE, WAGE ADJUSTMENTS AND HEALTHCARE PLAN RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act (5 ILCS 315/1 et seq.) has established regulations regarding collective bargaining with a union; and

WHEREAS, the Collective Bargaining Agreement Salary Schedule and wage adjustments, as well as healthcare plan revisions, and other terms and conditions of employment, for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2025, covering employees in the classification of Sergeant in the Law Enforcement Department of the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves"), have been negotiated between the Forest Preserves and the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council (Sergeant Unit); and

WHEREAS, the general increases and wage adjustments that have been negotiated are reflected in the Salary Schedule and are included in the Collective Bargaining Agreement negotiated between the Forest Preserves and the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council (Sergeant Unit); and

WHEREAS, the revisions to the current healthcare plan that have been negotiated are included in the Collective Bargaining Agreement negotiated between the Forest Preserves and the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council (Sergeant Unit).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserves of Cook County does hereby approve the proposed Collective Bargaining Agreement including, but not limited to, the Salary Schedule, wage adjustments, and one-time payments negotiated between the Forest Preserves and Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council (Sergeant Unit) for employees in the classification of Sergeant who are in active payroll status with the Forest Preserves on the date of approval of this Resolution, as follows:

- a) Effective upon June 30, 2021, employees will be moved into the NEW Wage Schedule at the pay rates in accordance with the rules set forth herein and attached as the Tentative Agreement.
- b) Effective upon Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserves of Cook County approval of the Collective Bargaining Agreement, a \$3,000 one-time payment will be paid on the payroll closest to forty-five (45) days after Board approval to bargaining unit members in active status.
- c) Effective upon Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserves of Cook County approval of the Collective Bargaining Agreement, a \$1,000 one-time pandemic payment will be paid on payroll

closest to forty-five (45) days after Board approval to bargaining unit members in active status.

- d) Effective the first full payroll period on or after July 1, 2021, the pay rates for the classification of Sergeant shall be increased by 1.5%.
- e) Effective the first full payroll period on or after July 1, 2022, the pay rates for the classification of Sergeant shall be increased by 2.5%.
- f) Effective the first full payroll period on or after July 1, 2023, the pay rates for the classification of Sergeant shall be increased by 2.5%.
- g) Effective the first full payroll period on or after July 1, 2024, the pay rates for the classification of Sergeant shall be increased by 2%.
- h) Effective the first full payroll period on or after July 1, 2025, the pay rates for the classification of Sergeant shall be increased by 5%.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Healthcare Plan (Appendix C) shall be revised as follows:

Upon Approval of the Forest Preserves Board

| | <u>Current HMO</u> | <u>12/1/21</u> | <u>12/1/22</u> | <u>12/1/23</u> |
|--------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Employee (EE) Only | 1.50% | 1.50% | + .25% | + .50% |
| EE + Spouse | 2.00% | 2.00% | + .50% | + .75% |
| EE + Child(ren) | 1.75% | 1.75% | + .50% | + .50% |
| EE + Family | 2.25% | 2.25% | + .75% | + 1.0% |

| | <u>Current PPO</u> | <u>12/1/21</u> | <u>12/1/22</u> | <u>12/1/23</u> |
|--------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Employee (EE) Only | 2.50% | 2.50% | + .25% | + .50% |
| EE + Spouse | 3.00% | 3.00% | + .50% | + .75% |
| EE + Child(ren) | 2.75% | 2.75% | + .50% | + .50% |
| EE + Family | 3.25% | 3.25% | + .75% | + 1.0% |

Out of Pocket Maximum

Current: \$1,600/\$3,200 (single/family; in network); \$3,200/\$6,400 (single/family; out of network)

12/1/22: \$2,000/\$4,000 (single/family; in network); \$4,000/\$8,000 (single/family; out of network)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council (Sergeant Unit) members who retired from the Forest Preserves after July 1, 2021 are eligible for retroactive pay from July 1, 2021 for hours worked in the Sergeant position included in the Collective Bargaining Agreement negotiated between the Forest Preserves and Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council

(Sergeant Unit); but shall not be eligible to receive any one-time payments that this Board authorizes to be paid to active collective bargaining unit employees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Forest Preserves' Director of Human Resources, Chief Financial Officer, and Comptroller are hereby authorized to implement the Salary Schedule, wage adjustments and healthcare provisions as negotiated and otherwise outlined above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Forest Preserves' Comptroller is hereby directed to make all payments consistent with this resolution.

24-0335

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

APPROVAL OF SALARY ADJUSTMENTS FOR NON-UNION EMPLOYEES

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners passed a resolution to approve salary schedule, wage adjustments and healthcare plan revisions for non-union employees on June 14, 2022 (Agenda Item No. 22-0132);

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners approved salary schedule, wage adjustments and healthcare plan revisions for union employee members of Teamsters, Local 700, including an extension of the Teamsters, Local 700 collective bargaining agreement that included adjustments and general increases (Agenda Item Nos. 22-0118 & 23-0570);

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer, Comptroller and Director of Human Resources recommend the underlined adjustments below to the previously approved salary adjustments and general wage increases approved for non-union employees on June 14, 2022 (Agenda Item No. 22-0132);

- a) Effective the first full pay period on or after July 1, 2021, the pay rates for non-union employees shall be increased 1.5% for all classifications, except that seasonal employees shall not be entitled to retroactive pay; and
- b) Effective the first full pay period on or after January 1, 2022, the pay rates for non-union employees shall be increased 3.5% for all classifications, except that seasonal employees shall not be entitled to retroactive pay; and
- c) Effective the first full pay period on or after July 1, 2022, the pay rates for non-union employees shall be increased 2.5% for all classifications, except that seasonal employees shall not be entitled to retroactive pay; and

- d) Effective the first full pay period on or after July 1, 2023, the pay rates for non-union employees shall be increased 2.5% for all classifications, except that seasonal employees shall not be entitled to retroactive pay; and
- e) Effective the first full pay period on or after July 1, 2024, the pay rates for non-union employees shall be increased 2.0% for all classifications, except that seasonal employees shall not be entitled to retroactive pay; and
- f) Effective the first full pay period on or after July 1, 2025, the pay rates for non-union employees shall be increased 5.0% for all classifications, except that seasonal employees shall not be entitled to retroactive pay; and

WHEREAS, the above-referenced salary adjustments and general wage increases for non-union employees are reflected in the proposed amended Schedule 1 Non-Union Salary Schedule and proposed amended Schedule 5 Non-Union Hourly Rate Schedule.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby support and approve the salary adjustments and general wage increases for the Forest Preserves non-union workforce as provided herein.

24-0327

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

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

FEE SUNSET DATE

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Title 7 - Fees, Chapter 1 - Fee Schedule of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as Follows:

7-1-1: FEES.

REVIEW AND SUNSET:

This Ordinance shall sunset on December 31, ~~2024~~ 2028. Prior to that sunset date, the District shall review its fee increase process for items covered by this Title 7, Chapter 1 to determine if modifications are advised.

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

24-0317

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

PROPOSED SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Department(s): Legal Department

Other Part(ies): Sargon Zaya (“Purchaser”)

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

Description of Real Estate: Surplus Parcel 14

4834 Kirk Street, Skokie, Cook County, Illinois

LOT 12 AND 13 IN BLOCK 4, IN SUPERIOR COURT COMMISSIONERS SUBDIVISION OF THE EAST 10 ½ ACRES (EXCEPT R.R.) OF LOT 1 IN COUNTY CLERKS DIVISION OF THE NORTHEAST ¼ OF SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 41 NORTH, RANGE 13 EAST OF THE 3RD PRIME MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

PIN: 10-28-209-037

SAID PARCEL CONTAINING 7,446 SQUARE FEET, OR 0.17103 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

Section: N/A

Parcel(s): Surplus Parcel 14

Fiscal Impact: \$310,000.00 in revenue (minus closing costs not to exceed \$10,000.00)

Accounts: Anticipated Land Sales/Surplus 51006.411466

District(s): 13

Summary: The Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) recently concluded a bidding process for the sale of a surplus parcel that has been approved for sale by the State Legislature, Surplus Parcel 14, consisting of approximately 0.17103 acres (the “Surplus Parcel”) commonly known as 4834 Kirk Street, Skokie, Cook County, Illinois. The Surplus Parcel is not contiguous with or connected to any other Forest Preserves property.

During the mid-1980s, Forest Preserves staff undertook a comprehensive study of all Forest Preserves holdings, resulting in a list of 30 parcels being considered for disposal. Subsequently, the Forest Preserves sought and obtained permission from the State Legislature via Public Act 84-867 (9/23/1985) to offer 28 of the 30 aforementioned parcels for sale, including Surplus Parcel 14, with the monies to accrue to the Forest Preserves Real Estate Acquisition Fund.

The Forest Preserves marketed the Surplus Parcel for sale through local government outreach, on-site signage, and online. The Forest Preserves requested “best offers” from interested parties in the form of a standardized Letter of Intent (“LOI”), setting a minimum bid price of \$195,000.00, which was based upon M.A.I. certified appraisals obtained by the Forest Preserves. Three (3) bids were received, and Purchaser was the best responsive bidder. The Purchaser has agreed to purchase the Surplus Parcel from the Forest Preserves for the sum of THREE HUNDRED TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00/100 (\$310,000.00) (the “Purchase Price”).

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 accept the aforementioned Purchase Price, less any customary closing costs, as full compensation for the sale of the Surplus Parcel and to convey by quitclaim deed all of the Forest Preserves’ right, title and interest in the Surplus Parcel.

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

24-0326

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim 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 the Chicago Zoological Society (“CZS”), Brookfield, Illinois.

Reason: The Forest Preserves and the Chicago Zoological Society, which operates the Brookfield Zoo Chicago, seek to partner to facilitate a variety of activities to advance regional wildlife field research initiatives, including: 1) support for a post-residency veterinary PhD program, 2) purchase and shared use of veterinary diagnostic equipment, and 3) participation in emerging research projects.

The PhD fellowship program will allow a graduate of the Illinois Zoological and Wildlife Health Management Residency (Board Item Nos. #22-0108 and #24-0192) to continue working under contract with or as an employee of CZS for a period of up to four (4) years beginning in 2025. Building upon the successes and new areas of investigation launched during the residency program, this partnership will engage a professional veterinarian with expertise in urban wildlife to further research initiatives that both agencies have a shared interest in bringing to completion.

Similarly, this partnership will also leverage the CZS's expertise and relationships in the field of wildlife husbandry to allow for the procurement of specialized veterinary diagnostic equipment. This equipment would be owned by the Forest Preserves and utilized by both the Forest Preserves and the CZS to support shared research operations, including the aforementioned veterinary residency and PhD fellowship programs, to greatly expand the capacity and speed of sample analysis.

Finally, this partnership will also provide a mechanism for the Forest Preserves to selectively participate in research programs emerging from shared collaborations with partners such as the University of Illinois and other visiting field researchers engaged by the CZS. These programs are often opportunistic in nature or involve research interests that the Forest Preserves lack capacity to pursue independently. Support for said research programs will be solely at the Forest Preserves' discretion, based on task orders issued in response to detailed research proposals defining the objectives, methodology, and budget for each project and approved by the Director of the Department of Resource Management.

Contract Period: Sixty (60) months from date of execution

Fiscal Impact: Not to exceed \$1,100,000.00 (up to \$375,000.00 for PhD program, \$625,000.00 for research collaborations, and \$100,000.00 for equipment).

Account(s): Professional Services 51034.520840; Grant and Mitigation 51010.521444 and 51010.520840; and all future Professional Services and Grant and Mitigation accounts

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

District(s): Districtwide

24-0288

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

PROPOSED GRANT AWARD

Department: Department of Conservation and Experiential Programming

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

Grantor: Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity

Request: Authorization to accept grant

Purpose: Authorization is sought for the Forest Preserves to accept a grant of up to \$43,945.00 and to

enter into a grant agreement with the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) under the Tourism Attraction Grant Program for the purchase of Global Research Innovation and Technology (GRIT) Freedom Chairs (all terrain manual wheelchairs) and disability awareness training.

Grant Amount: Up to \$43,945.00

Grant Period: 7/1/2024 (retroactive) - 6/30/2025

Fiscal Impact: Not to Exceed \$45,600.00 in direct match (FY 2024 \$34,600.00, FY 2025, \$11,000.00)

Accounts: Training Program Staff 51001.501905; Institutional Supplies 51001.530170; Professional Services 51001.520830; and grant accounts

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

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: The Forest Preserves recently received a Notice of Award for grant funding from the DCEO through its Tourism Attraction Grant Program to purchase specialized equipment to improve accessibility and inclusion at nature centers and campgrounds (i.e. purchase GRIT wheelchairs), fund accessibility programming for staff, and fund special accessibility events. The proposed grant award will support the purchase of a minimum of eleven (11) GRIT Freedom Chairs, all-terrain manual wheelchairs, that are a combination of manual wheelchair and mountain bike (See Board Item No. 24-0322) and provide Forest Preserves staff with disability awareness training to ensure that employees understand the accessibility challenges faced by people with disabilities. The GRIT wheelchairs will be distributed to the Forest Preserves' six (6) nature centers and three (3) year-round campgrounds, increasing patron accessibility for outdoor recreation and nature programs. This equipment will become part of the Forest Preserves' Outdoor Gear Library, an initiative that ensures that people do not face financial barriers participating in outdoor recreation and nature-based activities.

The total project costs are estimated to be \$89,545.00, with the Forest Preserves contributing a direct match of up to \$45,600.00 and the DCEO grant funds covering the rest of the costs. This DCEO Tourism Attraction Grant would therefore cover 100% of the cost of the GRIT Freedom Chairs up to \$43,945.00. The rest of the matching Forest Preserve funds would be used for shipping costs of the wheelchairs, the purchase of a trailer to transport the GRIT Freedom Chairs, and staff programming and accessibility training. The proposed project was originally set to start January 1, 2024. However, due to a delay in awarding this grant, the Forest Preserves did not receive a Notice of Award from the DCEO until June 1,

2024. Due to this initial delay, the DCEO will not be able to provide and execute a final grant agreement with the Forest Preserves until at least August of 2024. However, the DCEO has informed the Forest Preserves that the initial grant dates are expected to be July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 and that approved pre-award project costs beginning January 1, 2024 will be reimbursable. Because the DCEO has informed the Forest Preserves that no extensions for this grant will be permitted, the Forest Preserves is seeking authorization to accept the grant funds now to avoid further delays to the project.

24-0322

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Department of Conservation and Experiential Programming

Vendor: Global Research Innovation and Technology (GRIT), Inc., Medford, Massachusetts

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Purchase of a minimum of eleven (11) GRIT Freedom Chairs, all-terrain wheelchairs

Contract Value: \$44,820.00

Contract Period: One-time purchase

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2024: \$44,820.00 (with \$43,632.00 to be reimbursed via an Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) Tourism Attraction Grant)

Accounts: Training Program Staff 51001.501905; Institutional Supplies 51001.530170; Professional Services 51001.520830; and grant accounts

Contract Number(s): #74000014516

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

Sole Source contract with no MWBE goals.

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: The Forest Preserves recently received a Notice of Award for funding from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) through its Tourism Grant Program to purchase specialized equipment to improve patron accessibility and inclusion at nature centers and campgrounds (See Board Item No. 24-0288). The grant application specified the purchase of GRIT Freedom Chairs that would be distributed to the Forest Preserves' six nature centers and three year-round campgrounds. The GRIT Freedom Chair is an all-terrain manual wheelchair designed, manufactured exclusively, and patented by Global Research Innovation and Technology in the United States and uses an easy-to-push, lever-driven design for its wheelchair which comes with mountain bike wheels and a sturdy front wheel.

Based on market analysis, the GRIT company's GRIT Freedom Chair is the most appropriate and affordable specialized equipment that would fulfill the Forest Preserves' accessibility goals. The sole source purchase of this specialized equipment would allow the Forest Preserves to positively contribute to this region's tourism efforts by enhancing its ability to serve people with disabilities and their families and friends. The purchase of GRIT Freedom Chairs would eliminate some of the barriers that people with disabilities may experience when trying to recreate outdoors and would ensure that more than 300 miles of Forest Preserves' trails become more accessible. The GRIT Freedom Chairs would be integrated into and available to the public through the Forest Preserves' Outdoor Gear Library and utilized in public programming opportunities.

The DCEO Tourism Attraction Grant (referenced in Board Item No. 24-0288) would cover \$43,632.00 of this contract, 100% of the cost of the GRIT Freedom Chairs, while the Forest Preserves would be providing \$1,188.00 in match for shipping costs. More details on the grant can be found in companion Board Item No. 24-0288, which would authorize the Forest Preserves to accept the DCEO's grant funds.

24-0330

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

PROPOSED GRANT AWARD AMENDMENT

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 extend grant agreement.

Purpose: To acquire three (3) parcels of land located near other recent acquisitions in Glenwood, Illinois.

Supplemental Grant Amount: N/A

Grant Period: 4/25/2023 - 3/31/2025

Extension Period: 4/1/2025 - 9/30/2025

Fiscal Impact: Up to \$946,000.00 in match. There is no additional cost associated with the extension.

Accounts: Real Estate and Land Acquisition Fund 51006.560010; and Grant Fund 51010.56010

Date of Previous Board Authorization for Grant: 4/25/2023

Previous Grant Amount: \$946,000.00

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

District(s): 5

Summary: On 4/25/2023, the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners approved the acceptance of grant funding from IDNR to support the acquisition of three (3) parcels comprising approximately 86 acres along the Deer Creek Corridor, in southeast Cook County, Illinois (Board Item No. 23-0289). The acquisition would serve as a buffer to Deer Creek, helping to improve water quality and habitat, reducing impacts from flooding, and providing much needed outdoor recreation opportunities. Due to the long time period between grant application and approval to proceed from IDNR, several market conditions have changed including changes in parcel ownership requiring the Forest Preserves to identify and engage current ownership and initiate new negotiations. A time extension of the grant agreement until 9/30/2025 is being requested to allow for completion of the acquisitions.

24-0299

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

PROPOSED LICENSE REQUEST

Request: Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves"), as Licensor to grant a License to Nicor, Grantee, to locate, operate and maintain 903 feet of gas main along Rand Road in Des Plaines. The new line will replace an existing gas line that needs to be relocated to accommodate road construction work by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT). The existing gas line was installed pursuant to License #837 issued in 1970. Conveyance of small easement areas to IDOT for road improvements was approved by the Board of Commissioners separately in 2021

(Board Item No. 21-0123). No trees will need to be removed for this project.

Term: Ten (10) years

License Fee: \$29,851.24

License Application Fee: \$1,500.00

Review Fee: \$3,000.00

YELAR Fee: \$7,200.00

Additional Fee: \$3,000.00. This fee will be used to support restoration work in the Des Plaines River corridor.

Total one-time upfront fee of \$44,551.24 for the term of the License

Tree Mitigation Fee: N/A

The area of the License is: 0.31 acre

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

Grantee will be required to meet the insurance requirements under the License Agreement.

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

District(s): 17

24-0266

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

PROPOSED LICENSE AMENDMENT REQUEST

Request: Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves"), as Licensor to amend a License to the Village of Crestwood, Grantee, to locate, operate and maintain a new underground drainpipe and related improvements on Forest Preserves land in Rubio Woods to address severe erosion at the base of an existing unauthorized earthen berm. Erosion has occurred in recent months after a new trunk storm sewer and flood control basin were completed in 2023 under the

original license (#1782) to the Village of Crestwood (“Village”). The license amendment would expand the license area for the new drainpipe and defer the requirement to remove the unauthorized berm for another year after completion of the proposed new improvements, which are currently in the engineering design phase. Final amendment is subject to Forest Preserves review and approval of final plans and specifications. No trees will be removed for this project, and the original license term will not be changed. Additionally, with the exception of the Review Fee and a License Fee to accommodate the additional license area under the amendment, the other license fees have already been paid by the Village through the original license (See Board Item No. 21-0007).

Term: Seven (7) years

Additional License Fee: \$9,831.36

Additional Review Fee: \$3,000.00

License Application Fee: N/A

YELAR Fee: N/A

Total one-time upfront fee of \$12,831.36 for the remaining term of the amended License (Sec. 5-2A-4 and 5-2B-4)

Tree Mitigation Fee: \$0.00

The area of the License is: 0.1463 acre(s)

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

Grantee will be required to meet any additional insurance requirements under the License Amendment.

The Forest Preserves staff recommend that the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners approve the issuance of this license amendment, subject to the Department of Planning and Development’s review and approval of final plans and specifications.

District(s): 6

24-0325

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Department: Department of Resource Management

Other Part(ies): United States Department of Agriculture (“USDA”), Springfield, Illinois

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

Goods or Services: Integrated wildlife management services related to wildlife research and disease surveillance.

Agreement Number(s): 25-7217-8011-RA issued under contract #74000014480

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

Fiscal Impact: Not to exceed \$1,500,000.00 per year, or \$7,500,000.00 over the five (5) year term (FY 2025 \$1,500,000.00, FY 2026 \$1,500,000.00, FY 2027 \$1,500,000.00, FY 2028 \$1,500,000.00, FY 2029 \$1,500,000.00)

Accounts: Wildlife Management 51001.521447; Professional Services 51034.520840; Grant and Mitigation 51010.521444 and 51010.520840; and all future Professional Services accounts

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: The Forest Preserves has partnered with USDA for over a decade to collaborate on extensive wildlife services programs focused on population management, sampling, and surveillance of zoonotic and other wildlife borne diseases across a variety of mammalian, avian, reptilian and amphibian species. 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. Additionally, these projects assist the Forest Preserves with implementing and meeting wildlife management objectives which enhance the native biodiversity of the Forest Preserves as well as reduce the risk of wildlife related hazards.

Information acquired through this partnership 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.

24-0271

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Department of Facilities and Fleet

Vendor: SMG Security Holdings LLC, Elk Grove Village, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Fire and Security Alarm Monitoring, Inspection and Maintenance Services

Contract Value: \$943,807.00

Contract Period: 8/1/2024 - 7/31/2027, plus two (2) one-year extension options to be exercised at the discretion of the General Superintendent.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$943,807.00 (FY 2024, \$77,629.58, FY 2025, \$186,311.00, FY 2026, \$186,311.00, FY 2027, \$187,995.59, FY 2028 (optional), \$192,089.83, and FY 2029 (optional), \$113,470.00)

Accounts: Professional Services 51001.520840

Contract Number(s): #74000014361 issued under Project 24-53-010553

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

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

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: The Forest Preserves would like to engage SMG Security Holdings LLC (“SMG”) to monitor, inspect, and maintain security and fire alarm systems at various properties owned or leased by the Forest Preserves. The Forest Preserves issued a Request for Proposals and received two (2) responses. The Forest Preserves determined that SMG was the more responsive and qualified respondent to manage the Forest Preserves’ existing security and fire alarm systems, while delivering an improved level of service. Services include support for over one hundred (100) existing security and fire alarm systems dispersed throughout forty-two (42) preserve locations. Additional sites may be added as needed by the Forest

Preserves.

24-0287

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Department of Facilities and Fleet

Vendor: Sutton Ford, Matteson, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Project #24-54-117 for ten (10) 2024 Ford Explorer Police Interceptor Utility Vehicles based on State of Illinois Central Management Services (CMS) Contract #22-416CMS-BOSS4-P-41049.

Contract Value: \$407,370.00

Contract Period: One-time purchase

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2024, \$407,370.00

Accounts: Vehicle Purchase 51009.560266

Contract Number(s): #74000014475

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 the State of Illinois CMS Contract #22-416CMS-BOSS4-P-41049 with no MWBE Participation goals. Vendor is a certified Minority-and Women-Owned Business Enterprise.

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: The Department of Facilities and Fleet received permission from the Vehicle Steering Committee on 6/24/2024 to decommission ten (10) Forest Preserves vehicles due to age, high mileage and condition and purchase ten (10) new Ford Police Interceptor Explorers. All ten (10) Ford Explorers will be assigned to the Law Enforcement Department.

24-0303

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Office of the General Superintendent

Vendor: Eco-Counter, Inc, Montreal QC, Canada

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Twenty (20) permanent and six (6) temporary trail counters, data software subscription services, and spare/replacement batteries and parts

Contract Value: \$199,182.50

Contract Period: Sixty (60) months

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2024 \$157,062.50, FY 2025 \$0, FY 2026 \$14,040.00, FY 2027 \$14,040.00 and FY 2028 \$14,040.00

Accounts: Professional Services 51001.520840

Contract Number(s): #74000014453 issued under RFP #24-10-010920

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 Forest Preserves of Cook County issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the purchase of trail counters and data software subscription services and received one response from Eco-Counter, Inc. for twenty (20) permanent counters, six (6) temporary counters, data software subscription services, and spare/replacement batteries and parts.

The Forest Preserves seeks to establish a robust trail user counting system by deploying a fleet of both permanent and temporary trail counters across its entire trail network. Permanent, or continuous counters,

are intended to provide the Forest Preserves year over year, long-term data for developing travel demand models for major regional trails that serve both commuting and recreational use. Permanent counter locations will include the North Branch Trail, Des Plaines River Trail, Salt Creek Greenway Trail, I&M Canal Trail, Centennial Trail, Cal-Sag Trail, Tinley Creek Trail, Major Taylor Trail, Thorn Creek Trail, Burnham Greenway Trail and trails at Deer Grove, Paul Douglas, and Poplar Creek preserves. Temporary, or short-duration, counters will be used to complete project-specific trail counts to study usage before and after capital improvements, including grant funded projects, as well as for augmenting travel demand models generated by the permanent counters.

The Forest Preserves currently has three (3) permanent counters (bought and serviced through this same vendor) installed at LaBagh Woods on the North Branch Trail, Busse Woods on the loop trail, and Turtlehead Lake on the Tinley Creek Trail. A future study is anticipated to analyze data collected by these proposed trail counters, as well as existing counters in the Forest Preserves’ fleet. This data will also be shared with other regional planning and transportation development agencies, including the Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways.

24-0321

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Department of Resource Management

Vendor: Various vendors establishing a vendor pool for the supply and delivery of sand, gravel, stone, and related granular materials, listed below:

| <u>Contract No.</u> | <u>Vendor Name</u> |
|---------------------|--|
| 74000014481 | Franco Hauling, LLC, Bensenville, Illinois |
| 74000014483 | M.T. Transit, Inc., Chicago, Illinois |

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Supply and delivery of a variety of stone aggregate

Contract Value: Not to exceed a combined total of \$200,000.00 per twelve (12) month period (or \$1,000,000.00 over the entire term, including all option years) across all contract numbers listed above.

Contract Period: 8/1/2024 - 7/31/2026, with three (3) optional one-year renewals to be exercised at the discretion of the General Superintendent

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2024 \$100,000.00; FY 2025 \$200,000.00; FY 2026 \$200,000.00; FY 2027

\$200,000.00 (optional); FY 2028 \$200,000.00 (optional); FY 2029 \$100,000.00 (optional)

Accounts: Trail Amenities 51001.540360; Property Maintenance and Operations 51001.540350; Professional Services 51034.520840; Land Improvements 51033.560020; Grant and Mitigation 51010.521444 and 51010.520840; and all future Professional Services, Land Improvements, and Grant and Mitigation accounts

Contract Number(s): #74000014481 and #74000014483 issued under RFP #23-31-117

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

The vendors have met the Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Ordinance via direct participation.

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: The Forest Preserves issued a Request for Proposals (“RFP”) seeking firms to supply and deliver sand, gravel, stone, and related granular materials to be used for the repair and upkeep of Forest Preserves trails, parking lots, and facilities. This material is also utilized in a variety of ecological restoration applications, such as to repair hydrologic impediments and prevent erosion. These contracts will be utilized by several Forest Preserves departments to consolidate and centralize districtwide procurement of granular materials.

A total of three (3) proposals were submitted in response to the publicly advertised RFP. Franco Hauling, LLC and M.T. Transit, Inc. were determined by an evaluation committee to be responsive based on their experience and expertise servicing similar projects, material cost per ton, and capacity to perform all aspects of the work. Material will be procured based on lowest overall cost by delivery region, and ability to mobilize promptly with the necessary quantities of material.

24-0324

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Department of Resource Management

Vendor: Nutrien Ag Solutions, Inc., Loveland, Colorado

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Purchase of herbicide based on the State of Illinois JPMC Herbicides Contract No. 24-416CMS-BOSS4-P-66227, expiring 1/15/2029

Contract Value: Not to exceed \$500,000.00

Contract Period: 7/23/2024 - 1/15/2029

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2024 \$70,000.00; FY 2025 \$100,000.00; FY 2026 \$100,000.00; FY 2027 \$100,000.00; FY 2028 \$100,000.00; and FY 2029 \$30,000.00

Accounts: Chemical 51001.530264; Professional Services 51034.520840; Land Improvements 51033.560020; Grant and Mitigation 51010.521444 and 51010.520840; and all future Professional Services, Land Improvements, and Grant and Mitigation accounts

Contract Number(s): #74000014484

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

Piggyback contract based on the State of Illinois Contract No. 24-416CMS-BOSS4-P-66227 with no MWBE Participation goals.

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: The Department of Resource Management proposes the purchase of herbicide under the State of Illinois JPMC Herbicides Contract No. 24-416CMS-BOSS4-P-66227, expiring 1/15/2029. This contract offers a range of competitively bid herbicide products negotiated and made available to other governmental units and qualified not-for-profit agencies under a Joint Purchase and Master Contract (“JPMC”).

The herbicide acquisition serves the dual purpose of maintaining the aesthetic and ecological integrity of the Forest Preserves and enhancing public safety. Specifically, the herbicide will be utilized for controlling invasive plant species that threaten native vegetation and wildlife habitats across all Forest Preserves holdings. Herbicide is applied by staff, Conservation Corps participants, and volunteers who are appropriately trained and licensed by the Illinois Department of Agriculture. Additionally, it will support vegetation management along trails and recreational facilities, promoting safe and enjoyable public access.

Procuring herbicide through the State's JPMC contract leverages economy of scale benefits, allowing the Forest Preserves to access cost-effective pricing due to aggregated state-level purchasing power. This approach not only optimizes budgetary resources but also ensures consistent product quality and compliance with environmental standards stipulated by the state contract. The strategic deployment of herbicide under this contract will contribute to sustainable management practices, mitigating ecological risks posed by invasive plants while fostering the preservation of native flora.

24-0261

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Department of Landscape Maintenance

Vendor: Allied Waste Transportation Inc., Chicago, Illinois

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to extend and increase the Region 1 contract.

Good(s) or Service(s): Refuse and Recycling Disposal Sites

Original Contract Period: 9/1/2021 - 8/31/2024; with two (2) one-year extension options

Proposed Contract Period Extension: 9/1/2024 - 2/28/2026

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$101,200.00

Original Approval: 7/27/2021, \$92,000.00

Previous Increase(s): 6/25/2024, \$9,200.00 (Administrative Increase)

This Increase Requested: \$81,000.00

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2024 \$33,000.00, FY 2025 \$41,000.00, FY 2026 \$7,000.00

Accounts: Refuse Disposal 29250.520075

Contract Number(s): #74000009804 issued under Solicitation #21-52-006223 (R)

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

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

zero.

District(s): 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 11, 16, 17

Summary: The Forest Preserves of Cook County would like to extend and increase its contract with Allied Waste Transportation, Inc., which provides Refuse and Recycling Disposal Sites for Region 1 by exercising the two (2) one-year extension options as provided in the original bid and initial Board Item (see Board Item No. 21-0324). The Forest Preserves intends to end this extension in February 2026 to coincide with a new request for proposals on waste contracts. Region 1 consists of the Palos, Tinley Creek, and Calumet Divisions.

24-0262

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Department of Landscape Maintenance

Vendor: Lakeshore Recycling Systems, Chicago, Illinois

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") to extend and increase the Region 2 contract

Good(s) or Service(s): Refuse and Recycling Disposal Sites

Original Contract Period: 9/1/2021 - 8/31/2024; with two (2) one-year extension options

Proposed Contract Period Extension: 9/1/2024 - 2/28/2026

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$92,000.00

Original Approval: 7/27/2021, \$92,000.00

Previous Increase(s): N/A

This Increase Requested: \$90,000.00

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2024 \$38,000.00, FY 2025 \$44,000.00, FY 2026 \$8,000.00

Accounts: Refuse Disposal 29250.520075

Contract Number(s): #74000009805 issued under Solicitation #21-52-006224 (R)

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

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

District(s): 1, 6, 9, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17

Summary: The Forest Preserves of Cook County would like to extend and increase its contract with Lakeshore Recycling Systems which provides Refuse and Recycling Disposal Sites for Region 2 by exercising the two (2) one-year extension options as provided in the original bid and initial Board Item (see Board Item No. 21-0325). The Forest Preserves intends to end this extension in February 2026 to coincide with a new request for proposals on waste contracts. Region 2 consists of the Salt Creek and Indian Boundary Divisions.

24-0263

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Department of Landscape Maintenance

Vendor: Lakeshore Recycling Systems, Chicago, Illinois

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") to extend and increase the Region 3 contract

Good(s) or Service(s): Refuse and Recycling Disposal Sites

Original Contract Period: 6/12/2023 - 8/31/2024; with two (2) one-year extension options

Proposed Contract Period Extension: 9/1/2024 - 2/28/2026

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$51,840.00

Original Approval: 4/7/2023, \$51,840.00

Previous Increase(s): N/A

This Increase Requested: \$77,790.00

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2024 \$35,000.00, FY 2025 \$39,660.00, FY 2026 \$3,130.00

Accounts: Refuse Disposal 29250.520075

Contract Number(s): #74000013244 issued under Solicitation #23-52-009067

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

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

District(s): 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17

Summary: The Forest Preserves of Cook County would like to extend and increase its contract with Lakeshore Recycling Systems, Inc., which provides Refuse and Recycling Disposal Sites for Region 3 by exercising the two (2) one-year extension options. The Forest Preserves intends to end this extension in February 2026 to coincide with a new request for proposals on waste contracts. Region 3 consists of the Northwest and North Branch Divisions.

24-0264

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Department of Landscape Maintenance

Vendor: Allied Waste Transportation, Inc., Chicago, Illinois

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to extend and increase the Region 4 contract

Good(s) or Service(s): Refuse and Recycling Disposal Sites

Original Contract Period: 9/1/2021 - 8/31/2024; with two (2) one-year extension options

Proposed Contract Period Extension: 9/1/2024 - 2/28/2026

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$100,300.00

Original Approval: 7/27/2021, \$23,000.00

Previous Increase(s): 9/6/2022, \$2,300.00 (Administrative Increase); 11/15/2022, \$75,000.00 (Board-Approved Increase)

This Increase Requested: \$17,000.00

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2024 \$4,000.00, FY 2025 \$9,000.00, FY 2026 \$4,000.00

Accounts: Refuse Disposal 29250.520075

Contract Number(s): #74000009806 issued under Solicitation #21-52-006226 (R)

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

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

District(s): 4, 5, 6

Summary: The Forest Preserves of Cook County would like to extend and increase its contract with Allied Waste Transportation, which provides Refuse and Recycling Disposal Sites for Region 4 by exercising the two (2) one-year extension options as provided in the original bid and initial Board Item (see Board Item No. 21-0326). This contract was increased with Board approval on 11/15/2022 (see Board Item No. 22-0483) to cover the costs for both Region 3 and Region 4. At that time, there was no executed contract for Region 3 due to a lack of bidders during the initial solicitation period in 2021. The Forest Preserves intends to end this extension in February 2026 to coincide with a new request for proposals on waste contracts. Region 4 consists of the Thorn Creek Division.

24-0282

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Department of Planning and Development

Vendor: Pacific Construction Services, LLC., Chicago, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Construction services to replace existing heating, ventilating, and air conditioning systems at the Forest Preserves’ General Headquarters building located in River Forest.

Original Contract Period: 6/2/2023 - 7/1/2024; 7/2/2024 - 12/31/2024 (Administrative Extension)

Proposed Contract Period Extension: N/A

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$2,355,882.00

Original Approval: 4/25/2023, \$2,355,882.00

Previous Increase(s): \$149,220.84 (Administrative Increase pending as of 7/15/2024)

This Increase Requested: \$38,596.25

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2024 \$38,596.25

Accounts: Property Maintenance and Operations 51009.560105, 51010.560105, 51031.560105, 51032.560105, 51033.560105, 51034.560105 and future Construction and Development accounts

Contract Number(s): Contract #74000012184 issued under Project #21-80-44

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

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

District(s): 9

Summary: Contract #74000012184 issued under Project #21-80-44 consists of providing construction services at the Forest Preserves' General Headquarters building to replace existing heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems. The Forest Preserves' General Headquarters is the Forest Preserves' second largest building and one of its highest energy users. This work, along with a future construction project to address the buildings leaky windows, will directly benefit the Forest Preserves' ability to meet its sustainability and greenhouse gas reduction goals. An increase in the original contract amount is requested to address additional ancillary work to paint the interior of the building while the building is closed to visitors and staff and all furniture is currently at an off-site facility. This increase will also provide fencing to secure the new exterior mechanical units.

24-0285

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Department of Finance and Administration

Vendor: Insight Public Sector, Inc., Tempe, Arizona

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Computer Hardware Products

Original Contract Period: 10/22/2019 - 9/8/2024, with three (3) one-year renewal options

Proposed Contract Period Extension: 9/9/2024 - 9/8/2025

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$935,000.00

Original Approval: 10/22/2019, \$600,000.00

Previous Increase(s): 2/7/2023, \$60,000.00 (Administrative Increase); 4/25/2023, \$275,000.00 (Board

Approved)

This Increase Requested: \$400,000.00

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2024 \$150,000.00, FY 2025 \$250,000.00

Accounts: Computer Supplies and Services 51001.530635

Contract Number(s): #74000006761

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

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

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: The Forest Preserves is presently piggybacking off a Cook County contract for IT hardware and services (Cook County Board Item Nos. 19-4551 and 19-5255). The County’s contract was recently extended through September 8, 2025. The Forest Preserves now seeks authorization to extend its contract with the vendor through the same date. In addition, the Forest Preserves seeks to increase the contract amount to cover related costs and expenses for the additional year. The Forest Preserves also anticipates increased expenses for IT resources/hardware due to increased capital development and staffing made possible by the successful referendum.

Additionally, we anticipate undertaking five (5) capital projects, including the comprehensive reconstruction of the Forest Preserves General Headquarters, Police Command Center, Pavilion Visitor Center, Salt Creek and Thorn Creek Divisions This proposed increase aims to ensure that our expanding team has the necessary computer technology resources to effectively fulfill the mission of the Forest Preserves.

24-0295

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Department of Planning and Development

Vendor: Eva Design and Engineering, LLC, Chicago, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Professional engineering services for design and construction management for reconstruction of the Beaubien Boat Launch and other outdoor recreation amenities

Original Contract Period: 7/1/2021 - 6/30/2023

Previous Contract Extension: 7/1/2023 - 6/30/2024 (Administrative Extension)

Proposed Contract Period Extension: 7/1/2024 (retroactive) - 12/31/2024

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$126,000.00, An Administrative Increase of less than 10% is anticipated to be submitted to the Purchasing Agent separately prior to contract expiration.

Original Approval: 6/22/2021, \$126,000.00

Previous Increase(s): N/A

This Increase Requested: N/A

Estimated Fiscal Impact: N/A. This is a time extension only.

Accounts: Professional Services 51009.520830, 51010.520830 and 51033.520830

Contract Number(s): #74000009291

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

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

District(s): 5

Summary: Additional time is needed for the consultant to complete engineering services to continue the review of construction material submittals and redesign of minor structural elements for the active

reconstruction of the Beaubien Woods Boat Launch.

24-0300

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

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

Vendor: Bottling Group, LLC (Pepsi), White Plains, New York and Cook County Government, Cook County, Illinois

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") to amend contract

Good(s) or Service(s): Various Pepsi products

Contract Period: 6/15/2016 - 6/30/2028

Original Approval: 6/7/2016

Estimated Fiscal Impact: N/A - Revenue Generating.

Accounts: Concessions, 01-5302

Contract Number(s): AM-2016-001

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

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: On 7/21/2015, the Forest Preserves Board approved an Intergovernmental Agreement between the County and the Forest Preserves for the purpose of joining the Asset Marketing Program. On 9/8/2015, the Forest Preserves Board approved the Forest Preserves procuring the same service as Cook County under contract 12-90-289 with the Superlative Group, Inc. for asset marketing program services.

On 5/11/2016, the County approved a contract with the Bottling Group, LLC (Pepsi) in which the County and the Forest Preserves granted exclusive pouring rights to Pepsi for all beverages sold on County and

Forest Preserves property for a ten-year period, with the exception of Forest Preserves golf courses which are not part of the agreement. On 6/7/2016, the Forest Preserves approved that agreement (Board Item No. 16-0236).

The contract was amended again in June 2022 (Board Item No. 22-0273) and extended the relationship with Pepsi by approximately two (2) additional years, removed Superlative Group, Inc. as a party to the Agreement, and restructured the revenue provisions of the agreement.

The current amendment will remove the gift shop at John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital from the scope of the Agreement.

24-0304

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

PROPOSED PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ITEM AMENDMENT

Department: Office of the General Superintendent

Request: Changing membership on the Decennial Committee to Interim General Superintendent Eileen Figel from former General Superintendent Arnold Randall

Item Number: 23-0230

Original Text of Item: 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, Commissioner 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) Interim General Superintendent Eileen Figel Arnold-Randall, (3) two Cook County residents, Alan Bell and Mark Templeton, who also serve as members of the Conservation and Policy Council, and (4) any additional persons to be appointed by the Chair; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the first meeting of the Decennial Committee shall be 9:30 AM on Tuesday, May 23, 2023 at Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, 12545 West 111th Street in Lemont; 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.

24-0283

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Department of Law Enforcement

Request: Refer to Law Enforcement Committee

Report Title: Model Policing

Report Period: 4/1/2024 - 6/30/2024

Summary: Report on the status to achieve the goal of a Model Forest Preserves Police Department

24-0307

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Office of the General Superintendent

Request: Refer to the Zoological Committee

Report Title: 2024 Brookfield Zoo Chicago's Next Century Plan

Summary: The report details the comprehensive strategy that will guide the long-term trajectory of Brookfield Zoo Chicago, including the physical site plan and organizational priorities, for the next thirty (30) years.

24-0323

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Department of Finance and Administration

Request: Refer to Finance Committee

Report Title: Forest Preserves of Cook County Annual Fee Waiver and Discount Report FY 2023

Report Period: 1/1/2023 - 12/31/2023

Summary: Under the Forest Preserves of Cook County Code of Ordinances, certain discounts are granted to veteran or non-profit organizations with respect to recreational use of Forest Preserves of Cook County property or amenities. Additional discounts may be offered at the discretion of the General Superintendent. The Forest Preserves of Cook County implemented a Fee Waiver Policy (Policy Number: 02.30.00) establishing the process for when discounts or waivers would be granted. The policy requires an annual report to the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners on discounts and waivers for the sake of transparency. The Fee Waiver and Discount Report describes specific discount categories

and various passes issued pursuant to Forest Preserves of Cook County Board Approved Resolution No. 16-0314, approved July 12, 2016.

In 2023, the Forest Preserves of Cook County issued a total of \$189,893.15 in fee waiver permit discounts to various groups. In addition, a total of three thousand, eight hundred and one (3,801) passes with an estimated value of \$92,519.00 were distributed across various programs, partners and/or events.

24-0312

Presented by: MARY MODELSKI, County Auditor

REPORT

Department: Office of the County Auditor

Request: Refer to Audit Committee

Report Title: OCA-FPD FY24 2nd Quarter Open Recommendations

Report Period: June 2024

Summary: This report was designed to communicate the status of Open Recommendations regarding the Forest Preserves District of Cook County

24-0067

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: 5/1/2024 - 5/31/2024

Summary: Submitting the Procurement and Disbursement Report for the period of May 2024. The report

is to be received and filed in compliance with Section 1-8-2 (BB) of the District’s Code of Ordinances.

24-0320

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Departments of Legal and Finance

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Workers’ Compensation Report - May 2024

Report Period: 5/1/2024 - 5/31/2024

Summary: The Forest Preserves of Cook County Departments of Legal and Finance are submitting Workers’ Compensation Claim Payments for the month of May 2024. Payments total \$125,163.58 for May 2024.

24-0316

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 7/23/2024 - 9/16/2024. Please check the Forest Preserves of Cook County’s website for updates and changes.

Thursday, 7/25; 8:30am

Forest Therapy, Bluff Spring Fen Nature Preserve, Elgin

Awaken your senses and renew your bond with nature with a Certified Forest Therapy Guide. *Registration required. Ages 18 and up. Please call (773)758-8899.*

Thursday, 7/25; 9am - 10:30am

Clean Up and Explore, Linne Woods, Morton Grove

Do your part to help keep the forest preserves clean! Litter pick-up supplies are available for check out. *Registration required. Meet at Grove 2. Please call (773)758-8899.*

Thursday, 7/25; 4:30pm - 6:30pm**Art in Nature, Swallow Cliff-North, Palos Park**

Drop in and create land art, write a poem, and make tie dye using fruits and spices.

Thursday, 7/25; 6pm - 8:30pm**Learn to Fly Fish: On the Water, Horsetail Lake, Palos Park**

We will review casting and other aspects of fly fishing. You can then practice fishing with additional instructions and tips. *This event is presented by Ike Rhodes of Illinois Fly Fishing and the Village of Palos Park. Registration required. Ages 18 and up. For more information, please visit the website.*

Friday, 7/26; 1pm**Dragons and Damsels, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Join us for a moderate 1-mile walk. We will watch aerial artists hunt and fight for territory in awe-inspiring aerial displays. *Registration required. Ages 12 and up. Please call (630)257-2045.*

Saturday, 7/27; 8am**Morning Cycle, Sauk Trail Woods-Central, Chicago Heights**

Join us for a 16-mile bike ride. *This event is geared for experienced cyclists. Please bring your own bike and bike helmet. For more information, please call (312)415-2970.*

Saturday, 7/27; 10:30am**High Summer Nature Walk, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Families can join us for a guided walk to experience summer in the gardens and woods surrounding Trailside Museum. *Registration required. This is a family program. Please call (708) 366-6530.*

Saturday, 7/27; 10:30am - 1pm**Archery and Games, Thatcher Woods, River Forest**

Adults and families can join us and practice archery. You can have fun playing your favorite backyard games. *Instruction, equipment, and games will be provided. For more information, please call (312)533-5751.*

Saturday, 7/27; 1pm**Disability Pride Month: Sensory Walk, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington**

You can gain a new perspective of the world by using different senses.

Thursday, 8/1; 10am - 12pm**Adaptive Adventures: Rock Climb, Sauk Trail Woods-Central, South Chicago Heights**

This event has rock climbing and cycling opportunities tailored for people of all ages with a primary physical disability. *Registration required. For more information, please visit the website.*

Thursday, 8/1; 11am - 2pm**Bat Chat, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

You can learn about these fascinating creatures while watching them over the river. *Registration required by 7/30. Please call (847)824-8360.*

Saturday, 8/3; 6:30am - 8am**Rise and Shine, Hummingbirds, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Bring your coffee to wake up with the hummingbirds. *Registration required. Please call (630)257-2045.*

Saturday, 8/3; 10am - 12pm**Green Lake Open Fishing Clinic, Green Lake Family Aquatic Center, Calumet City**

Join us as we learn to fish with instructions. *Registration required. A fishing license is required for participants ages 16 and up. Supplies and equipment will be provided. Please call (708)868-0606 or visit the website.*

Saturday, 8/3; 10am - 1pm**Back-to-School Community Adventure Day, Caldwell Woods, Chicago**

Welcome the school year with a day of community give-a-ways, school supply distribution, and adventure. You can enjoy activities such as archery, kids tree climbs, disc golf, artmaking, food, and much more! *All ages. Donations are limited. This event is presented with ICNA Chicago, Niles-Maine Library, Hive Center for the Book Arts, and others. For more information, please call (773)758-8899.*

Sunday, 8/4; 10:30am**Summer Prairie Blooms Walk, Silver Creek Family Picnic Area, Melrose Park**

Join a naturalist for a short hike as we check out what's in bloom at this fine nearby prairie. *Registration required. Ages 18 and up. Please call (708) 366-6530.*

Sunday, 8/4; 1:30pm**Cicadas: Teen Exploration Day, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

Teens will explore the world of the cicadas. *Registration required. Ages 13-17. Please call (708)839-6897.*

Wednesday, 8/7; 6pm - 8pm**Camping and Cooking 101, Camp Reinberg, Palatine**

This 2-hour workshop covers camping and outdoor cooking basics. *Registration required. All ages. Camping and cooking gear will be provided. For more information, please visit the website.*

Wednesday, 8/7; 8:45pm**Night Sky Walk, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

Enjoy an evening walk in the largest Urban Night Sky Place in the world. *Registration required. Please call (708)839-6897.*

Friday, 8/9; 10am - 12pm**Craftpaloosa, National Grove-South, North Riverside**

Kids, get creative! You can help decorate a large canvas with stamps, paint, and markers. *This event is presented with the North Riverside Public Library. For more information, please call (312)533-5751.*

Saturday, 8/10; 10:30am**A Closer Look: Magnifier and Microscope Walk, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Join us and explore the tiny secrets of the woods. We will examine plants and small animals both on our walk and in our classroom. *Registration required. Please call (708) 366-6530.*

Sunday, 8/11; 6:30am - 8am**Rise and Shine, Hummingbirds, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Bring your coffee to wake up with the hummingbirds *Registration required. Please call (630)257-2045.*

Sunday, 8/11; 8:30am - 10am**Morning Mugs with a Naturalist, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Join our naturalist for a conservation about nature. *Bring your own mug and we will provide the beverages.*

Saturday, 8/17; 7am - 8:30am**Summer Shakeout, Orland Grassland-South, Orland Park**

Enjoy a 1.6-mile walk or run through the prairie.

Saturday, 8/17; 9am - 2pm**Hummingbird Fest, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Join us for activities, viewing, and demos of how the birds are banded for tracking and research purposes.

Saturday, 8/17 through Sunday 8/18; 5pm**Camping 101: Overnight, Camp Reinberg, Palatine**

This event is part workshop and part campout! You can learn camping skills and then spend the night. *Registration required. The cost is \$50 per family of 6 or less. For more information, please visit the website.*

Wednesday 8/21; 6pm**Twilight Canoe, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington**

Join us and explore the wonders of the lake. *Registration required. Ages 18 and up. Please call (847)381-6592.*

Wednesday 8/21; 7pm - 9pm**Night of Nature Play, Eggers Grove, Chicago**

Open play, star gazing and s'mores. *For more information, please call (312)415-2970.*

Thursday, 8/22; 7:30pm - 9pm

Telescope Party, Swallow Cliff-South, Palos Park

Calling all amateur astronomers and night sky enthusiasts! Bring your telescope or use one of ours for an evening of stargazing.

Friday, 8/23; 6pm**Twilight Canoe, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington**

Join us and explore the wonders of the lake. *Registration required. Ages 18 and up. Please call (847)381-6592.*

Saturday, 8/24; 6pm - 11pm**Busse Night Ride, Busse Lake Boating Center, Elk Grove Village**

Don't miss this unique opportunity to ride the Busse Woods trail at sunset, twilight or in the dark! Tickets include live music, bonfires, refreshments and more. *Registration required. For more information, please visit the website.*

Saturday, 8/24; 6:30pm - 10pm**Summer Bonfire, Camp Shabbona, South Holland**

Join us as we celebrate summer with a bonfire, activities, walks and more. *For more information, please visit the website.*

Sunday, 8/25; 9am - 5pm**CAMBr Meltdown, Pulaski Woods, Willow Springs**

The Palos Meltdown is Chicagoland's premier mountain bike event. This event has racing for all ages and abilities. *This event is free for spectators. For more information, please visit the website.*

Wednesday, 8/28; 6:30am - 8am**Rise and Shine, Hummingbirds, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Bring your coffee to wake up with the hummingbirds *Registration required. Please call (630)257-2045.*

Wednesday, 8/28; 4pm - 6pm**Pond Paddle, Thatcher Glen Pond, River Forest**

Enjoy the afternoon outdoors by paddling. *Registration required. Instruction, equipment, and kayaks will be provided. Please call (312)533-5751.*

Saturday, 8/31; 7pm - 9pm**Starry Night Walk, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Join us for a guided walk, observe the night sky, and learn about the constellations and astronomy. *Registration required. Please call (708)868-0606 or visit the website.*

Sunday, 9/1; 1pm

"The Passenger Pigeon's Flight to Extinction" Film Screening, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

The passenger pigeon was the continent's most abundant bird with a population in the billions. Martha was the last of the species and she died at the Cincinnati Zoo on September 1, 1914. This event will have a viewing of the film "The Passenger Pigeon's Flight to Extinction" followed by a discussion with author, Joel Greenberg, and one of our naturalists. The discussion will cover the film, how we struggle to maintain biodiversity and the conditions necessary for human well-being. *Registration required. Please call (630)257-2045.*

Thursday, 9/3; 8:30pm**Astronomy and Technology, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

You can learn about the various apps used to raise awareness about the impact of light pollution on nocturnal wildlife. *Registration required. Please call (708)839-6897.*

Saturday, 9/7; 10am**Hummingbird Sit, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

You can spend some time in our hummingbird garden learning session with our staff.

Saturday, 9/7; 11am - 3pm**Art in Nature, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington**

Join us and observe artists at work. There will be art activities for kids and adults. There will be music, dance, and artwork for sale. *For more information, please call (847)381-6592.*

Saturday, 9/7; 12pm - 3pm**Migrating Monarchs Celebration, Thatcher Woods, River Forest**

You can learn about the migration route to Mexico and how you can help monarchs and other pollinators! You can see how monarchs are raised, tagged for tracking, and watch butterflies being released. There will be fun activities, kid's crafts, traditional and indigenous celebrations, as well as educational displays. *For more information, please call (708) 366-6530.*

Sunday, 9/8; 6am**Night Sky Walk, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

Join us for an early morning hike to experience the dawning of a new day. *Registration required. Please call (708)839-6897.*

Sunday, 9/8; 11am - 2pm**Conservation at Home: Herbal Tea Party, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Join us for a walk in our gardens. You will learn about native plants and sample infused teas made from them. *For more information, please call (847)824-8360.*

Friday, 9/13; 4pm - 7pm**Faire at the Square, Cummings Square, River Forest**

Drop in and enjoy our carnival of creative and sustainable re-used materials. There will be an ice cream truck on-site. *For more information, please call (312)533-5751.*

Saturday, 9/14; 10am**Silver Creek Prairie Walk, Silver Creek Prairie, Melrose Park**

Join us and learn about restoration efforts, goals, and ways you can get involved. *Registration required. Ages 12 and up. Please call (708) 366-6530.*

Saturday, 9/14; 10am - 2pm**Archaeology Day, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Join us and learn about the Calumet region's cultural history. There will be activities which include archaeology displays, mock archaeology digs, and more. *For more information, please call (708)868-0606 or visit the website.*

Saturday, 9/14; 12pm - 3pm**Fall Nature Fest, LaBagh Woods, Chicago**

Enjoy food, drinks, games, Jesse White Tumblers, animal ambassadors, free give-a-ways, and much more! *This event will be held at groves 1-4. This event is presented by the Forest Preserves of Cook County, Cook County Commissioner Bridget Degnen, and others. For more information, please visit the website.*

Saturday, 9/14; 6pm - 8pm**Skate Party, Dan Ryan Woods, Chicago**

Join us for a skating party! You can show off your skating skills and routines, or just roll along to the music. *This event will be held at Grove 15. Participants must bring their own skates and safety gear. For more information, please call (312)415-2970.*

Saturday, 9/14; 6:30pm - 10pm**Full Moon Paddle, Tower Road Boat Launch, Northfield**

Join us for an exclusive after-hours moonlit paddle through the Skokie Lagoons. *Registration required. Ages 8 and up. For more information, please visit the website.*

Sunday, 9/15; 10am - 12pm**Pedal the Preserves: I and M Bicycle Trail, Husar I and M Parking Lot, Willow Springs**

Join us for a family friendly bike ride. You will learn about safety, techniques, and tips. *Bike helmets and loaner bikes will be available. This event is presented with Ride Illinois. For more information, please visit the website.*

Sunday, 9/15; 1pm - 3pm**Teen Exploration Days: Kayaking, Camp Bullfrog Lake, Willow Springs**

Enjoy an afternoon on Bullfrog Lake and learn paddling techniques. *Registration required. Ages 13 and up. For more information, please visit the website.*

COMMITTEE ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

**FINANCE COMMITTEE
MEETING OF JULY 23, 2024**

- 24-0144 PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT** District Vehicle Policy Amendment
- 24-0217 PROPOSED TRANSFER OF FUNDS** To Meet the Forest Preserves of Cook County Pension
- 24-0242 PROPOSED BID RECOMMENDATION** Pan-Oceanic Engineering Co., Inc., Construction Contract, Districts 5, 6, 15, 17
- 24-0281 PROPOSED BID RECOMMENDATION** Fabex Technologies, LLC, Construction Contract, Districts 3, 4, 6
- 24-0292 PROPOSED BID RECOMMENDATION** Great Lakes Landscape Company, Construction Contract, Districts 9, 10, 14, 15, 17
- 24-0319 RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (LITIGATION)** Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Litigation – 7/23/2024
- 24-0191 REPORT** Report Title: Forest Preserves of Cook County Annual Concessions Report FY 2023, Report Period: 1/1/2023 - 12/31/2023
- 24-0081 REPORT** Report Title: Corporate Fund Analysis of Revenue and Expenditures, Report Period: 1/1/2024 - 5/31/2024

**RULES COMMITTEE
MEETING OF JULY 23, 2024**

- 24-0342 JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS** Regular meeting held on 06/11/2024

**REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE
MEETING OF JULY 23, 2024**

- 24-0138 EASEMENT REQUEST** Intersection of 95th Street and Archer Avenue
- 24-0269 PROPOSED ORDINANCE** Create a Forest Preserve Near McGinnis Slough
- 24-0219 PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT** Village of Orland Park, Illinois, Conveyance of permanent and temporary easements and tree removal adjacent to the McGinnis Slough Forest preserve for road improvements associated with the proposed widening of a portion of 143rd Street, subject to donation of property to the Forest Preserves and other terms and conditions, District 17
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**LABOR COMMITTEE
MEETING OF JULY 23, 2024**

24-0246 PROPOSED RESOLUTION Approval of a Memorandum of Agreement Extending the Term of a Collective Bargaining Agreement Negotiated Between the Forest Preserves of Cook County and the Chicago Journeymen Plumbers Local Union 130, U.A.

24-0247 PROPOSED RESOLUTION Approval of a Memorandum of Agreement Extending the Term of a Collective Bargaining Agreement Negotiated Between the Forest Preserves of Cook County and the International Brotherhood of Painters and Allied Trades District Council #14

24-0248 PROPOSED RESOLUTION Approval of a Memorandum of Agreement Extending the Term of a Collective Bargaining Agreement Negotiated Between the Forest Preserves of Cook County and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 134

24-0249 PROPOSED RESOLUTION Approval of a Memorandum of Agreement Extending the Term of a Collective Bargaining Agreement Negotiated Between the Forest Preserves of Cook County and the Sheet Metal, Air, Rail & Transportation Workers (Smart), Local No. 73
