



**Forest Preserve District of Cook County
Board of Commissioners**

Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations

Tuesday, December 12, 2023

9:15 AM

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

NOTICE AND AGENDA

There will be a meeting of the committee or subcommittee of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners at the date, time and location listed above.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Authorization as a public speaker shall only be granted to those individuals who have registered, with the Secretary, to speak 24 hours in advance of the meeting. To register as a public speaker, go to the meeting details page for this meeting at <https://fpdcc.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx> to find a registration link. Duly authorized public speakers may speak live from the County Board Room at 118 N. Clark Street, 5th Floor, Chicago, Illinois or be sent a link to virtually attend the meeting and will be called upon to deliver testimony at a time specified in the meeting agenda. Authorized public speakers who are not present during the specified time for public testimony will forfeit their allotted time to speak at the meeting. Public testimony must not exceed three minutes; the Secretary will keep track of the time and advise when the time for public testimony has expired. After each virtual speaker has completed their statement, they will be removed from the meeting. Once removed, you will still be able to follow the proceedings for that day at: <https://www.cookcountyil.gov/service/watch-live-board-proceedings>, or in a viewing area at 69 W. Washington Street, 22nd Floor Conference Room F, Chicago, Illinois. Persons authorized to provide public testimony shall not use vulgar, abusive, discriminatory, profane, or otherwise inappropriate language when addressing the Board; failure to act appropriately, or failure to adhere to the time requirements may result in expulsion from the meeting and/or disqualify the person from providing future testimony. Written comments will not be read aloud at the meeting, but will be posted on the meeting page and made a part of the meeting record.

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COMMITTEE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 07/18/2023.

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Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Department: Department of Resource Management

Other Part(ies): University of Illinois, Champaign, Illinois

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") to enter into an intergovernmental services agreement

Goods or Services: Interdisciplinary scientific research, data, and outreach services related to the implementation of the Natural and Cultural Resources Master Plan and Sustainability & Climate Resiliency Plan.

Agreement Number(s): N/A

Agreement Period: 1/1/2024 - 12/31/2028, with one (1) five-year extension option to be exercised at the discretion of the General Superintendent

Fiscal Impact: Not to exceed \$300,000.00 per calendar year and a total of \$3,000,000.00 including any optional extensions. FY 2024 \$300,000.00; FY 2025 \$300,000.00; FY 2026 \$300,000.00; FY 2027 \$300,000.00; FY 2028 \$300,000.00; FY 2029 \$300,000.00 (Optional); FY 2030 \$300,000.00 (Optional); FY 2031 \$300,000.00 (Optional); FY 2032 \$300,000.00 (Optional); FY 2033 \$300,000.00 (Optional)

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

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: Since 2014, the Forest Preserves has partnered with the Prairie Research Institute of the University of Illinois for the purpose of developing a Natural and Cultural Resources Master Plan, a landmark document that has helped guide the allocation of resources and informed strategies to pursue and meet the ambitious goals set forth in the Forest Preserves' Next Century Conservation Plan. A number of milestone projects have been achieved pursuant to implementation of the plan, including

comprehensive field assessments of natural and archaeological resources within the preserves, the subsequent prioritization of Forest Preserves lands for restoration, development of a seed sourcing policy, and the development of standardized protocols for long-term assessment of conservation success.

The Forest Preserves seeks to continue its collaboration with the Prairie Research Institute in order to further our natural and cultural resource protection goals over the next five (5) years. Tasks include, but are not limited to:

- 1) Advanced LiDAR-based land cover and cultural resource mapping;
- 2) Classification and prioritization of streams and waterbodies for future restoration;
- 3) Advanced population surveys and analysis of high-priority species restoration targets;
- 4) Targeted ecological site assessments based on Illinois Natural Areas Inventory (INAI) criteria, which may further inform the selection and potential designation of additional Illinois Nature Preserves sites;
- 5) Ongoing archaeological field assessments to further identify and preserve cultural resource sites;
- 6) Engagement of staff and constituents through the development of interpretive materials, demonstrations, and presentations sharing the value of Cook County's cultural resources; and
- 7) Technical expertise and assistance supporting sustainability initiatives, including a Climate Resiliency and Adaptation Progress Report.

The Prairie Research Institute comprises five (5) state scientific surveys: the Illinois Natural History Survey, Illinois State Archaeological Survey, Illinois State Geological Survey, Illinois State Water Survey, and Illinois Sustainable Technology Center. This agreement enables the Forest Preserves to consult with and engage the technical expertise of each of these scientific institutions, based on annual tasks assigned by the Forest Preserves.

Legislative History : 11/14/23 - FPD Board of Commissioners - refer to the Legislation and Intergover



Secretary

Chair: Britton

Vice-Chair: Degnen

Members: Committee of the Whole
