



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

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

**BOARD NOTICE AND AGENDA**

**Tuesday, March 11, 2025, 10:00 AM**

**Issued On: 3/6/2025**

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

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**PRESIDENT****25-0075**

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

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION****PROPOSED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PETITION FOR DISCONNECTION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY FROM THE ROSEMONT PARK DISTRICT**

**WHEREAS**, the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") is the owner of real property, cumulatively totaling approximately 22 acres, located in the unincorporated area of Leyden Township identified by the following Property Index Numbers:

12-03-101-001-0000  
12-03-101-002-0000  
12-03-101-004-0000  
12-03-301-019-0000  
12-03-301-021-0000  
12-03-302-006-0000  
12-03-400-001-0000

(collectively, the "Property"), all of which are located within the boundaries of the Rosemont Park District (the "RPD"); and

**WHEREAS**, disconnection of the Property from the RPD will remove the Property from the RPD territory which is not within the corporate limits of the Village of Rosemont (the “Village”) and thereby facilitate the possible consolidation of the RPD with the Village; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 1205/3-6 of the Park District Code (70 ILCS 1205/3-6) authorizes the corporate authorities of the RPD to adopt an ordinance disconnecting any territory within its boundaries, which (1) is upon its border and (2) if disconnected, would not separate any part of RPD, upon a written petition signed by the majority owners of record of the land and the owners of record of more than one-half of the area of land in the territory described in the petition; and

**WHEREAS**, the Property is located upon the border of the boundaries of the RPD; and

**WHEREAS**, the disconnection of the Property from the RPD will not separate any part of the RPD from any other part of the RPD; and

**WHEREAS**, no assessments are due to the RPD from the Forest Preserves, and no assessments are due to the Forest Preserves from the RPD, with respect to the Property; and

**WHEREAS**, the Property is uninhabited, exempt from property taxation, and the Forest Preserves does not otherwise receive any services from the RPD; and

**WHEREAS**, disconnection is in the best interests of the Forest Preserves, the RPD, and the residents they both serve; and

**WHEREAS**, disconnection of the Property does not change ownership of the Property, and the Forest Preserves will remain the owner of the Property post disconnection.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners that the recitals set forth in the preamble of this Resolution are true and correct and are adopted and made part of this Resolution as if fully set forth herein; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize the Forest Preserves to petition the RPD for the disconnection of the Property therefrom and does further authorize the President of the Forest Preserves Board to execute any and all documents required or deemed necessary and desirable to effectuate such petition.

**25-0125**

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

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE**

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**AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE A FOREST PRESERVE NEAR PAUL DOUGLAS PRESERVE**

**AN ORDINANCE CREATING A FOREST PRESERVE** in part of Section 25, Township 42 North, Range 9, East of the Third Principal Meridian, all in Cook County, Illinois near Paul Douglas Preserve in District 15.

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois (the "District"), pursuant to the statutes in such case made and provided, has from time to time acquired by purchase, condemnation, gift, grant, devise, or otherwise, lands necessary and desirable for District purposes containing one or more natural forests or parts thereof, or lands connecting such forests or parts thereof, or lands capable of being reforested for the purpose of protecting and preserving the flora, fauna, and scenic beauties within the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois, and to restore, restock, protect, and preserve the natural forests and said lands together with their flora and fauna, as nearly as may be, in their natural state and condition, for the purpose of the education, pleasure, and recreation of the public; and

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

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

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

Section 1. That a unified Forest Preserve be and the same is hereby created within the District which shall contain and connect lands now owned and lands to be acquired in substantial accordance with the plat now on file in the office of the General Superintendent of the District, which by reference is hereby made a part hereof, and for the purposes of said Forest Preserve and for the carrying out of the statutory

purposes more particularly set out in the preamble of this ordinance, it is necessary and desirable for the District to own and it shall acquire property hereinafter described in Section 2 of this ordinance, for the purpose of creating a Forest Preserve and for District uses.

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

20 Freeman Road & 18 N Freeman Road, South Barrington, Illinois

**PARCEL 1**

That part of Lot 1 in Geh Day Farm, being a subdivision of the East half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 25, Township 42 North, Range 9 East of the Third Principal Meridian, described as follows: Beginning at the Southwest corner of the East Half of said Southeast Quarter, (also being the Southwest corner of said Lot 1); thence South 89 degrees 02 minutes 59 seconds East along the South line of the East Half of said Southeast Quarter, (and the South line of Lot 1), 440.0 feet; thence North 01 degree 14 minutes 18 seconds East, 220.55 feet to a point on the West line of a 20 foot easement by Document No. 3293858 recorded February 14, 1983 (legal described continues for next 26 courses along the West line of said easement); thence North 03 degrees 38 minutes 35 seconds West, 78.25 feet; thence North 11 degrees 34 minutes 43 seconds West, 100.72 feet; thence North 25 degrees 11 minutes 27 seconds West, 111.95 feet; thence North 09 degrees 56 minutes 09 seconds West, 103.20 feet; thence North 11 degrees 18 minutes 22 seconds West, 42.75 feet; thence North 09 degrees 54 minutes 18 seconds East, 63.62 feet; thence North 22 degrees 10 minutes 51 seconds East, 108.31 feet; thence North 25 degrees 07 minutes 25 seconds East, 108.70 feet; thence North 15 degrees 56 minutes 54 seconds East, 100., 93 feet; thence North 02 degrees 03 minutes 34 seconds West, 97.48 feet; thence North 14 degrees 47 minutes 53 seconds West, 102.01 feet; thence North 26 degrees 06 minutes 01 seconds West, 112.17 feet; thence North 20 degrees 55 minutes 10 seconds West, 109.02 feet; thence North 15 degrees 19 minutes 30 seconds West, 105.31 feet; thence North 10 degrees 29 minutes 08 seconds West, 103.14 feet; thence North 04 degrees 20 minutes 11 seconds West. 101.59 feet; thence North 01 degree 56 minutes 50 seconds East, 100.75 feet; thence North 04 degrees 14 minutes 12 seconds East, 100.81 feet; thence North 09 degrees 54 minutes 18 seconds East, 101.52 feet; thence North 08 degrees 46 minutes 52 seconds East, 101.23 feet; thence North 14 degrees 19 minutes 37 seconds East, 102.71 feet; thence North 09 degrees 54 minutes 18 seconds East, 100.54 feet; thence North 07 degrees 39 minutes 05 seconds East, 100.11 feet; thence North 04 degrees 14 minutes 12 seconds East, 58.90 feet; thence North 05 degrees 45 minutes 03 seconds West, 39.36 feet; thence North 06 degrees 35 minutes 44 seconds West, 138.25 feet to the North line of the East Half of said Southeast Quarter, (also being the North line of Lot 1 aforesaid), North 89 degrees 12 minutes 27 seconds West along said North line, 314.92 feet to the Northwest corner thereof; thence South 01 degrees 29 minutes 41 seconds West along the West line

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of the East Half of said southeast Quarter, (also being the West line of said Lot 1), 2635.71 feet to the point of beginning, containing 21.1150 acres, in the Village of South Barrington, in Cook County, Illinois.

**PARCEL 2**

Lot 1 and Lot 2 in Geh Day Farm, being a subdivision of the East Half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 25, Township 42 North, Range 9 East of the Third Principal Meridian, according to the plat thereof recorded July 26, 1978 as Document No. 24554445, (excepting therefrom that part of said Lot 1 described as follows: Commencing at the Northeast corner of said Lot 1, being the Northeast corner of East Half of Southeast Quarter of said Section 25; thence South 01 degrees 33 minutes 33 seconds West along the East line thereof, 1123.55 feet; thence North 88 degree 26 minutes 19 seconds West, 33.05 feet to the West line of Freeman Road for the point of beginning; thence continuing North 88 degree 26 minutes 19 seconds West, 94.22 feet; thence South 48 degree 51 minutes 11 seconds West, 98.57 feet; thence North 43 degrees 26 minutes 19 seconds West 225.35 feet; thence North 01 degree 33 minutes 33 seconds East and parallel with the East line of said Lot 1, 577.11 feet; thence South 88 degrees 26 minutes 27 seconds East, 326.0 feet to the West line of Freeman Road; thence South 01 degrees 33 minutes 33 seconds West along said West line, 669.61 feet to the point of beginning; And also excepting that part described as follows: Beginning at the Southwest corner of the East Half of said Southeast Quarter, (also being the Southwest corner of said Lot 1); thence South 89 degrees 02 minutes 59 seconds East along the South line of the East Half of said Southeast Quarter, (and the South line of Lot 1), 440.0 feet; thence North 01 degree 14 minutes 18 seconds East, 220.55 feet to a point on the West line of a 20' easement by document no. 3293858 recorded February 14, 1983 (legal described continues for next 26 courses along the west line of said easement); thence North 03 degrees 38 minutes 35 seconds West, 78.25 feet; thence North 11 degrees 34 minutes 43 seconds West, 100.72 feet; thence North 25 degrees 11 minutes 27 seconds West, 111.95 feet; thence North 09 degrees 56 minutes 09 seconds West, 103.20 feet; thence North 11 degrees 18 minutes 22 seconds West, 42.75 feet; thence North 09 degrees 54 minutes 18 seconds East, 63.62 feet; thence North 22 degrees 10 minutes 51 seconds East, 108.31 feet; thence North 25 degrees 07 minutes 25 seconds East, 108.70 feet; thence North 15 degrees 56 minutes 54 seconds East, 100.93 feet; thence North 02 degrees 03 minutes 34 seconds West, 97.48 feet; thence North 14 degrees 47 minutes 53 seconds West, 102.01 feet; thence North 26 degrees 06 minutes 01 seconds West, 112.17 feet; thence North 20 degrees 55 minutes 10 seconds West, 109.02 feet; thence North 15 degrees 19 minutes 30 seconds West, 105.31 feet; thence North 10 degrees 29 minutes 08 seconds West, 103.14 feet; thence North 04 degrees 20 minutes 11 seconds West, 101.59 feet; thence North 01 degree 56 minutes 50 seconds East, 100.75 feet; thence North 04 degrees 14 minutes 12 seconds East, 100.81 feet; thence North 09 degrees 54 minutes 18 seconds East, 101.52 feet; thence North 08 degrees 46 minutes 52 seconds East, 101.23 feet; thence North 14 degrees 19 minutes 37 seconds East, 102.71 feet; thence North 09 degrees 54 minutes 18 seconds East, 100.54 feet; thence North 07 degrees 39 minutes 05 seconds East, 100.11 feet; thence North 04 degrees 14 minutes 12 seconds East, 58.90 feet; thence North

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PINs: 01-25-401-004-0000 & 01-25-401-003-0000

SAID PARCELS CONTAINING 3,249,876 SQUARE FEET, OR 74.60 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

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

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

District 15

**25-0126**

**Presented by:** EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

**PROPOSED PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE**

**Department(s):** Legal Department

**Other Part(ies):** Hermann M. Caly Family Trust; 780 Group, LLC, an Illinois Limited Liability Company; Geh Day Holding Company, LLC, an Illinois Limited Liability Company (Owners of Record)

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

**Description of Real Estate:** 20 Freeman Road & 18 N Freeman Road, South Barrington, Illinois

Section: N/A

Parcel(s): PINs: 01-25-401-004-0000 & 01-25-401-003-0000

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**PARCEL 2**

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point of beginning,), in Cook County, Illinois.

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**Fiscal Impact:** \$3,500,000.00 purchase price plus closing costs up to \$10,000.00 (up to \$3,510,000.00 in total).

**Accounts:** Real Estate and Land Acquisition Fund 51006.560010

**District(s):** 15

**Summary:** The Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) has identified two (2) parcels of land for acquisition that would add to the Forest Preserves’ current holdings near Paul Douglas Preserve (the “Property”). The Property, commonly known as 20 Freeman Road & 18 N Freeman Road, South Barrington, Illinois, consists of approximately 74.60 ± acres. The Property will expand Forest Preserves holdings in the vicinity and will serve wildlife such as grassland birds, which need expansive areas to breed. It will also provide ecological services such as stormwater retention and carbon sequestration.

Through negotiations, the Owners of Record (the “Sellers”), have agreed to sell the Property to the Forest Preserves for the sum of THREE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00/100 (\$3,500,000.00) plus closing costs up to \$10,000.00 (up to \$3,510,000.00 in total). The purchase price is based upon two (2) M.A.I. appraisals obtained by the Forest Preserves and is subject to the Forest Preserves’ satisfactory completion of its due diligence.

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

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

**OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT**

25-0114

**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 Audubon Great Lakes, Chicago Illinois.

**Reason:** Audubon Great Lakes (“Audubon”) has received a \$238,494.24 grant through the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation’s Chi-Cal River Program to support a second phase of restoration, outreach and engagement at Powderhorn Prairie and Marsh Nature Preserve and Powderhorn North Forest Preserve in southeast Cook County.

Audubon will utilize the grant award to hire a contractor to conduct restoration activities and host a series of public access planning events to benefit the sites. Restoration activities include approximately 98 acres of invasive species removal and native plant seeding, building upon extensive restoration work that has occurred since 2021 in association with the construction of a hydrologic connection and fish passage system, completed during Phase I. Phase II will engage participants of the Forest Preserves’ Audubon Habitat Restoration conservation corps program, along with the Wild Indigo Nature Exploration fellows to build community connections to the site by hosting bilingual events focused on paddling, volunteer stewardship, and youth environmental education.

Total project costs are \$418,377.24, of which the Forest Preserves will contribute \$179,883.00 or approximately 43% in direct match. Additionally, the Forest Preserves may provide up to \$15,000.00 of in-kind staff support for the planning, implementation, and monitoring of engagement activities.

**Contract Period:** Date of execution - 12/31/2027

**Fiscal Impact:** Not to exceed \$179,883.00 in direct match, and \$15,000.00 of in-kind staff support for the planning, implementation, and monitoring of engagement activities.

**Account(s):** Professional Services 51036.520840; Grant and Mitigation 51010.521314 and 51010.521444; and all future Professional Services accounts

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

**District(s):** 4

**25-0116**

**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 Area Mountain Bikers (“CAMBr”), Bartlett, Illinois.

**Reason:** The proposed agreement will authorize the Forest Preserves to continue a twenty plus (20+) year partnership with CAMBr to clear, manage and maintain multi-use natural surface single track trails in the Palos and Paul Douglas preserves, and other approved areas to be used generally by cyclists and all other users. This collaboration provides a system for ensuring sustainable use by riders and improves the Forest Preserves’ single-track trail systems by developing leadership and supporting self-sustaining communities of volunteers and stewards. All projects will require approval by the Forest Preserves, which will support the partnership by providing in-kind contributions at the discretion of the General Superintendent or a designee. Such contributions could include stone or other materials, as well as limited storage space for tools and other equipment used to clear, manage, and maintain Forest Preserves trails.

CAMBr is a not-for-profit organization with a mission to educate bicyclists, promote responsible trail use, and maintain and build multi-use natural surface single track and freeride cycling opportunities in the Chicagoland area.

**Contract Period:** Date of execution - 6/30/2030, with one (1) five-year renewal option to be exercised at the discretion of the General Superintendent

**Fiscal Impact:** N/A

**Account(s):** N/A

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

**District(s):** Districtwide

**25-0119**

**Presented by:** EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

**PROPOSED GRANT AWARD**

**Department:** Department of Resource Management

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

**Grantor:** Illinois Department of Natural Resources (“IDNR”)

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

**Purpose:** Expansion of Conservation Corps programming

**Grant Amount:** \$344,345.00

**Grant Period:** From date of execution through 6/30/2027

**Fiscal Impact:** \$36,047.00 in direct cash match, plus \$21,821.00 of in-kind staff support for the planning, implementation, and monitoring of the programs

**Accounts:** Grant and Mitigation 51010.521314 and 51010.521444

**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 has been awarded a grant from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to support the recruitment, hiring, and employment of approximately fifty-one (51) additional participants of the Forest Preserves' Forest Preserve Experience, Chicago Conservation Leadership Corps, and Audubon Great Lakes Habitat Restoration Internship programs (Board Item No. 23-0603). This funding will allow for the expansion of these programs by approximately 37% during the 2025 season.

Conservation Corps programs provide paid employment for youth and adult participants who reflect the diversity of Cook County, as well as benefit people who have barriers to employment, have suffered from historical disenfranchisement, or whose communities are disproportionately impacted by environmental justice issues. Participants receive job skills training, environmental education, and professional networking experiences as they contribute hands-on conservation service to the land that benefits people, plants, and wildlife.

Total project costs are \$402,213.00 of which the Forest Preserves will contribute \$36,047.00 or approximately 9% in direct cash match. Additionally, in-kind staff support may be provided for the planning, implementation, and monitoring of the programs, which is valued at \$21,821.00.

**25-0113**

**Presented by:** EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

**PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT**

**Department:** Department of Law Enforcement

**Other Part(ies):** Cook County Sheriff's Office, Cook County, Illinois

**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County to enter into and execute a Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") with the Cook County Sheriff's Office for the purpose of collaborating in order to connect individuals with Treatment Response Team ("TRT") services during calls for service and/or in the course of Forest Preserves of Cook County Police Department's lawful duties.

**Goods or Services:** The parties desire to share TRT services for mental health incidents.

**Agreement Number(s):** N/A

**Agreement Period:** 4/1/2025 - 3/31/2026 with automatic one-year renewal provisions

**Fiscal Impact:** N/A

**Accounts:** N/A

**District(s):** Districtwide

**Summary:** This MOU serves to memorialize the process by which Forest Preserves of Cook County Police Department may engage the TRT for supportive services. TRT utilizes a Co-Response Model for mental health incidents which combines law enforcement resources with assistance from Licensed Clinical Social Workers to connect individuals suffering from mental duress, mental health issues, and/or substance use disorder with harm-reduction and substance abuse treatment services. Forest Preserves Police will be able to connect members of the public to TRT services, which include immediate crisis intervention, peer support and referrals for services including outpatient treatment services, residential treatment services, day treatment services, aftercare services and/or any other relevant treatment based on needs. Final MOU is subject to legal review and approval.

**25-0128**

**Presented by:** EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

**PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT**

**Department:** Department of Resource Management

**Other Part(ies):** Northwest Mosquito Abatement District, Wheeling, Illinois

**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Northwest Mosquito Abatement District (“MAD”).

**Goods or Services:** Sharing of land management and mapping data for Forest Preserves properties which overlap with properties under MAD’s jurisdiction.

**Agreement Number(s):** N/A

**Agreement Period:** Ten (10) years from date of execution

**Fiscal Impact:** N/A

**Accounts:** N/A

**District(s):** 9, 14, 15, 17

**Summary:** The Forest Preserves seeks to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with MAD to contribute mapping and other data related to land management activities conducted on its properties (e.g. tree trimming, prescribed burning, invasive species removal, etc.) to better inform studies and risk assessments conducted by MAD related to mosquito and tick-borne disease within Cook County.

Correlating sampling data accumulated by MAD within its jurisdiction against historical land management activities conducted by the Forest Preserves can help answer questions about disease transmission and lead to improvements in cooperative management of the broader landscape for public health purposes. Data would be made available upon request, contingent on the approval of the Forest Preserves on a case-by-case basis.

The Northwest Mosquito Abatement District is tasked with protecting public health by conducting surveillance and control of mosquitoes across approximately 242-square miles in the northwest suburbs of Cook County.

**25-0103**

**Presented by:** EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

**PROPOSED CONTRACT**

**Department(s):** Department of Planning and Development

**Vendor:** SMNG A Ltd., Chicago, Illinois

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Professional architectural and engineering services for design and construction administration of various smaller building projects

**Contract Value:** Not to exceed \$3,000,000.00

**Contract Period:** 4/15/2025 - 4/14/2028 with two (2) one-year renewal options to be exercised at the discretion of the General Superintendent

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** \$3,000,000.00 (FY 2025 \$800,000.00, FY 2026 \$800,000.00, FY 2027 \$600,000.00, FY 2028 \$400,000.00 (optional), and FY 2029 \$400,000.00 (optional))

**Accounts:** Professional Services 51009.520830, 51010.520830, 51031.520830, 51033.520830, 51034.520830, and 51036.520830; and future Construction and Development accounts

**Contract Number(s):** #74000015783 issued under RFQ 24-80-32 and Solicitation Number 24-80-011705

**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:** Various architectural and engineering services are needed to design and oversee construction of various interior and exterior renovations, small additions, and new buildings, energy-efficiency projects, mechanical system improvements, building inspections and evaluations. SMNG A Ltd. was chosen by a selection committee comprised of staff of the Department of Planning and Development in response to a qualifications-based selection process (RFQ 24-80-32). Fourteen (14) firms submitted qualifications in response to the RFQ.

**25-0111**

**Presented by:** EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent



**PROPOSED CONTRACT**

**Department(s):** Department of Planning and Development

**Vendor:** Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd., Rosemont, Illinois

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Professional engineering services for design and construction inspection of various capital infrastructure improvements.

**Contract Value:** Not to exceed \$3,000,000.00

**Contract Period:** 4/15/2025 - 4/14/2028 with two (2) one-year renewal options to be exercised at the discretion of the General Superintendent.

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** \$3,000,000.00 (FY 2025 \$800,000.00, FY 2026 \$800,000.00, FY 2027 \$600,000.00, FY 2028 \$400,000.00 (optional), and FY 2029 \$400,000.00 (optional))

**Accounts:** Professional Services 51009.520830, 51010.520830, 51031.520830, 51033.520830, 51034.520830, and 51036.520830; and future Construction and Development accounts

**Contract Number(s):** #74000015772 issued under RFQ 24-80-20 and Solicitation Number 24-80-011793

**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:** Various civil engineering design and construction inspection services are needed for various capital improvements, typically related to asset management, roadway and parking facilities, trails, bridges, accessibility upgrades, dams, and utilities. Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. was chosen by a selection committee of the Department of Planning and Development civil engineers in response to a qualifications-based selection process (RFQ 24-80-20). Eight (8) firms submitted qualifications in response to the RFQ.

**25-0112**

**Presented by:** EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

**PROPOSED CONTRACT**

**Department(s):** Department of Planning and Development

**Vendor:** DataMade LLC, Chicago, Illinois

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Professional Services for Maintenance and Enhancements of Custom Web-Based Applications

**Contract Value:** Not to exceed \$100,000.00

**Contract Period:** 4/1/2025 - 3/31/2027 with two (2) one-year renewal options to be exercised at the discretion of the General Superintendent.

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** Not to exceed \$25,000.00 per year

**Accounts:** Computer and Data Processing 51001.531670

**Contract Number(s):** #74000015771 issued under RFP 24-80-38 and Solicitation Number 24-80-011927

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

The Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Ordinance is not applicable due to the contract value per year being equal to or less than \$25,000.00.

**District(s):** Districtwide

**Summary:** The Department of Planning and Development ("P&D") of the Forest Preserves is seeking authorization to enter a contract with the web/software development firm DataMade LLC. The vendor will provide on-going maintenance, enhancement and technical support for two (2) existing custom-built web-based applications. Improvements include updates to application interfaces and backend data repositories, as needed, correcting software bugs, responding promptly to service outages, maintaining code base and updating documentation on GitHub and providing training to key P&D staff. DataMade LLC was chosen by a selection committee comprised of staff from the Department of Planning and

Development and the Department of Communications in response to a Request for Proposals (RFP 24-80-38). Five (5) firms submitted proposals in response to the RFP.

**25-0115**

**Presented by:** EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

**PROPOSED CONTRACT**

**Department(s):** Department of Resource Management

**Vendor:** Hansen & Sons Farm, Crete, Illinois

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Row crop farming at 19101 Cottage Grove, 1588 E. 13th Street, and 1413 Joe Orr Road

**Contract Value:** N/A

**Contract Period:** 4/1/2025 - 12/31/2025, with four (4) one-year extension options to be exercised at the discretion of the General Superintendent or their designee

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** Revenue generation of up to \$138,000.00 over approximately five (5) years

**Accounts:** Corporate Land Use Fees 51001.411366 (revenue generating)

**Contract Number(s):** #74000015751 issued under Project #25RM 101

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

**District(s):** 5

**Summary:** The Forest Preserves has solicited a contract for row crop production at three (3) unnamed sites that were recently acquired in Glenwood, Ford Heights, and Lynwood. These sites were historically used for agricultural purposes prior to acquisition by the Forest Preserves, and as such, do not exist in an ecologically natural state. Farmers will have use of the property for seeding one (1) or more of the following row crops: wheat, oats, soybeans, and/or corn. This practice allows the Forest Preserves to generate revenue, while at the same time preventing invasive plant species from overtaking fallow land. It is the Forest Preserves' intention to restore fallow land as capacity and funding allows, and these interim farming practices are a good method to keep lands in a more manageable condition until a restoration

project can take place, thereby reducing future restoration costs. The contract term for row crop farming is a period of nine (9) months, with four (4) one-year mutual renewal options to be exercised at the discretion of the General Superintendent or their designee, which allows the Forest Preserves the option to discontinue farming practices in order to restore these lands to a natural condition.

A total of two (2) responsive bids were received. Hansen & Sons Farm offered the highest potential revenue generation per acre across all sites, for a total potential revenue generation over the next approximately five (5) years of \$138,000.00, or \$27,600.00 per year.

Site	Acres	Revenue
19101 Cottage Grove	42	\$42,000.00
1588 E. 13th Street	50	\$50,000.00
1413 Joe Orr Road	46	\$46,000.00

**25-0122**

**Presented by:** EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

**PROPOSED CONTRACT**

**Department(s):** Department of Facilities and Fleet

**Vendor:** PreCise MRM, LLC, Meridian, Idaho

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** AVL-GPS Telematics for District Fleet

**Contract Value:** \$691,720.00

**Contract Period:** 3/11/2025 - 7/31/2029 with two (2), one-year renewal options to be exercised at the discretion of the General Superintendent subject to the renewal of the underlying contract on which this piggyback contract is based.

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** FY 2025 \$105,880.00; FY 2026 \$105,880.00; FY 2027 \$105,880.00; FY 2028 \$105,880.00; FY 2029 \$105,880.00; FY 2030 \$81,160.00 (optional); FY 2031 \$81,160.00 (optional)

**Accounts:** Automotive Operations 51001.540250

**Contract Number(s):** #74000015769

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

review and approval.

Piggyback to Cook County contract with no MWBE participation goals.

**District(s):** Districtwide

**Summary:** The Forest Preserves is looking to purchase AVL-GPS Telematics for its fleet vehicles, based on Cook County Contract #2208-10110 with PreCise MRM, LLC, expiring 7/31/2029, with two (2) one-year renewal options. The system will automate the location of fleet vehicles and transmit the coordinate position to the requestor and provide the Department of Facilities and Fleet with real-time and historical data that can be used for a variety of administrative tasks or analysis.

**25-0129**

**Presented by:** EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

**PROPOSED CONTRACT**

**Department(s):** Office of the General Superintendent

**Vendor:** PMGMA, Inc., Northbrook, Illinois

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Printing and distribution of the quarterly guide to the season's events, activities and amenities in the Forest Preserves of Cook County

**Contract Value:** \$251,956.00

**Contract Period:** 5/1/2025 - 4/30/2027

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** FY 2025 \$93,727.00, FY 2026 \$125,978.00, FY 2027 \$32,251.00

**Accounts:** Advertising and Promotions 51001.520610

**Contract Number(s):** #74000015779 issued under RFP #25-10-1924

**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 issued a Request for Proposals (“RFP”) seeking firms to print and deliver a quarterly 48-page, four-color guide to promote seasonal events, activities and amenities across the Preserves. The guide is distributed to more than three hundred (300) locations in Cook County, including nature centers, campgrounds, libraries, health centers, offices of elected officials, and municipalities. Communities identified as Economically Disconnected Areas have been prioritized for distribution.

A total of three (3) proposals were submitted in response to the publicly advertised RFP. PMGMA, Inc. was determined by an evaluation committee to be the best option based on criteria outlined in the RFP: project understanding and approach, similar project experience, capacity to do the work in desired timeframe, overall completeness of submittal and cost-effective proposal.

**25-0031**

**Presented by:** EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

**PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

**Department(s):** Department of Facilities and Fleet

**Vendor:** Federal Signal Corporation, University Park, Illinois

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Aftermarket vehicle equipment and installation services

**Original Contract Period:** 12/18/2024 - 8/16/2027

**Proposed Contract Period Extension:** Two (2) one-year optional renewals to be exercised at the discretion of the General Superintendent, subject to the renewal of the underlying contract on which this piggyback contract is based.

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$150,000.00

**Original Approval:** 12/18/2024, \$150,000.00

**Previous Increase(s):** N/A

**This Increase Requested:** \$750,000.00

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** FY 2025 \$150,000.00, FY 2026 \$150,000.00, FY 2027 \$150,000.00, FY 2028 \$150,000.00 (optional), FY 2029 \$150,000.00 (optional)

**Accounts:** Equipment Supplies and Maintenance Services 51033.540275

**Contract Number(s):** #74000015256 issued under Cook County Sheriff's Office Contract #2412-01292

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

Piggyback to Cook County Sheriff's Office contract with no MWBE participation goals.

**District(s):** Districtwide

**Summary:** On December 18, 2024, the Forest Preserves of Cook County executed a piggyback contract with Federal Signal Corporation in the amount of \$150,000.00 based on Cook County Sheriff's Office Contract #2412-01292. Federal Signal provides the Department of Facilities and Fleet installation services of aftermarket vehicle equipment such as, strobe lights and general lighting equipment for fleet and police vehicles. The Forest Preserves of Cook County is requesting additional funding to outfit recently purchased and existing vehicles as well as applicable future vehicles.

**25-0121**

**Presented by:** EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

**REPORT**

**Department:** Department of Permits, Rentals and Concessions

**Request:** Receive and File

**Report Title:** Concessions Annual Report - FY 2024

**Report Period:** 1/1/2024 - 12/31/2024

**Summary:** On 3/15/2022, the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners approved the

Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) Concessions Ordinance (Board Item No. 22-0126) (the “Ordinance”). Under the Ordinance, the Forest Preserves is authorized to grant certain concession related permits and contracts. To assist with this process, the Forest Preserves implemented a Concessions Policy (Policy Number: 05.00.00) establishing the criteria by which the Forest Preserves will issue permits and contracts for concession opportunities to increase and improve visitor engagement by providing the public with access to complementary recreational activities, amenities and services while also generating revenue to support the mission of the Forest Preserves.

The Ordinance requires an annual report to the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners on concession-related permits and contracts awarded by the Forest Preserves for part or all of the prior fiscal year and any concession opportunities currently available or anticipated to be made available by the Forest Preserves for the current year. The Concession Report describes the specific concessionaire permits and contracts that generated revenue in 2024 along with opportunities anticipated for 2025.

In 2024, the Forest Preserves received \$2,422,421.00, a 33% increase over 2023.

#### 25-0118

**Presented by:** EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

#### PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

**Department:** Department of Planning and Development

**Other Part(ies):** City of Oak Forest, Illinois (the “City”)

**Request:** Authorization is sought for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) to convey permanent and temporary easements to the City

**Goods or Services:** Construction by the City of a new shoulder area and other safety improvements on a portion of Oak Park Avenue near the intersection with 147th Street. The work will require the conveyance of a Permanent Easement (“PE”) for 0.016 acres, more or less, to relocate existing drainage structures and a Temporary Easement (“TE”) for 0.067 acres, more or less, for grading. As this is a benefit for the Forest Preserves, waiver of compensation and fees is recommended. No trees would be impacted by the work.

**Agreement Number(s):** IGA #25-0118



**Agreement Period:** From date of full execution to final acceptance and restoration of site but no later than 12/31/2029.

**Fiscal Impact:** N/A (\$2,150.00 for PE and \$4,400.00 for TE appraised value compensation to be waived)

**Accounts:** N/A

**District(s):** 6

**Summary:** This project is to improve the safety of an intersection with recurring incidents involving cars veering off the road into Forest Preserves of Cook County property, causing damage to the fence at Camp Sullivan and the Tinley Creek Resource Management yard. The proposed improvements will create a safer intersection by the addition of a shoulder and other safety features (striping and signage, etc.) that the City will construct and maintain upon conveyance of the easements. Final intergovernmental agreement subject to legal review and approval.

**25-0117**

**Presented by:** EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

#### **EASEMENT REQUEST**

**Request:** Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to grant two (2) permanent easements to Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways at 143rd Street east of Ridgeland Avenue in Oak Forest for a total of 5.266 acres or 229,387 square feet, more or less.

**Reason:** The bridge over 143rd Street was built in 1933 and now needs replacement. The dedication of the right-of-way for the existing bridge was never documented and recorded. The proposed easements include areas for the bridge replacement, construction staging, and future maintenance. The bridge will be re-built in two (2) stages with the north half first followed by the south half. The work would impact a small portion of the Tinley Creek Bike Trail that is supported by the bridge as well as ten (10) trees, resulting in tree mitigation fees. In practice, more trees may need to be removed than originally estimated. Any increase in the tree mitigation fee will be in accordance with the Tree Mitigation Plan (see Board Item No. 20-0279), and if such increase is more than 20% of the original estimate, then approval will be sought from the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners.

The area for the permanent easements is 5.266 acres. Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways indicates that ten (10) trees are expected to be removed for this project.

**Easement Fee:** \$5,000.00

**Tree Mitigation Fee:** \$71,868.12

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

**District(s):** 17

**25-0074**

**Presented by:** EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

**PROPOSED PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ITEM AMENDMENT**

**Department:** Legal Department

**Request:** It is respectfully requested that this proposed amendment be approved in order to correct an error in the legal description.

**Item Number:** 23-0111

**Fiscal Impact:** N/A

**Account(s):** N/A

**District(s):** 5

**Original Text of Item:** PROPOSED SALE OR PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE

**Department(s):** Legal Department

**Other Part(ies):** The Catholic Bishop of Chicago, an Illinois Corporation Sole (Owner of Record)

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

**Description of Real Estate:** 19400 & Part of 19330 South Cottage Grove, Glenwood, Cook County, Illinois

**Section:** N/A

**Parcel(s):** 32-10-401-008-0000 & Part of 32-10-401-007-0000

PARCEL 2:

THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (EXCEPT THE EAST 325 FEET THEREOF) AND (EXCEPT FAIRWAYS OF GLENWOOD SUBDIVISION) OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 35 NORTH, RANGE 14, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

ALSO,

PARCEL 5:

THE NORTHEAST QUARTER (EXCEPT THE SOUTH ~~475~~ 525 FEET THEREOF) AND (EXCEPT FAIRWAYS OF GLENWOOD SUBDIVISION) AND EXCEPT ROAD OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 35 NORTH, RANGE 14, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

SAID PARCELS CONTAINING 1,113,785 SQUARE FEET, OR 25.569 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

**Fiscal Impact:** \$255,000.00 purchase price plus closing costs up to \$10,000.00 (up to \$265,000.00 in total)

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

**District(s):** 5

**Summary:** The Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) has identified two (2) parcels of land for acquisition that would add to the Forest Preserves’ current holdings near Sweet Woods (the “Property”). The Property, commonly known as 19400 & Part of 19330 S Cottage Grove Avenue, Glenwood, Cook County, Illinois, consists of approximately 25.569 ± acres. The Property has natural and fallowed land and contains a part of Third Creek.

Through negotiations, the Owner of Record (the “Seller”), has agreed to sell the Property to the Forest Preserves for the sum of TWO HUNDRED FIFTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00/100

(\$255,000.00) plus closing costs up to \$10,000.00 (up to \$265,000.00 in total). The purchase price is based upon two (2) M.A.I. appraisals obtained by the Forest Preserves and is subject to the Forest Preserves' satisfactory completion of its due diligence. This acquisition advances the Forest Preserves' Southeast Land Acquisition Plan and 100% of the acquisition, site preparation, and restoration costs will be reimbursed from a \$7 million American Rescue Plan Act grant sub-awarded by Cook County (See Board Item No. 22-0289).

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

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

**25-0134**

**Presented by:** EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

**PROPOSED PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ITEM AMENDMENT**

**Department:** Department of Planning and Development

**Request:** Amend item to slightly adjust total area of temporary easement

**Item Number:** 24-0373

**Original Text of Item:**

EASEMENT REQUEST

Request: Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") to grant a permanent easement and a temporary easement to the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) at Joliet Road and Brainard Avenue in Countryside, Illinois for a safety improvement project.

Reason: IDOT plans to complete a safety improvement project at the intersection utilizing the easement areas for sidewalk construction and re-grading of existing Forest Preserves trail.

The area for the permanent easement is 0.006 acres (or 261 square feet), and the area for the temporary easement is ~~0.054~~ 0.055 acres (or ~~2,352~~ 2,396 square feet). IDOT indicates that no trees are expected to be removed for this project.

Easement Fee: \$300.00 for the permanent easement and \$700.00 for the temporary easement

Tree Mitigation Fee: \$0

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

District(s): 17

**25-0082**

**Presented by:** EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

**REPORT**

**Department:** Department of Planning and Development

**Request:** Receive and File

**Report Title:** Land Use Request Report 2024

**Report Period:** 1/1/2024 - 12/31/2024

**Summary:** The Forest Preserves' Code of Ordinances (Section 2-5-11.B.) requires the Forest Preserves' General Superintendent to submit a list of rejected proposals for conveyance, license or easement to the Forest Preserves' Board of Commissioners. The enclosed report is the annual report.

**25-0023**

**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:** 1/1/2025 - 1/31/2025

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

**25-0132**

**Presented by:** EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

**REPORT**

**Department:** Departments of Legal and Finance

**Request:** Receive and File

**Report Title:** Workers' Compensation Report - January 2025

**Report Period:** 1/1/2025 - 1/31/2025

**Summary:** The Forest Preserves of Cook County Departments of Legal and Finance are submitting Workers' Compensation Claim Payments for the month of January 2025. Payments total \$96,899.26 for January 2025.

[25-0133](#)

**Presented by:** EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

**REPORT**

**Department:** Office of the General Superintendent

**Request:** Receive and File

**Report Title:** Resident Watchman Annual Report

**Report Period:** 1/1/2024 - 12/31/2024

**Summary:** This report is required per Section 1-9-3 (Fees and Occupancy of District Lands) of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code of Ordinances. The report provides names, job titles, and salaries of employees who occupied property within the Resident Watchman Program for fiscal year 2024 and includes other program-related information.

**25-0110**

**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 3/11/2025 - 4/7/2025

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

**Thursday, 3/13 through Friday, 3/14; 11:45pm - 2:30am**

**Total Lunar Eclipse, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

Join us as we watch this celestial phenomenon unfold into the wee hours of the morning. *Registration required. Participants must bring a chair. Please call (708) 839-6897.*

**Friday, 3/14; 7:30pm - 9:30pm**

**Full Moon Walk and Paint, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington**

Enjoy a moonlit hike and create a full moon masterpiece with step-by-step instructions. *Registration required. Please call (847) 381-6592.*

**Saturday, 3/15; 10:30am**

**Sap's Rising, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Join us for a walk in the sugar maple forest as winter comes to an end. You will learn about the sweet history of maple syrup making. *Registration required. Please call (847) 824-8360.*

**Saturday, 3/15; 1pm - 3pm**

**Season of the Salamanders, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

Enjoy a hike while learning about the ecology of these amphibians and their seasonal breeding pools.

*Registration required. Please call (708) 839-6897.*

**Saturday, 3/15; 1:30pm**

**Sap's Rising, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Join us for a walk in the sugar maple forest as winter comes to an end. You will learn about the sweet history of maple syrup making. *Registration required. Please call (847) 824-8360.*

**Sunday, 3/16; 11am - 3pm**

**Maple Syrup Festival, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Celebrate the arrival of spring with a special day of activities including crafts, games, tree tapping and maple syrup history with sample tastes. *For more information, please call (847) 824-8360.*

**Sunday, 3/16; 12pm - 2pm**

**Tree Cookie Painting, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Paint and enjoy the last scenes of winter before spring arrives. *Registration required. Please call (708) 868-0606.*

**Sunday, 3/16; 1pm**

**Drawing Wildlife, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Join us and learn artistic techniques to capture the beauty of wildlife. *Registration required. Ages 16 and up. Art supplies will be provided. Please call (630) 257-2045.*

**Thursday, 3/20; 1pm - 3pm**

**Spring Equinox, Schiller Woods-East, Chicago**

A celebration of renewal with Native dancing, drumming, storytelling and a planting demonstration. *This program is presented by the American Indian Center and will be held at Grove 13. For more information, please call (312) 533-5751 or visit the website.*

**Saturday, 3/22; 10am**

**Stroll Into Spring, Miller Meadow-South, Forest Park**

Join us for a short stroll on a 1.7-mile paved loop trail. *This program is perfect for strollers, wheelchair users, or those with limited mobility. This program will begin at Grove 6 and the trail walk will include multiple resting points. For more information, please call (312) 533-5751 or visit the website.*

**Saturday, 3/22; 1pm**

**World Water Day, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**



World Water Day returns! Join us for an indoor presentation to celebrate and recognize the critical role water plays in our world. *For more information, please call (630) 257-2045.*

**Saturday, 3/22; 1pm - 3pm****Spring Eggstravaganza, Caldwell Woods Wellness Center, Chicago**

Drop-in and celebrate the changing season and its importance in various cultures! You will explore this historic preserve and the wildlife that calls it home. This event will include many activities like arts and crafts, themed walks and more. *For more information, please call (773)758-8899.*

**Saturday, 3/22 through Sunday, 3/23; 5:30pm****Camping Leadership Immersion Course, Camp Sullivan, Oak Forest**

This overnight course teaches essential camping skills. Once you complete the course, bring groups up to 30 people for an overnight stay. *Registration required. The cost is \$25 per person. Training is required to access camping gear. For more information, please visit the website.*

**Sunday, 3/23; 1pm****Accessible Spring Ephemeral Walk, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Join a naturalist as we take a short walk along the paved areas at Sagawau. You can view the earliest Spring blooms. *Registration required. Please call (630) 257-2045.*

**Monday, 3/24; 9am - 3pm****Mental Health First Aid Certification, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington**

The Mental Health First Aid for Adults Certification class will teach you how to identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental health and substance use challenges. *Registration required. Please call (847) 381-6592.*

**Monday, 3/24 through Wednesday, 3/26; 12pm - 3pm****Dagwaag Camp, Rolling Knolls Pavilion, Elgin**

Join us and learn the significance of spring in Native American culture while participating in various themed activities. *This program is presented by Trickster Cultural Center. For more information, please call (773)758-8899.*

**Tuesday, 3/25 through Thursday, 3/27; 9am - 12pm****Spring Break Camp: Forces of Nature, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington**

Explore the forces of earth, wind, water and fire through games, outdoor play and crafts. *This program requires in-person registration. Ages 7-12. The cost is \$30 per child. Please call (847) 381-6592.*

**Wednesday, 3/26; 10am - 1pm****Spring Break Fest, Thatcher Woods, River Forest**

Youth and families, enjoy time out of school! The activities include archery, building and playing with natural materials, learning orienteering, painting a bird house and more. *For more information, please call (312) 533-5751 or visit the website.*

**Wednesday, 3/26; 12pm - 2pm****Outdoor Lab: Pond Dipping, Eggers Grove, Chicago**

Drop-in and learn about the hidden life of vernal pools through an outdoor lab. *For more information, please call (224)763-4317 or visit the website.*

**Thursday, 3/27; 11am - 1pm****Spring Breakout Adventures, Caldwell Woods Wellness Center, Chicago**

Drop-in and try a variety of outdoor recreation activities while spending school break in nature. *For more information, please call (773)758-8899.*

**Thursday, 3/27; 5:30pm****Camping 101, Camp Bullfrog Lake, Willow Springs**

Join us for a workshop to learn basic camping skills like how to set up a tent, build a fire, dress for the weather and more! *For more information, please visit the website.*

**Friday, 3/28; 11am - 2pm****Spring Breakout Adventure, Dan Ryan Woods Visitor Center, Chicago**

Explore, discover and create! Enjoy your break outdoors with several outdoor recreation activities. *For more information, please call (224)763-4317 or visit the website.*

**Friday, 3/28; 7pm****Woodcock Walk, Wolf Road Prairie, Westchester**

Join us and witness the amazing spring courtship flight of the male woodcock at Wolf Road Prairie. *Registration required. This program will be led by John Elliott of the Chicago Bird Alliance. Please call (708) 366-6530.*

**Saturday, 3/29; 10am****ESL Walking Club, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington**

Take a guided walk and discuss nature related topics with other adult English Language Learners. *For more information, please call (847) 381-6592.*

**Saturday, 3/29; 10am - 2pm****Women in the Wilds Expo, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Join us and celebrate women in conservation and the natural sciences with presentations. This program will include hands-on activities as well as information on promoting job and volunteer opportunities. *Light refreshments will be provided. Please call (708) 868-0606.*

**Saturday, 3/29; 11:30am****Day Hiking Leadership Training, Bemis Woods-North, Oak Brook**

Calling all teachers and youth educators! This program provides free training on tools needed to take groups out to the Forest Preserves for the day. *For more information, please visit the website.*

**Saturday, 3/29; 12pm- 3pm****Music Jam, Caldwell Woods Wellness Center, Chicago**

Create music with the community and listen to local talent. *Participants can bring your own instrument. For more information, please call (773)758-8899.*

**Sunday, 3/30; 1pm****Worst Case Scenario Hike, Trailside Museum of Natural History, River Forest**

Enjoy a short hike and learn day hiking safety, packing tips and more. *Registration required. Ages 13 and up. Please call (708) 366-6530.*

**Sunday, 3/30; 1:30pm****Tree Faces, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Join us and make faces on our trees with natural materials. *For more information, please call (847) 824-8360.*

**Wednesday, 4/2; 10am - 12pm****World Autism Awareness Day-Sensory Kit for the Outdoors, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington**

We are launching our sensory kit for our neurodiverse community to make outdoors accessible! *For more information, please call (847) 381-6592.*

**Saturday, 4/5; 10:30am - 2pm****Fire for the Forest, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

Join us and learn the basics of prescribed burns followed by a 1-mile hike. *Registration required. Please call (708) 839-6897.*

**Saturday, 4/5; 1pm****Sagawau's Unseen Wetlands, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Explore and observe the flora and fauna that inhabits Sagawau's springs and ephemeral pools. *Registration required. Ages 13 and up. Participants must bring a pair of hiking boots. Please call (630) 257-2045.*

**Saturday, 4/5; 1pm - 2pm****Teen Exploration Day: Wilderness Survival 101, Busse Forest-South, Elk Grove Village**

This hands-on program demonstrates how to use the natural resources around you. *For more information, please call (773)758-8899.*

**Saturday, 4/5; 7pm****Woodcock Watch, Country Lane Woods, Willow Springs**

Join us and witness the magical courtship display of the male woodcock. *Registration required. Participants must bring binoculars. Please call (708) 839-6897.*

**Sunday, 4/6; 9:30am****Tails on our Trails, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Soak in the fresh air as you and your dog explore and discover nature together. *Registration required. Each dog must have an adult present. Please call (847) 824-8360.*

**Sunday, 4/6; 11am - 2pm****Arab American Celebration, Maple Lake Boating Center, Willow Springs**

Join us for a celebration of Arab American Heritage Month. This program will honor Arab American culture and contributions through art making, cultural showcases, food and more. *For more information, please call (312) 533-5751 or visit the website.*

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**Sunday, 4/6; 1pm - 3pm****Earth-a-Palooza, Linne Woods, Morton Grove**

Join us for an eco-friendly family fun fest! This event will include many activities such as guided walks, Junior Rangers program, bird watching, touch-a-truck, tree climbing, crafts and a visit from Brookfield Zoo. *For more information, please call (773)758-8899.*

**Sunday, 4/6; 1pm - 3pm**

**Makin' Music Bluegrass Jam, Thatcher Woods Pavilion, River Forest**

Drop-in and make a musical instrument or bring your own. All ages are welcome to play or listen. *For more information, please call (708) 366-6530.*

**COMMITTEE ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION**

**AUDIT COMMITTEE  
MEETING OF MARCH 11, 2025**

**25-0017 REPORT** Report Title: FPCC - ARPA General Headquarters Remodel Report, Report Period: January 30, 2024 through August 2, 2024

**25-0018 REPORT** Report Title: ARPA - FPCC New Restroom Beaubien Woods Audit Report, Report Period: January 30, 2024 through August 16, 2024

**25-0068 REPORT** Report Title: OCA - FPCC FY24 4th Quarter Open Recommendations, Report Period: December 2024

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**RULES COMMITTEE  
MEETING OF MARCH 11, 2025**

**25-0141 JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS** Regular meeting held on 1/14/25

**25-0147 JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS** Regular meeting held on 2/4/25

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**FINANCE COMMITTEE  
MEETING OF MARCH 11, 2025**

**25-0109 PROPOSED BID RECOMMENDATION** Roadsafe Traffic Systems, Inc., primary place of business Woodridge, Illinois, for the fabrication and installation of outdoor signage

**25-0130 RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (LITIGATION)** Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Litigation – 3/11/2025

**25-0131 RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (WORKERS' COMPENSATION)** Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Workers' Compensation – 3/11/2025

**25-0024 REPORT** Report Title: Corporate Fund Analysis of Revenue and Expenditures Report Period: 1/1/2025 - 1/31/2025

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**REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE  
MEETING OF MARCH 11, 2025**

**25-0072 PROPOSED ORDINANCE** Create a Forest Preserve Near Sweet Woods

**25-0073 PROPOSED PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE** Walter Shults and Jo Ann Shults (Owners of Record), Description of Real Estate: Part of 360 E. Glenwood Dyer Road, Glenwood, Illinois

**25-0079 PROPOSED LICENSE AMENDMENT REQUEST** Streamwood Park District, Grantee, to locate, operate and maintain water main at a different location a few hundred feet to the south on the same parcel that was previously approved by the Forest Preserves Board of Commissioners on February 7, 2023

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