



**FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**Cook County Building, Board Room, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois**

**BOARD AGENDA**

**Tuesday, December 13, 2016, 10:00 AM**

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

Authorization as a public speaker shall only be granted to those individuals who have submitted in writing, their name, address, subject matter, and organization (if any) to the Secretary 24 hours in advance of the meeting. Duly authorized public speakers shall 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 be germane to a specific item(s) on the meeting agenda, and the testimony must not exceed three minutes; the Secretary will keep track of the time and advise when the time for public testimony has expired. Persons authorized to provide public testimony shall not use vulgar, abusive, or otherwise inappropriate language when addressing the Board; failure to act appropriately; failure to speak to an item that is germane to the meeting, or failure to adhere to the time requirements may result in expulsion from the meeting and/or disqualify the person from providing future testimony.

**PRESIDENT****16-0495**

**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE, LUIS ARROYO JR., RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JERRY BUTLER, JOHN P. DALEY, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, GREGG GOSLIN, EDWARD M. MOODY, STANLEY MOORE, SEAN M. MORRISON, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, ROBERT B. STEELE, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION****2017 BOARD AGENDA MEETING ANNUAL CALENDAR DATES**

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Title 1, Chapter 5, Section 4-(a), the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board shall hold regular meetings pursuant to an annual calendar adopted by resolution of the Board; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Section 2.02 of the Illinois Open Meetings Act, every public body shall give public notice of the schedule of regular meetings at the beginning of each calendar or fiscal year and shall state the regular dates, times and places of such meetings.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners, Illinois:

1. That the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners shall hold its regular meetings of the Board on the following dates during 2017, the time for holding the specified meetings is 11:00 a.m., local time:

Tuesday, January 17, 2017

Tuesday, February 7, 2017

Thursday, March 9, 2017  
Tuesday, April 11, 2017  
Thursday, May 11, 2017  
Tuesday, June 6, 2017  
Thursday, July 20, 2017  
Tuesday, September 12, 2017  
Tuesday, October 24, 2017  
Tuesday, November 14, 2017  
Tuesday, December 12, 2017

2. That the same dates listed here will be used to schedule the following standing committee meetings, set to begin at 10:30 a.m., local time: the Committee on Workers' Compensation; the Committee on Rules; the Committee on Finance.
3. That the place is the County Building Room 569, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois, 60602 except for the following three meeting dates: March 9, 2017; May 11, 2017 and July 20, 2017 which will be held in three separate Forest Preserve District facilities provided there is correct and proper notice given of the locations in accordance with the Forest Preserve District Code of Ordinances.

### **OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT**

**16-0459**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

#### **PROPOSED CONTRACT**

**Department(s):** Resource Management

**Vendor:** University of Illinois, Champaign, Illinois

**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County to enter into and execute

**Good(s) or Service(s):** (1) Assess options for a more robust measurement of restoration success based on the newly established monitoring protocol and baseline monitoring data acquired over the past year. (2) Produce a time lapse video documenting land use changes in Cook County. (3) Assess existing District ordinances and those of other land management agencies to recommend improvements to ordinances to ensure protection of the District's valuable natural and archaeological resources. (4) Continue to conduct and publish a deer impact assessment specific to the Forest Preserve District which will describe the history, conservation, and current role of deer in District natural areas. (5) Continue prioritization of hydrological threats to sites and propose strategies for mitigating their impacts. (6) Continue site surveys and cataloguing of cultural resources. (7) Research and publish a report regarding the benefits versus the pollution-based impacts of prescribed burning.

**Contract Value:** Not to exceed \$500,000.00 for calendar year 2017

**Contract period:** 1/1/2017 - 12/31/2017

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** Not to exceed \$500,000.00 for calendar year 2017

**Accounts:** 09-6759 Natural & Cultural Master Plan and 09-6750 Habitat Restoration

**Contract Number(s):** FPD 2014-01101

**Concurrences:**

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

**District(s):** Districtwide

**Summary:** This Contract (Task Order) is for natural resource prioritization, research, policy analysis, and other related resource preservation activities. The estimated contract amount is not to exceed \$500,000.00.

On 10/1/2013, the Board of Commissioners authorized the Forest Preserves to enter into and execute an Intergovernmental Agreement from 10/1/2013 to 12/31/2018 with the Prairie Research Institute of the University of Illinois for the purpose of developing a Natural and Cultural Resources Management Plan, and to perform work pursuant to that plan on an annual basis. The Plan informs and prioritizes natural and cultural resource restoration management. As agreed by the Board on 10/1/2013, funding of subsequent work with the Prairie Research Institute is to be approved on a year to year basis.

The Forest Preserves now desire to enter into a new Task Order to complete such work.

**16-0474**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED CONTRACT**

**Department(s):** Legal

**Vendor:** Origami Risk LLC, Chicago, Illinois

**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County to enter into and execute

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Adding Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Reporting Functionality for the Forest Preserve District to the Cook County Risk Management Information System.

**Contract Value:** \$6,775.00

**Contract period:** 12/13/2016 - 7/31/2018, with two (2) three (3) year options for renewal

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** FY 2017 \$2,775 set up plus \$2,000.00 Annual Fee, FY 2018 \$2,000.00

**Accounts:** Self Insurance, 11-6500

**Contract Number(s):** 1425-13183 CC

**Concurrences:**

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

The Vendor has met the Minority and Women Business Enterprise Ordinance Provisions.

**District(s):** Districtwide

**Summary:** On 7/29/2015 the Cook County Board approved contract 1425-13183 with Origami Risk, LLC, Chicago following a Request for Proposal for a claim management system to support the accounting, financial management and reporting needs of the County. The Forest Preserve District ("District") utilizes the same claims management system via an intergovernmental arrangement with Cook County. The District would now like to add the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services reporting functionality.

**16-0392**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

**Department(s):** Resource Management

**Vendor:** Audubon Chicago Region, Chicago, Illinois

**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County to extend contract

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Internship program focused on ecological restoration throughout the Preserves. The internship provides hands-on experience in the field of ecological restoration and forestry.

**Original Contract Period:** 2/18/2014 - 12/31/2016

**Proposed Contract Period Extension:** 1/1/2017 - 12/31/2017

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$900,000.00

**Original Approval:** 2/18/2014

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

**This Increase Requested:** \$300,000.00

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** FY 2017 \$300,000.00

**Accounts:** 09-6758 Intern Programs, 09-6750 Habitat Restoration, 09-6755 Habitat Enhancement, 09-6757 Potential Grant Match & Work, Grant Accounts 10-5800, 10-6750 and 10-6757

**Contract Number(s):** 13-31-118

**Concurrences:**

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

**District(s):** Districtwide

**Summary:** Agreement #13-31-118 consists of the engagement of young adults from urban and diverse communities to perform habitat enhancement and ecological restoration projects on Forest Preserves of Cook County grasslands, wetlands, and woodland habitats with the goals of restoring the land to ecological health, introducing environmental science/conservation as a potential career, and to foster a lifelong appreciation of nature. The original 3-year contract was approved by the Board on 2/18/2014 and expires 12/31/2016. The Preserves would like to extend Contract #13-31-118 for an additional twelve (12) months. A new RFQ will be issued in the third quarter of 2017.

This program advances the goals of the Next Century Conservation Plan.

**16-0399**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

**Department(s):** Resource Management

**Vendor:** Friends of the Forest Preserves, Chicago, Illinois

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** The Chicago Conservation Leadership Corps internship program

**Original Contract Period:** 2/18/2014 - 12/31/2016

**Proposed Contract Period Extension:** 1/1/2017 - 12/31/2017

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$900,000.00

**Original Approval:** 2/18/2014

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

**This Increase Requested:** \$300,000.00

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** FY 2017 \$300,000.00

**Accounts:** 09-6758 Intern Programs, 09-6750 Habitat Restoration, 09-6755 Habitat Enhancement, 09-6757 Potential Grant Match & Work, Grant Accounts 10-5800, 10-6750 and 10-6757

**Contract Number(s):** 13-31-118

**Concurrences:**

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

**District(s):** Districtwide

**Summary:** The Chicago Conservation Leadership Corps program engages high-school aged youth and adult leaders in hands-on ecological restoration activities, including invasive species control through various removal methods. The program is an intensive six week internship that promotes stewardship of natural lands by the next generation of conservation leaders through ecologically based educational activities, conservation awareness, hands-on restoration, and enjoyment of the Preserves. The original three (3) year contract was approved by the Board on 2/18/2014 and expires 12/31/2016. The Preserves would like to extend Contract #13-31-118 for an additional twelve (12) months. A new RFQ will be issued in the third quarter of 2017.

This program advances the goals of the Next Century Conservation Plan.

**16-0401**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

**Department(s):** Resource Management

**Vendor:** Friends of the Forest Preserves, Chicago, Illinois

**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the "Preserves") to extend contract

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Forest Preserve Leadership Corps internship program

**Original Contract Period:** 11/18/2014 - 11/17/2015, with an initial extension approved through 12/31/2016

**Proposed Contract Period Extension:** 1/1/2017 - 12/31/2017

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$50,000.00

**Original Approval:** 11/18/2014

**Previous Increase(s):** \$50,000.00

**This Increase Requested:** \$50,000.00

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** FY 2017 \$50,000.00

**Accounts:** 09-6758 Intern Programs, 09-6750 Habitat Restoration, 09-6755 Habitat Enhancement, 09-6757 Potential Grant Match & Work, Grant Accounts 10-5800, 10-6750 and 10-6757

**Contract Number(s):** 13-31-118

**Concurrences:**

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

**District(s):** Districtwide

**Summary:** The Forest Preserve Leadership Corps program (now referred to as the Friends Roving Crew) provides advanced conservation and leadership skills training for young adults, ages 18-20, who have successfully graduated from the Chicago Conservation Leadership Corps program. The fifty two (52) week program engages participants in hands-on ecological restoration activities centered around invasive species control and restoration of native plants. Participants receive training in prescribed fire, herbicide application, stewardship, and chainsaw operation, in addition to experience leading various community engagement and volunteer workday events promoting forest preserve awareness. The original contract was approved by the Board on 11/18/2014 and was initially extended through 12/31/2016. The



Preserves would like to extend this program for an additional twelve (12) months. A new RFQ will be issued in the third quarter of 2017.

This program advances the goals of the Next Century Conservation Plan.

**16-0463**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

**Department(s):** Planning & Development

**Vendor:** Path Construction Company, Arlington Heights, Illinois

**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County to extend a previously executed contract

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Construction services for the new Rolling Knolls Visitor Center including demolishing a portion of the existing clubhouse that is no longer usable, remodeling the remaining portion of the clubhouse, building an addition and reconstructing the existing parking area.

**Original Contract Period:** 10/28/2014 - 8/24/2015, Administrative Extension (8/25/2015 - 10/23/2015), Board approved extensions on 10/6/2015 (10/24/2015 - 7/19/2016) and 6/7/2016 (7/20/2016 - 01/16/2017)

**Proposed Contract Period Extension:** One hundred eighty days (180) calendar days (1/17/2017 - 7/16/2017)

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$2,983,890.16

**Original Approval:** 9/9/2014, \$2,595,200.00

**Previous Increase(s):** Administrative increase, \$149,623.00; Board approved increase on 6/7/2016, \$239,067.16

**This Increase Requested:** N/A

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** N/A

**Accounts:** N/A

**Contract Number(s):** 13-80-01-G7R3

**Concurrences:**

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

The Vendor has met the Minority and Women Business Enterprise Ordinance Provisions.

**District(s):** 15

**Summary:** The construction for this project is substantially complete and the Preserves have taken occupancy of this building. Additional time is required to complete the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification process and to finalize closing out the project. The project includes the construction of a new visitor's center with a rentable meeting room, multi-purpose rooms, new ADA toilet facilities, a small office area and improved site drainage for the parking area and around the building. This facility also includes the use of geo-thermal heating system and photovoltaic panels.

**16-0467**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

**Department(s):** Resource Management

**Vendor:** Friends of the Forest Preserves, Chicago, Illinois

**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County to extend contract

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Palos Conservation Corps internship program

**Original Contract Period:** 6/7/2016 - 2/28/2017

**Proposed Contract Period Extension:** 3/1/2017 - 12/31/2017

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$75,000.00

**Original Approval:** 6/7/2016

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

**This Increase Requested:** \$65,000.00

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** FY 2017 \$65,000.00

**Accounts:** 09-6758 Intern Programs, 09-6750 Habitat Restoration, 09-6755 Habitat Enhancement, 09-6757 Potential Grant Match & Work, Grant Accounts 10-5800, 10-6750, & 10-6757

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

**Concurrences:**

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

**District(s):** Districtwide

**Summary:** The Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Preserves”) previously entered into an agreement with Friends of the Forest Preserves (“FOTFP”), based on FOTFP’s receipt of a grant from the Bobolink Foundation to support the Palos Conservation Corps. The Palos Conservation Corps engages four (4) youth, one (1) adult leader, and one (1) assistant leader in hands-on ecological restoration work to restore habitat in the Palos region. Highly skilled participants contribute to herbaceous and woody invasive species control, prescribed burn, and native seed collection activities. Additionally, the Palos Conservation Corps hosts volunteer workdays in partnership with the local site stewards to bolster volunteer recruitment and engagement in the region.

The original contract was approved by the Board on 6/7/2016 and required the Preserves to contribute \$75,000 of the total \$247,590 contract costs. The Preserves would like to extend this program through the end of 2017. Additional funds are anticipated to be contributed by the Bobolink Foundation in conjunction with the FOTFP for this project.

This program advances the goals of the Next Century Conservation Plan.

**16-0479**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

**Department(s):** Planning & Development

**Vendor:** Site Design Group, Ltd., Chicago, Illinois

**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County to increase contract

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Architectural services for design, bidding and construction administration for revised scope of improvements at Dan Ryan Woods.

**Original Contract Period:** Three (3) years 12/5/2012-12/4/2015, Board Extension 12/5/2015 - 12/4/2016, Board Extension 12/5/2016 - 12/4/2017

**Proposed Contract Period Extension:** N/A

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$233,260.00

**Original Approval:** 5/1/2013; \$67,190.00

**Previous Increase(s):** Board Approved 11/12/2013, \$85,710.00; Administrative Increase 1/24/14, \$6,340.00 Board Approved 7/22/2014, \$74,020.00

**This Increase Requested:** Not to exceed \$99,832.00

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** Not to exceed \$99,832.00

**Accounts:** Grant Account 10-6740, General Consulting Services 25-6740, 26-6740, 54-6740, 55-6740 and 56-6740

**Contract Number(s):** 13-80-02-04Db

**Concurrences:**

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

The Vendor has met the Minority and Women Business Enterprise Ordinance Provisions.

**District(s):** 4 and 11

**Summary:** Contract (Task Order) #13-80-02-04Db is for architectural and engineering design services for a new nature play area and other outdoor recreation and site improvements at Dan Ryan Woods. The services contract needs to be increased due to the release of a \$1 million state grant that had been frozen for more than a year and the Forest Preserves' desire to make some modifications to the original design.

In December 2012, Site Design Group (SDG) was selected as a member of a pre-qualified pool of 85 architectural and engineering design firms. Its master services agreement had an initial period of three years. During that period, SDG was assigned three Task Orders to complete master plans for improvements at Dan Ryan Woods and Eggers Grove (#13-80-02-04D), prepare more detailed design drawings and specifications (#13-80-02-04Da), and to design an expanded scope of work that would be funded by a state grant (#13-80-02-04Db).

An Open Space Land Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) grant was awarded by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources in late 2014 but was subsequently frozen in January 2015. After waiting for more than a year for release of the grant, Forest Preserve staff elected in March 2016 to award a smaller scope of work for \$898,711.00 for a portion of the work included in the grant application as well as some other necessary site repairs. In August 2016, the Forest Preserves was notified of the

release of the suspended \$1,062,000.00 grant. Forest Preserve staff is now seeking to modify the original plan to construct the nature play area to relocate it closer to the new Visitors Center, which was completed earlier this year, and repackage a portion of the work that could be performed by a partner non-profit organization.

The District now desires to increase the Task Order to Site Design Group for up to \$99,832.00 to revise the master plan, revise construction drawings and bid specifications, and potentially expand the scope of construction management services. This increased Task Order requires Board approval as the total combined award with other previous awards exceeds \$150,000.00.

**16-0464**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED GRANT AWARD**

**Department:** Resource Management

**Grantee:** Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the "Preserves")

**Grantor:** The Nature Conservancy via the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

**Request:** Authorization to accept grant

**Purpose:** Hydrologic restoration at Eggers Marsh

**Grant Amount:** \$100,000.00

**Grant Period:** 12/13/2016 - 9/30/2018

**Fiscal Impact:** \$100,000.00 match

**Accounts:** 09-6750 Habitat Restoration, 09-6755 Habitat Enhancement, 09-6757 Potential Grant Match and Work Fund, Grant Accounts 10-6750, 10-6757, & 10-5800

**Concurrences:**

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

**District(s):** 4

**Summary:** The Nature Conservancy recently received a grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to complete hydrologic restoration in the Calumet region. The Preserves have been subawarded a portion of these funds to complete the construction of a water level control structure and

other site improvements which will restore the hydrology of approximately 40 acres of hemi-marsh habitat at Eggers Marsh. The restoration of water flow at the site will improve nesting conditions and provide quality habitat for rare wetland birds.

The hydrologic recovery plan being implemented was developed by a consultant as part of a 2014 grant awarded to the Preserves through the Illinois Department of Natural Resources Coastal Management Program.

**16-0466**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED GRANT AWARD**

**Department:** Resource Management

**Grantee:** Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the "Preserves")

**Grantor:** Illinois Department of Natural Resources - Coastal Management Program

**Request:** Authorization to accept grant and provide matching funds

**Purpose:** The purpose of this grant is to conduct a project that will study, define, and propose practices to mitigate non-point source (i.e., stormwater runoff) pollution at the Powderhorn Lake site in Burnham

**Grant Amount:** \$45,000.00

**Grant Period:** 12/13/2016 - 3/31/2018

**Fiscal Impact:** \$47,968.74 match

**Accounts:** 09-6750 Habitat Restoration, 09-6755 Habitat Enhancement, 09-6757 Potential Grant Match and Work Fund, Grant Accounts 10-6750, 10-6757, & 10-5800

**Concurrences:**

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

**District(s):** 4

**Summary:** This grant will enable the Forest Preserves to hire professionals to conduct an assessment of stormwater runoff and adjacent land uses that are tributary to the Powderhorn Lake site, define the runoff

in terms of quantity and quality, assess how it may be impacting the site, and propose practices to mitigate runoff pollution. Understanding and mitigating stormwater impacts will allow the Preserves to improve and restore the hydrology of the site, thereby halting the degradation of this important native fish and migratory bird habitat. The project will involve collaboration with community partners to present and solicit input about the planning project from the local community.

**16-0469**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED GRANT AWARD RENEWAL**

**Department:** Resource Management

**Grantee:** Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the "Preserves")

**Grantor:** USDA Natural Resource Conservation Services ("NRCS")

**Request:** Authorization to renew grant and provide matching funds

**Purpose:** The Forest Preserve District of Cook County has received a grant from the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) to extend projects supporting restoration activities at Turnbull Woods in Glencoe, Illinois; Eggers Woods in Chicago, Illinois; and Powderhorn Prairie in Burnham, Illinois. These USDA NRCS grant funds are provided through the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI).

**Grant Amount:** \$70,700.00

**Grant Period:** 12/31/2016 - 12/30/2021

**Fiscal Impact:** \$70,700.00

**Accounts:** 09-6750 Habitat Restoration, 09 6755 Habitat Enhancement, 09-6757 Potential Grant Match and Work, Grant Accounts 10-5800, 10-6750, & 10-6757

**Most Recent Date of Board Authorization for Grant:** 10/6/2015

**Most Recent Grant Amount:** Turnbull \$84,000.00, Eggers \$56,000.00, Powderhorn

**Concurrences:**

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

**District(s):** 4 and 13

**Summary:** The project at Turnbull Woods will involve approximately 12 acres of tree thinning within the original Phase I project area, improving light levels for ground-layer herbaceous species which are being shaded out by an overabundance of canopy cover.

Likewise, at Eggers Woods ten (10) acres of canopy will be thinned along with invasive species removal activities. This proposed restoration would build upon recent work at the site to further improve marsh and swale habitat for marshland birds, increase the successful establishment of thousands of native plugs recently installed along the marsh edge and prevent the loss of herbaceous species in the uplands.

Finally, at Powderhorn Prairie tree thinning will be conducted in approximately 3.3 acres of dune habitat, and a large population of narrow-leaved cattail controlled through herbicide application. Prescribed burning will be utilized as a key management tool at all three sites.

**16-0461**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT**

**Department:** Resource Management

**Other Part(ies):** Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, Chicago, Illinois

**Request:** Authorization to extend Agreement

**Goods or Services:** Right of Entry to perform stream maintenance on Forest Preserve District property as part of the Small Stream Maintenance Program

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

**Agreement Period:** 1/9/2017 - 1/8/2022

**Fiscal Impact:** None

**Accounts:** N/A

**District(s):** Districtwide

**Summary:** The proposed agreement would grant the MWRD and its contractors limited access to Forest



Preserve lands for the purpose of removing blockages and debris from small watercourses throughout the Preserves' holdings as part of the Small Stream Maintenance Program. The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago ("MWRD") has been designated by the State of Illinois as the stormwater regulatory agency for Cook County. The work conducted through the Small Stream Maintenance Program improves water flow and mitigates stormwater-related issues throughout the Preserves and its neighboring communities. A Right of Entry was previously granted to the MWRD in September 2006, and renewed in January 2012.

**16-0468**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT**

**Department:** Planning and Development

**Other Part(ies):** Village of Schaumburg, Illinois

**Request:** Requesting authority to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Schaumburg for construction of approximately two hundred (200) linear feet of paved trail from the south right of way of Golf Road to the existing Busse Woods Bicycle Trail.

**Goods or Services:** The Forest Preserve District (the "Preserves") operates and maintains the Busse Woods Bicycle Trail in Northwestern Cook County. The project will connect residents and businesses north of Golf Road with the Busse Woods Trail by using an existing signalized crossing at the intersection of Golf and Ring Road.

Schaumburg will be responsible for design, permitting and construction costs associated with the project, subject to the review of final plans and specifications by the Preserves. All requirements regarding insurance and bonds must be met.

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

**Agreement Period:** Three years from the date of execution.

**Fiscal Impact:** None

**Accounts:** N/A

**District(s):** 15

**Summary:** Schaumburg is requesting an Intergovernmental Agreement to construct a new trail connection from the south side of Golf Road to the existing Busse Woods Bicycle Trail on Forest Preserve property. Schaumburg has obtained Transportation Alternatives Program funding for the design and construction of the trail segment. Under this proposed IGA, the Preserves anticipate that the trail connection will be completed within three (3) years. The Preserves will assume responsibility for maintenance upon completion and acceptance of construction.

**16-0341**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**REPORT**

**Department:** Finance and Administration

**Request:** Receive and File

**Report Title:** Procurements and Disbursements Report

**Report Period:** 10/1/2016 - 10/31/2016

**Summary:** Submitting the Procurements and Disbursements Report for the period of October 2016. This report is to be received and filed in compliance with Section 1-8-2(BB) of the District's Code of Ordinances

**16-0472**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**REPORT**

**Department:** Planning & Development

**Request:** Receive and File

**Report Title:** 2017 Update to the 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan

**Report Period:** 2017-2021

**Summary:** This Plan is an update of capital improvement projects and funding needs for the next five years (2017-2021). The location of funded projects that are still in progress as well as new 2107 projects are identified on maps for northwest, north, central, southwest and south Cook County. The Plan also

includes projected capital funding needs for future unfunded projects in 2018-2021 that were identified by Forest Preserve staff, partner organizations and members of the public. The draft Capital Improvement Plan has been posted for additional review and comments on the Forest Preserves' website at [www.fpdcc.com/cip](http://www.fpdcc.com/cip) <<http://www.fpdcc.com/cip>> during December and January and will be finalized by February 2017.

**16-0478**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**REPORT**

**Department:** Finance and Administration

**Request:** Submitting Reports for the Contract Compliance Committee

**Report Title:** The Forest Preserve District MWBE Actual Participation Report for 3rd Quarter 2016 and The MBE/WBE Commitment Report for 3rd Quarter of 2016

**Report Period:** 1/1/2016 - 9/30/2016

**Summary:** The Forest Preserve District MWBE Actual Participation Report for 3rd Quarter 2016 and The MBE/WBE Commitment Report for 3rd Quarter of 2016

**16-0481**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED MISCELLANEOUS ITEM OF BUSINESS**

**REQUEST TO REGISTER A PORTION OF THE JENS JENSEN GRASSLAND AND WOODLAND FOR REGISTRATION AS AN ILLINOIS LAND AND WATER RESERVE ("ILWR")**

**Department:** Resource Management

**Summary:** Requesting authority, pursuant to Section 9 of the Cook County Forest Preserve District Act (70 ILCS810/9), to register a portion of the Jens Jensen Preserve as an Illinois Land and Water Reserve ("ILWR") with the Illinois Nature Preserve Commission ("INPC").

This dedication contributes to one of the key goals set forward in the Next Century Conservation Plan to dedicate and register 20,000 acres with the INPC by 2025. Dedication of a site as an ILWR provides a

high level of protection for land in Illinois, and is granted only to natural areas of important ecological quality.

The proposed Jens Jensen ILWR is an approximately 220 acre portion of the preserves located in the Village of Palatine in northwest Cook County. The site consists of remnant woods, along with reconstructed prairie and wetlands. Formal ecological management of the site began in the late 2000's as mitigation for work performed by Openlands and volunteers in connection with the O'Hare Airport expansion. Currently the site exhibits mature oak woodlands with massive red and bur oaks, as well as a large prairie reconstruction that harbors over 200 species. The understory and ground layer vegetation contain many conservative species, including some listed species.

The Forest Preserves of Cook County ("FPCC") currently has 23 dedicated Nature Preserves and 2 Land and Water Reserves. The addition of Jens Jensen ILWR would bring the FPCC's total INPC protected lands to approximately 7,900 acres.

It is respectfully requested that authority be granted to the FPCC to submit Jens Jensen Grassland and Woodland to the Illinois Nature Preserve Commission for review and formal dedication as an Illinois Land and Water Reserve.

**District(s):** Districtwide

**16-0475**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED MISCELLANEOUS ITEM OF BUSINESS**

**Department:** Conservation and Experiential Programming

**Summary: Forest Preserves of Cook County Calendar - 12/14/2016 - 1/17/2017**

**Saturday, 12/17/2016 - Monday, 3/6/2017; 9 am - 4 pm**

**Cross-Country Ski Trails Open, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Sagawau Nordic is open daily, 9 am - 4 pm. Trails will be opened and groomed as snow conditions permit and could include an early start or late finish. Watch our Facebook page and call 630-257-2045 for the most up-to-date trail conditions.

**Saturdays and Sundays, 12/17-18, and Monday - Saturday, 12/26 - 31**

**Holiday Magic 2016, Chicago Zoological Society/Brookfield Zoo, Brookfield**

Now in its 35th year, celebrate Chicagoland's largest and longest running lights festival. With over one million twinkling LED lights, it's a magical time for the entire family.

**Saturday, 12/17; 12 - 3 pm**

**Snowshoe Trekking Plus, Camp Sullivan, 14630 Oak Park Ave, Oak Forest**

There's no better way to experience the Forest Preserves in winter than by snowshoe. Come out to these campgrounds (snow conditions permitting) and try our snowshoes for free. Open to the public, no registration required. There must be at least 4" of hard snow on the ground in order to snowshoe. Call the campground at 312-636-0041 for snow conditions. If there isn't enough snow, we'll still be out with hikes, games, fire and other outdoor fun.

**Sunday, 12/18 and Sunday, 1/15; 2 pm and 3:30 pm**

**Winter Walk in the McDonald Woods, Chicago Botanic Garden**

Get outside and take a free, guided, 40-minute winter nature walk in the McDonald Woods. Meet at the McDonald Woods Shelter, and warm up by a roaring fire afterwards. Dress for the weather. Free.

**Sunday, 12/18; 1 - 2:30 pm**

**Here Comes the Sun - Winter Solstice Drop-In, Trailside Museum of Natural History, River Forest**

Celebrate the winter solstice with a peek at the sun through a telescope by a campfire. Drop-in family program.

**Sunday, 12/18; 6 - 8 pm**

**SUN-day Solstice Fire, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Celebrate the beginning of winter with stories, warm snacks and a large fire. \$2/person.

**Monday, 12/19; 11 am and 1 pm**

**Hot Chocolate with Mrs. Claus, Regenstein Center, Chicago Botanic Garden**

Enjoy hot chocolate, cookies, and story time with Mrs. Claus. Fees apply.

**Wednesday, 12/21; 8:30 pm**

**Winter Solstice Bonfire, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs**

The winter solstice has been celebrated for centuries. We will celebrate the shortest day of the year with a short nature walk, singing around the bonfire, and trimming of the wildlife tree. Register in-person starting December 1. This program is for families only, and requires a \$3 fee per person. Not suitable for groups.

**Wednesday, 12/21; 7 pm**

**Solstice Celebration, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills**

Learn about the science and mythology surrounding the solstice, and enjoy a hot drink around a campfire. Call to reserve your spot.

**Tuesday - Thursday, 12/27 - 12/29; 9:30 am - 12 pm daily**

**Winter Nature Camp, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Join us for a three-day camp where we'll explore the wonders of nature in winter. Ages 7-10. Register by 12/20. \$15 per child.

**Thursday, 12/29; 11 am and 1 pm**

**Hanukkah Concert, Aldorf Auditorium, Regenstein Center, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe**

The clarinet swings, voices rise, everyone is dancing! The Maxwell Street Klezmer Band will perform two festive one-hour concerts. Ticket price includes concert and a visit to Wonderland Express. Fees

apply.

**Tuesday, 1/3; 1 pm**

**New Year's Resolution Walk, Trailside Museum of Natural History, River Forest**

Join us on a long winter walk through the woods. Afterwards, warm up with some hot cider. Dress for the weather! Family program.

**Wednesday 1/4; 12 - 5 pm**

**Winter Breakout Adventures, Camp Sullivan, 14630 Oak Park Ave, Oak Forest**

Dash through the snow and have fun during the winter holiday season. Embrace your time off from school and head out to the Forest Preserves campgrounds for an exciting day of winter games and activities. Sledding and snowshoeing is a definite must-snowfall permitting.

**Thursday, 1/5; 12 - 5 pm**

**Winter Breakout Adventures, Camp Reinberg, 1801 N Quentin Rd, Palatine**

Dash through the snow and have fun during the winter holiday season. Embrace your time off from school and head out to the Forest Preserves campgrounds for an exciting day of winter games and activities. Sledding and snowshoeing is a definite must-snowfall permitting.

**Saturday, 1/7; 1 pm**

**Drawing Nature I, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Learn to draw what you see and develop your skills. Bring your favorite materials or use some of ours. Adults and teens. Registration required.

**Saturday, 1/7; 1:30 pm**

**Winter Nature Hike, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

Join us for an off-site nature hike as we explore one of the Preserve's hidden gems. Dress and prepare for the weather. Meeting location at McLaughrey Springs Woods, 11762 Kean Ave, Palos Park. Registration required. Family program. Limit 20.

**Sunday, 1/8; 1:30 pm**

**Pioneer Living Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Have you ever wondered what life was like 200 years ago? Visit our cabins and find out what the pioneers experienced.

**Sunday, 1/8; 1:30 - 3 pm**

**Beginner Snowshoe Hike, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Join us for a quick lesson on snowshoeing basics and then enjoy a guided winter hike on our trails with snowshoes if there's snow (requires a minimum 4" snow base) or on foot if not. Limited number of snowshoes available; registration required at least two days prior to reserve snowshoes.

**Wednesday, 1/11; 12 pm**

**Cold Weather Creations, Swallow Cliff Stairs Pavilion, Willow Springs**

Join us we celebrate the winter season through art making. We will be inspired by the winter weather and landscape to create various art and craft pieces. Hot cocoa and other refreshments will be served. All

ages.

**Friday, 1/13; 7 pm**

**Evening Owl Hike, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills**

Join us for an informative talk about these nocturnal hunters. Afterwards we'll hike our trails to look for these unique predators. Call to reserve your spot.

**Saturday, 1/14; 12 - 4 pm**

**Winter Exploration Days, Caldwell Woods Warming Shelter, 6350 W Devon Ave, Chicago**

Get out to your local Forest Preserve and explore the natural beauty of winter! Each special event offers activities to prepare you for a delightful winter time experience. Learn how to navigate using new-found orienteering skills, create snowshoes and backpacks from natural materials and track animals that make the Preserves their home during winter. Snowshoeing and sledding will be available, should weather conditions permit. Please join us for one or all events! For further details call 708-386-4042.

**Monday, 1/16; 12 - 3 pm**

**M.L.K. Jr. Day of Service, Dan Ryan Woods Pavilion, Groves 6 - 9,  
87th & Western, Chicago**

Join us for a day of stewardship. Try your hand at restoration by helping remove invasive plants while learning about efforts being made to maintain healthy habitats. Warm up with a hot drink and a brush pile burn while also enjoying some winter family-fun activities. Groups with more than 10 people, please register in advance with [credell.walls@cookcountyil.gov](mailto:credell.walls@cookcountyil.gov) <<mailto:credell.walls@cookcountyil.gov>>.

**COMMITTEE ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION**

**RULES COMMITTEE MEETING OF 12/13/2016**

**16-0492 JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS** meeting held on 10/25/2016

**16-0493 JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS** meeting held on 11/15/2016

---

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING OF 12/13/2016**

**16-0473 RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (LITIGATION)**  
11/15/2016

**16-0486 RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (WORKERS'  
COMPENSATION)** 12/13/2016

**16-0465 PROPOSED BID RECOMMENDATION** Rausch Infrastructure LLC

**16-0462 PROPOSED DISBURSEMENT** Matthew Paving, Inc., Oak Lawn, Illinois

**16-0480 PROPOSED DISBURSEMENT** Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity  
(DCEO) -Grant

**16-0482 PROPOSED DISBURSEMENT** Path Construction, Arlington Heights, Illinois

**16-0388 PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT PUBLIC UTILITIES**

**16-0453 PROPOSED INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT AMENDMENT** Authorization to amend the  
Agreement between the Forest Preserve District and the Chicago Zoological Society

**16-0344 REPORT** Corporate Fund Analysis of Revenue and Expense 10/1/2016 through 10/31/2016

---