



FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF COOK COUNTY

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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

BOARD AGENDA

Tuesday, February 7, 2017, 11:00 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**17-0045****Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE, Cook County Board of Commissioners**PROPOSED ORDINANCE****ORDINANCE FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2017****BE IT ORDAINED** by the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County:

Section 1. That this Ordinance is and the same is hereby termed the “Ordinance for the Levy of Taxes for the Year 2017.”

Section 2. That the Committee on Finance of the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Illinois has considered the subject of the Annual Tax Levy for the year 2017 and the several sums necessary to be levied to meet the needs and requirements of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County for said year and has recommended that this ordinance for the levy of taxes be adopted.

Section 3. That the Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, heretofore having approved and adopted the Annual Appropriation Ordinance for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County for the year commencing January 1, 2017 at its meeting held December 13, 2016, which ordinance was published by authority of said Board as provided by law and which portion of said Appropriation Ordinance pertaining to Fund and Departmental Appropriations (together with marginal columns captioned “ Payable from the Tax Levy” and “Payable from sources other than the Tax Levy” where applicable) is set forth hereinafter.

Section 4. That the sum of Ninety One Million, Three Hundred Eighty Eight Thousand, Four Hundred Twenty Dollars and No Cents (\$91,388,420), being the sum of Appropriations heretofore legally made which are to be paid from the collection of the Annual Tax Levy of the Forest Preserve District of Cook

County, Illinois for the Levy Year 2017 A.D. for the corporate purposes, for self-insurance, for the construction of improvements and development of the forests and lands, for real estate acquisition, for payment for principal and interest on bonded debt, for payment for contributions to Employees' Annuity and Benefit Fund, and for the payment of amounts to the Chicago Zoological Society and the Chicago Horticultural Society, all as adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County at its meeting held December 13, 2016 and published by the authority of said Board according to law, is hereby levied on all the taxable property within said Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois for the Levy Year 2017 being composed of the specific amounts for the various purposes herein before named.

Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois

**ANNUAL TAX LEVY ORDINANCE
FOR THE YEAR COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2017**

**SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND SOURCES THEREOF
ALL FUNDS**

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

| | Amount of Appropriation | Payable From the Tax Levy | Payable From Sources Other Than Tax Levy |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| Corporate | 61,455,389 | 49,812,175 | 11,643,214 |
| Self-Insurance | 7,000,000 | 0 | 7,000,000 |
| Const. & Development | 3,665,625 | 3,750,000 | (84,375) |
| Bond & Interest | 15,848,198 | 11,850,948 | 3,997,250 |
| Bond & Interest Abatement | (1,500,000) | (1,500,000) | 0 |
| Empl. Annuity & Benefit | 3,602,960 | 3,242,300 | 360,660 |
| Zoological | 70,041,766 | 14,884,927 | 55,156,839 |
| Botanic Garden | 36,257,319 | 9,348,070 | 26,909,249 |
| Total | 196,371,257 | 91,388,420 | 104,982,837 |

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

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

17-0013

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent**PROPOSED PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ITEM AMENDMENT****Department:** Resource Management

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County to utilize additional accounts for work assigned with Green Industry job training program, GreenCorps Chicago, focused on ecological restoration and forestry work.

Additional accounts are being added to accommodate departmental work that may be covered under this contract. The contract was originally approved by the Board of Commissioners on 2/18/2014. All other details of the contract remain unchanged.

Contract #13-31-118 consists of a green industry training program called, GeenCorps Chicago. The Preserves received nine (9) proposals for this project. GreenCorps Chicago was determined to have submitted one of the most responsive and responsible proposals.

Item Number: 14-0079**Fiscal Impact:** N/A

Account(s): Intern Program 09-6758, Habitat Restoration 09-6750, Recreation (Landscape Improvements) 51025.560055, 51026.560055, 51009.560055, 51055.560055, 51056.560055, 51057.560055 and Grant Account 51010.560055

District(s): Districtwide**Original Text of Item:****Presented by:** ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent**PROPOSED CONTRACT****Department(s):** Resource Management

Vendor: City of Chicago, Department of Transportation, Chicago, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Green industry job training program, GreenCorps Chicago, focused on ecological restoration and forestry work.

Contract Value: Not to exceed \$1,200,000.00 over three years

Contract period: Date of execution to 12/31/2017

Estimated Fiscal Impact: Not to exceed \$400,000.00 in a fiscal year

Accounts: Intern Program 09-6758, Habitat Restoration 09-6750, Recreation (Landscape Improvements) 51025.560055, 51026.560055, 51009.560055, 51055.560055, 51056.560055, 51057.560055 and Grant Account 51010.560055

Contract Number(s): 13-31-118

Concurrences:

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

The Vendor is in good standing with the State of Illinois.

Summary: Contract 13-31-118 consists of a green industry jobs training program called GreenCorps Chicago. The Preserve received nine (9) proposals for this project. GreenCorps Chicago was determined to have submitted one of the most responsive and responsible proposals submitted.

The Preserves assembled a review panel which consisted of various Preserve staff that considered the City of Chicago, Department of Transportation’s proposal one of the most responsive including particular strengths in experience, expertise and performance capacity as it relates to the work as requested in the proposal. GreenCorps Chicago provides re-entry opportunities and skills to unemployed individuals in landscaping, horticulture, tree care, ecological restoration and prescribed burning. GreenCorps Chicago will undertake assigned ecological restoration and habitat enhancement projects. Additionally, GreenCorps Chicago will work directly with Preserve Resource Management and Trails crews to provide further experience in forestry work and prescribed fire

17-0050

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT**Department(s):** Legal**Vendor:** Acosta Medical Testing Corporation, Oak Lawn, Illinois**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County to extend contract**Good(s) or Service(s):** On-site drug and alcohol testing services.**Original Contract Period:** 11/18/2014-11/30/2015, extended to 11/30/2016**Proposed Contract Period Extension:** 12/1/2016 retroactive - 11/30/2017**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$225,000.00**Original Approval:** 11/18/2014, Not to Exceed \$125,000.00**Previous Increase(s):** 3/22/2016, \$100,000.00**This Increase Requested:** \$50,000.00**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** FY 2017 - \$50,000.00**Accounts:** 51001-520840**Contract Number(s):** 12-45-136CC**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 11/30/2012, the Cook County Board approved contract 12-45-136CC with Acosta Medical Testing Corporation following a Request for Proposal for drug and alcohol testing. On 11/18/2014 the District Board approved the District piggybacking off the County Contract for the same services.

On 11/17/2015 the first of two option years was exercised by the County and on November 16, 2016 the second option year was exercised. The District wishes to continue to use the services of Acosta Medical Testing Corporation for drug and alcohol testing.

17-0051

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Planning & Development

Vendor: Matthew Paving, Inc., Oak Lawn, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Trail Crossing Improvements on the Salt Creek Bicycle Trail, North Branch Bicycle Trail, and Tinley Creek Bicycle Trail

Original Contract Period: One hundred ninety (190) days from Notice to Proceed (8/10/2016 - 2/16/2017)

Proposed Contract Period Extension: One hundred fifty (150) day extension from (2/17/2017 - 7/17/2017)

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$448,830.00

Original Approval: 5/10/16, \$448,830.00

Previous Increase(s): N/A

This Increase Requested: N/A

Estimated Fiscal Impact: None

Accounts: Trail Accounts: 26-6780, 52-6780, 54-6780, 55-6780, 56-6780 and 09-6780.

Contract Number(s): 13-80-02-14C1

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): 6,14, 16 and 17

Summary: Work is roughly 75% complete. A contract extension is required to provide additional time to complete the work at 31st Street and Edgewood Avenue crossing due to the discovery of wetland impacts and the need to obtain a permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

17-0052

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Planning & Development

Vendor: Team REIL, Inc., Union, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Rolling Knolls Site Improvements

Original Contract Period: Two hundred ten (210) days from Notice to Proceed (7/21/2016 - 2/16/2017)

Proposed Contract Period Extension: One hundred fifty (150) day extension from (2/17/2017 - 7/17/2017)

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$546,021.90

Original Approval: 2/11/2015, \$546,021.90

Previous Increase(s): N/A

This Increase Requested: N/A

Estimated Fiscal Impact: None

Accounts: Recreation Landscape Accounts 25-6760, 51-6760, 52-6760, 54-6760 & future 55-6760

Contract Number(s): 13-80-02-16C1

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: Work is roughly 70% complete. A contract extension is required to provide additional time to complete the outdoor site work due to early winter conditions

17-0037

Presented by: Shelly A. Banks, C.P.A, County Auditor

REPORT

Department: Office of the County Auditor

Request: Refer to Audit Committee

Report Title: Central Warehouse Inventory Audit of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County

Report Period: January 2017

Summary: The purpose of the audit was to evaluate the effectiveness of the internal controls in place to ensure proper safeguarding, tracking and usage of inventory.

17-0047

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Finance and Administration

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Procurements and Disbursements Report

Report Period: 12/1/2016 - 12/31/2016

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

Ordinances.

17-0049

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED MISCELLANEOUS ITEM OF BUSINESS

Department: Conservation and Experiential Programming

Summary: Forest Preserves of Cook County Calendar - 2/7/2017 - 3/11/2017

Wednesday; 2/8; 2:30 - 6 pm

Snowy Scavenger Hunt, Rolling Knolls Pavilion, 11N260 Rohrssen Rd, Elgin

Let's go on a scavenger hunt! Make some interesting winter observations as you hike through the woods. Record your findings as you go. Dress for the weather. Come any time between 2:30 pm and 6 pm.

Saturday - Sunday, 2/11-2/12; 6:30pm & 11:00am

Valentine's Dinner & Brunch, Chicago Zoological Society/Brookfield Zoo, Brookfield

Celebrate Valentine's Day in a unique way with a cocktail reception and dinner or champagne brunch at Brookfield Zoo. For reservations, visit

<https://www.czs.org/Brookfield-ZOO/Events/Upcoming-Events>.

Saturday, 2/11 - Sunday, 3/26; 10 am - 4 pm

The Orchid Show; Regenstein Center, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe

More than 10,000 orchids will fill the Galleries and Greenhouses of the Regenstein Center, interspersed with displays that provide little-known facts about this fascinating plant. This year's Show, "Orchids in Vogue" looks at the influence orchids have had on popular culture - in fashion, media, connoisseurship, design, and more. Fee applies.

Saturday, 2/11; Noon - 4 pm

Winter Exploration Days, Thatcher Woods Pavilion, 8030 W Chicago, Ave, River Forest

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.

Saturday, 2/11; 1 - 3 pm

Conservation@Home: Building a Bird Garden, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

University of Illinois Extension Master Naturalists will share their experience of designing, planting and caring for two gardens built for the birds.

Sunday, 2/12; 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Freeze Day, Chicago Zoological Society/Brookfield Zoo, Brookfield

Enjoy free admission to the Zoo and join the Green Valley Dog Drivers for dogsled demonstrations, sled

runs, and other winter animal fun.

Sunday, 2/12; 1 pm

Warm Hearts Hike, Trailside Museum of Natural History, River Forest

Join us for an adults-only winter nature walk through Thatcher Woods, as we discuss love in the animal world! Adult program. Register by 2/11.

Sunday, 2/12; 2 pm

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

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. Check the Garden's webpage for any last-minute weather updates. Free.

Sunday, 2/19; 1 pm

Winter Survival and Spring Arrival, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills

Join a naturalist to learn how animals survive our harsh winters and prepare for the spring season.

Saturday, 2/25; Noon - 4 pm

Winter Exploration Days, Rolling Knolls, 11N260 Rohrssen Rd, Elgin

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Friday, 2/17; 5 - 6 pm

Winter Sunset Stroll, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Join us for a leisurely walk to see what surprises Mother Nature may have in store. Dress for the weather and be prepared for a one-hour hike. Register by 2/15.

Saturday, 2/18; 9 am - 3 pm

Birch Leggings and the Birkie, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

How did an infant prince from the 12th century inspire the world's most famous Nordic ski race? Learn the history of the Birkebeiner Ski Race and how it became "the greatest show on the snow." Ski with wood skis and wool knickers or dress like a Viking and win a prize! Event will take place if ski trails are open.

Sunday, 2/19; 1:30 pm

Snowshoe Hike. Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs

Learn how to use snowshoes as we explore the wonderful winter world outside. Requires a minimum 4" snow base. Registration required. Ages 8 & up. Limit 15.

Saturday & Sunday, 3/4 - 3/5; 1:30 pm

Sap's Rising, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Walk in the sugar maple forest as winter comes to an end and learn about the sweet history of

maple syrup making.

Saturday, 3/4; 10 am - Noon

Art in Your Garden, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs

Hypertufa will be our medium to create unique pieces of art for your garden.

Registration Required. Adults Only. Limit 15. \$10 per person

Saturday, 3/4; 10:30 am

Conservation@Home: Easy Care Natives, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Join University of Illinois Extension Master Gardeners for a program on incorporating native plants in your home landscape. As a result, you will achieve beauty and provide habitat for native pollinators and wildlife.

Sunday, 3/5; 1 pm

Sun Gazing, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills

Stop on by and learn about our nearest star, and take a look with our filtered telescope.

Sunday, 3/5; 1 pm

“Bone Appétit”, Trailside Museum of Natural History, River Forest

Join us during feeding time to learn about Trailside’s outdoor resident animals. *Family program.*

Now Through 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.

Wednesday and Friday, 3/8 and 3/10; 9 - 11 am

Screen Break Family Drop-in Program; Learning Center, Classroom 10, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe

Stop by for hands-on, nature-themed fun. Activities are geared toward children ages 2 to 5 with a caregiver. This program is offered in collaboration with the Winnetka Alliance for Early Childhood’s ScreenBreak. Free; no registration is required. Parking is free for those families with a ScreenBreak button, wristband, or card.

Saturday, 3/11; 11 am

One Earth Film Festival, Trailside Museum of Natural History, River Forest

Join us for a free showing of the Emmy Award winning Forest Preserves of Cook County film

“Chicago’s *True Nature*” at Thatcher Pavilion, 8030, Chicago Ave. Meet some of our featured animals afterwards. *For festival details, visit www.oneearthfilmfest.org <<http://www.oneearthfilmfest.org>>*

COMMITTEE ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

RULES COMMITTEE MEETING OF 2/7/2017

17-0061 JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS meeting held on 1/17/2017

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING OF 2/7/2017

17-0055 RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (LITIGATION)

Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Litigation -01/17/2017

17-0048 PROPOSED DISBURSEMENT Speedy Gonzales Landscaping, Chicago, Illinois

17-0046 REPORT Corporate Fund Analysis of Revenue and Expense 12/1/2016 - 12/31/2016
