



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

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

**BOARD AGENDA**

**Tuesday, February 25, 2020, 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****20-0152**

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

**PROPOSED APPOINTMENT**

**Appointee(s):** Lisa I. Lee

**Position:** Chief Attorney

**Department/Board/Commission:** Legal Department

**Effective date:** Immediately

**Expiration date:** N/A

**Summary:** Pursuant to Section 1-6-9 (Personnel Provisions) of the Forest Preserves of Cook County Code of Ordinances, Ms. Lisa I. Lee is hereby appointed to the position of Chief Attorney of the Forest Preserves of Cook County.

Ms. Lee received her bachelor's degree in Speech and Language Pathology from Northwestern University and later received her Juris Doctor Degree from the University of Chicago Law School.

Ms. Lee has held various positions in the legal field, including Deputy Chief Attorney and Assistant to the General Superintendent for Labor Matters for the Forest Preserves of Cook County. She has also worked as in-house counsel for two pharmaceutical companies.

This appointment is submitted for your approval.

**OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT**

[20-0151](#)

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

**PROPOSED MISCELLANEOUS ITEM OF BUSINESS**

**Department:** Office of the General Superintendent

**Summary:** The Adler Planetarium (“Adler”) is dedicated to connecting students and volunteers and the public to hands-on science, engineering and community engagement. As part of its mission, over the last two years Adler has worked with dozens of teen program participants in advancing our understanding of the impact of light pollution in our communities. Students have helped to design, build and use GONets - instruments used to monitor light pollution in the field.

Working with the Forest Preserves of Cook County, Adler teams are pursuing the idea of applying for an International Dark-Sky Association Urban Dark Sky Place designation for the area surrounding Little Red Schoolhouse. Adler staff are excited about the opportunity to engage students in making a change through science with the potential to help expand the offerings of the Forest Preserves to their community.

**District(s):** 17

**20-0007**

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

**PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT**

**Department:** Department of Planning and Development

**Other Part(ies):** Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways

**Request:** Authority for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement (“IGA”) with the Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways (“CCDOTH”)

**Goods or Services:** CCDOTH is proposing to transfer a portion of new motor fuel tax funds provided through the Rebuild Illinois capital bill for various Forest Preserves transportation improvements

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

**Agreement Period:** Six (6) years from full execution

**Fiscal Impact:** Revenue Generating - up to \$25 million in reimbursement anticipated

**Accounts:** N/A

**District(s):** Districtwide

**Summary:** CCDOTH is proposing to transfer up to \$25 million in new motor fuel tax funding provided through the Rebuild Illinois capital bill to address transportation improvement needs identified in the Forest Preserves' 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan. Transportation improvements would include, but not be limited to, engineering (preliminary, design and construction), resurfacing or repaving, ADA improvements and pedestrian safety improvements. The IGA includes a pre-approval process for submission of Forest Preserves' projects for reimbursement. The Forest Preserves would use the funds to hire engineering consultants and contractors to perform the work.

[20-0114](#)

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

#### **PROPOSED GRANT AWARD**

**Department:** Department of Conservation and Experiential Programming

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

**Grantor:** Illinois Department of Natural Resources

**Request:** Authorization to accept grant

**Purpose:** Authorization is sought for the Forest Preserves to accept, and enter into a related subrecipient agreement in connection with, an \$100,000.00 federal grant through the Coastal Management Program (CMP) from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to support development of a Conservation and Youth Outdoor Ambassador crew at Beaubien Woods located in the City of Chicago.

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

**Grant Period:** 2/26/2020 - 10/31/2021

**Fiscal Impact:** Not to Exceed \$102,380.00 (\$90,380.00 in-kind match plus \$12,000.00 in anticipated additional grant funds)

**Accounts:** Beaubien Woods Conservation and Youth Outdoor Ambassador Grant, 51010.521313

**Concurrences:**

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

**District(s):** 4, 5

**Summary:** The Forest Preserves will work with Friends of the Forest Preserves which will hire teens, ages 14-19, from the surrounding residential communities, to engage in a paid employment program that focuses on leading education and recreational activities which highlight the unique ecological assets of Beaubien Woods and the Calumet River. The total program cost is \$202,380.00.

[20-0134](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, 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

**Purpose:** To restore and enhance 118 acres of coastal wetlands at Burnham Prairie Nature Preserve and Eggers Grove in the Calumet region with partial funding from an IDNR Coastal Management Program grant of \$50,000.00

**Grant Amount:** \$50,000.00

**Grant Period:** 2/25/2020 - 4/30/2022

**Fiscal Impact:** Not to Exceed \$50,500.00 match

**Accounts:** Professional Services 51058.520830, 51051.520830, 51028.520830 and all future Professional Services; Special or Co-op Programs 51058.521313, 51051.521313, 51028.521313 and all future Special or Co-op Programs; Grant and Mitigation 51010.521444

**Concurrences:**

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

**District(s):** 4

**Summary:** The Forest Preserves has been awarded a \$50,000.00 federal grant through the Coastal Management Program from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to support the ecological restoration of 118 acres of coastal wetlands at Burnham Prairie Nature Preserve and Eggers Grove in the Calumet region. Restoration activities will include invasive species control on 78 acres at Burnham Prairie Nature Preserve, and 40 acres of large-scale wetland plug planting at Eggers Grove. The project will also include efforts to foster connections between neighboring communities and the preserves through a series of bird walks led by Audubon Great Lakes' Wild Indigo Nature Exploration Program. The grant award requires the execution of a subrecipient agreement with the IDNR.

Total project costs are \$100,500.00, of which the Forest Preserves are providing \$50,500.00 in direct match.

[20-0113](#)

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

**REQUEST APPROVAL TO EXERCISE CONTRACT RENEWAL OPTION**

**Department(s):** Department of Landscape Maintenance

**Vendor:** Lakeshore Recycling Systems, Chicago, Illinois

**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") to exercise the second of two (2) one-year extension options and to increase the Lakeshore Recycling Systems contract

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Provide Refuse Disposal Sites for Region 1 (South/Southwest Region) which consists of Calumet, Tinley Creek, and Palos Divisions

**Original Contract Period:** 3/1/2016 - 2/28/2019; Board Approved Extension 3/1/2019 - 2/28/2020

**Proposed Contract Period Extension:** 2/29/2020 - 2/28/2021

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$136,000.00 for forty-eight (48) months

**Original Approval:** 2/9/2016, \$100,000.00

**Previous Increase(s):** \$36,000.00

**This Increase Requested:** \$36,000.00

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** FY 2020 \$30,000.00, FY 2021 \$6,000.00

**Accounts:** Refuse Disposal 51001.520050

**Contract Number(s):** 15-52-205 (R)

**Concurrences:**

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

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

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

**Summary:** The Landscape Maintenance department is requesting a second extension of contract for one (1) year for refuse disposal sites for Region 1 (South/Southwest) which consists of Calumet, Tinley Creek, and Palos Divisions. During this extension, the price will increase from \$44.80 to \$46.36 per ton. The Forest Preserves will post a new Request for Proposals for a new contract in 2020.

[20-0115](#)

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

**REQUEST APPROVAL TO EXERCISE CONTRACT RENEWAL OPTION**

**Department(s):** Department of Landscape Maintenance

**Vendor:** Lakeshore Recycling Systems, Chicago, Illinois

**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to exercise the second of two (2) one-year extension options and to increase the Lakeshore Recycling Systems contract

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Provide Refuse Disposal Sites for Region 2 (Central Region), Salt Creek and Indian Boundary Divisions

**Original Contract Period:** 3/1/2016 - 2/28/2019; Board Approved Extension 3/1/2019 - 2/28/2020

**Proposed Contract Period Extension:** 2/29/2020 - 2/28/2021

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$136,000.00 for forty-eight (48) months

**Original Approval:** 2/9/2016, \$100,000.00

**Previous Increase(s):** \$36,000.00

**This Increase Requested:** \$36,000.00

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** FY 2020 \$30,000.00, FY 2021 \$6,000.00

**Accounts:** Refuse Disposal 51001.520050

**Contract Number(s):** 15-52-206 (R)

**Concurrences:**

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

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

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

**Summary:** The Department of Landscape Maintenance is requesting a second extension of contract for



one (1) year for refuse disposal sites for Region 2 (Central Region) which consists of the Salt Creek and Indian Boundary Divisions. During this extension, the price will increase from \$44.80 to \$46.36 per ton. The Forest Preserves will post a new Request for Proposals for a new contract in 2020.

[20-0116](#)

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

**REQUEST APPROVAL TO EXERCISE CONTRACT RENEWAL OPTION**

**Department(s):** Department of Landscape Maintenance

**Vendor:** Groot Industries, Inc., Elk Grove, Illinois

**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") to exercise the second of two (2) one-year extension options and to increase the Groot Industries, Inc. contract

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Provide Refuse Disposal Sites for Region 3 (North/Northwest Region), North Branch and Northwest Divisions

**Original Contract Period:** 3/1/2016 - 2/28/2019; Board Approved Extension 3/1/2019 - 2/28/2020

**Proposed Contract Period Extension:** 2/29/2020 - 2/28/2021

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$123,000.00 for forty-eight (48) months

**Original Approval:** 2/9/2016, \$90,000.00

**Previous Increase(s):** \$33,000.00

**This Increase Requested:** \$33,000.00

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** FY 2020 \$28,500.00, FY 2021 \$4,500.00

**Accounts:** Refuse Disposal 51001.520050

**Contract Number(s):** 15-52-207 (R)

**Concurrences:**

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

The Vendor has met the Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Ordinance via full MWBE waiver, approved by the Cook County Waiver Committee.

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

**Summary:** The Landscape Maintenance department is requesting an extension of contract for one (1) year for refuse disposal sites for Region 3 (North/Northwest Region) which consists of the North Branch and Northwest Divisions. During this extension, the price will increase from \$48.89 to \$49.86 per ton. The Forest Preserves will post a new Request for Proposals for a new contract in 2020.

[20-0117](#)

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

**REQUEST APPROVAL TO EXERCISE CONTRACT RENEWAL OPTION**

**Department(s):** Department of Landscape Maintenance

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

**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") to exercise the second of two (2) one-year extension options and to increase the Allied Waste Transportation, Inc. contract

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Provide Refuse Disposal Sites for Region 4 (Southeast Region), Thorn Creek Division

**Original Contract Period:** 3/1/2016 - 2/28/2019; Board Approved Extension 3/1/2019 - 2/28/2020

**Proposed Contract Period Extension:** 2/29/2020 - 2/28/2021

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$71,000.00 for forty-eight (48) months

**Original Approval:** 2/9/2016, \$52,000.00

**Previous Increase(s):** \$19,000.00

**This Increase Requested:** \$19,000.00

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** FY 2020 \$15,800.00, FY 2021 \$3,200.00

**Accounts:** Refuse Disposal 51001.520050

**Contract Number(s):** 15-52-208 (R)

**Concurrences:**

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

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

**District(s):** 4, 5, 6

**Summary:** The Landscape Maintenance department is requesting a second extension of contract for one (1) year for refuse disposal sites for Region 4 (Southeast Region) which consists of the Thorn Creek Division. During this extension, the price will increase from \$51.78 to \$53.07 per ton. The Forest Preserves will post a new Request for Proposals for a new contract in 2020.

[20-0123](#)

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

**PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT AMENDMENT**

**Department:** Department of Planning and Development

**Other Part(ies):** Illinois Department of Natural Resources (“IDNR”)

**Request:** Authorization to amend an existing Intergovernmental Agreement (“IGA”)

**Goods or Services:** For removal of certain dams on the Des Plaines River and North Branch of the Chicago River

**Agreement Number:** Amendment #3 to OWR-292

**Agreement Period:** 10/23/2013 - 6/30/2016; Amendment #1 1/9/2015 - 6/30/2016; IGA suspended by IDNR effective 6/30/2015; Amendment #2 7/1/2016 - 6/30/2020; Proposed Extension Period for Amendment #3 - 7/1/2020 to 6/30/2024

**Fiscal Impact:** Not to exceed \$1,100,000.00 (fully reimbursable by IDNR to the Forest Preserves)

**Accounts:** Professional Services 51010.520835; Special or Co-op Programs 51010.521314

**District(s):** Districtwide

**Summary:** This IGA was originally approved by the Board of Commissioners on 7/16/2013 for the removal of seven (7) dams on the Des Plaines River and North Branch of the Chicago River. Amendment #1 of this IGA was approved by the Board of Commissioners on 12/16/2014. IDNR provided an initial advance of \$500,000.00 in May 2015, which allowed removal of two (2) of the seven (7) dams. IDNR removed another two (2) of the seven (7) dams with their construction crew at no cost to the Forest Preserves. IDNR suspended this IGA effective 6/30/2015. On 3/9/2017 Amendment #2 of this IGA was retroactively approved by the Board of Commissioners to allow the project to continue in the event funding was restored. IDNR's funding has recently been restored and IDNR recommends an extension of this IGA until 6/30/2024 to allow time for the removal of the remaining dams. Final amendment is subject to legal review and approval.

[20-0118](#)

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

#### **PROPOSED LICENSE REQUEST**

**Request:** Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves"), as Licensor to grant a License to Commonwealth Edison Company ("ComEd"), Grantee, to locate, operate and maintain two (2) utility poles and 730 linear feet of underground electric conduit along the south side of Chicago Heights Glenwood Road in Glenwood Woods. The underground conduit will replace an existing overhead line on the north side of the road that needs to be moved to accommodate a road reconstruction project. Installing the line underground eliminates the need for tree removal and minimizes impact to the Forest Preserves.

**Term:** Ten (10) Years

**License Fee:** \$21,618.46

**License Application Fee:** \$1,500.00

**License Review Fees:** \$4,000.00

**YELAR Fee:** \$6,450.00

Total one-time upfront fee of \$33,568.46 for the term of the License

(Sec. 5-2A-4 and 5-2B-4)

**Tree Mitigation Fee:** None

**The area of the License is:** 0.251 Acre

**Concurrence(s):**

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

Grantee has met the insurance requirements under the License Agreement.

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

**District(s):** 6

[20-0119](#)

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

**PROPOSED LICENSE REQUEST**

**Request:** Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”), as Licensor to grant a License to Commonwealth Edison Company (“ComEd”), Grantee, to locate, operate and maintain 900 linear feet of overhead electric line along Western Avenue north of Sauk Trail at Sauk Trail Woods. The new line will increase reliability and reduce restoration time for one of the major distribution lines in the area. The line will be installed along the existing right of way line of Western Avenue to reduce impact to the Forest Preserves. One (1) tree outside of the right of way is proposed for removal. ComEd has also agreed to pay Construction Access Permit fees for work performed before the start of the license agreement.

**Term:** Ten (10) Years

**License Fee:** \$26,652.89

**License Application Fee:** \$1,500.00

**License Review Fees:** \$5,000.00

**YELAR Fee:** \$6,450.00

Total one-time upfront fee of \$39,602.89 for the term of the License  
(Sec. 5-2A-4 and 5-2B-4)

**Tree Mitigation Fee:** \$2,474.31

**The area of the License is:** 0.310 Acre

**Concurrence(s):**

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

Grantee has met the insurance requirements under the License Agreement.

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

**District(s):** 6

[20-0120](#)

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

**PROPOSED LICENSE REQUEST**

**Request:** Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”), as Licensor to grant a License to Commonwealth Edison Company (“ComEd”), Grantee, to locate, operate and maintain 10,500 linear feet of underground and overhead electric lines, poles and equipment along Bateman Road from Algonquin Road south to Penny Road at the Spring Creek Preserves. The project is proposed to improve reliability and resiliency services to the surrounding communities, to minimize outages and more quickly identify outages and restore power. The existing 6,800 linear feet of overhead lines and infrastructure has no known license, the new license will include the existing line. An additional 3,700 linear feet will be added underground by directional bore to minimize impact to the Forest Preserves.

**Term:** Ten (10) Years

**License Fee:** \$310,950.41

**License Application Fee:** \$1,500.00

**License Review Fees:** \$20,000.00

**YELAR Fee:** \$6,450.00

Total one-time upfront fee of \$338,900.41 for the term of the License  
(Sec. 5-2A-4 and 5-2B-4)

**Tree Mitigation Fee:** None

**The area of the License is:** 3.616 Acres

**Concurrence(s):**

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

Grantee has met the insurance requirements under the License Agreement.

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

**District(s):** 15

[20-0121](#)

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

**PROPOSED LICENSE REQUEST**

**Request:** Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”), as Licensor to grant a License to Commonwealth Edison Company (“ComEd”), Grantee, to locate, operate and maintain a replacement H-Frame utility pole for electric transmission line adjacent to the Des Plaines River, south of 47th Street and north of the railroad tracks in Ottawa Trail Woods. ComEd needs to relocate the pole as it does not meet current federal standards, which were not in place when originally installed. To minimize impact on Forest Preserve property, ComEd is looking to relocate the pole the minimum distance required by the new federal standards. The license request includes access to the pole adjacent to the BNSF railroad.

**Term:** Ten (10) Years

**License Fee:** \$44,602.73

**License Application Fee:** \$1,500.00

**License Review Fees:** \$6,000.00

**YELAR Fee:** \$6,450.00

Total one-time upfront fee of \$58,552.73 for the term of the License  
(Sec. 5-2A-4 and 5-2B-4)

**Tree Mitigation Fee:** None

**The area of the License is:** 0.519 Acre

**Concurrence(s):**

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

Grantee has met the insurance requirements under the License Agreement.

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

**District(s):** 16

[20-0135](#)

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

**PROPOSED WETLAND MITIGATION CONTRACT**

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

**Vendor:** First Indiana Resource, LLC, Bellaire, Texas

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Agreement to develop, manage and maintain a wetland mitigation bank at the Paul Douglas Preserve in Hoffman Estates and to grant easement, deed restriction, or similar instrument.

**Contract Value:** N/A

**Contract period:** 2/25/2020 - 2/23/2025



**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** Not to exceed \$10,000.00 in miscellaneous real estate fees, such as closing costs.

**Accounts:** Professional Services 51058.520830, 51051.520830, 51028.520830 and all future professional services accounts; Special or Co-op Programs 51058.521313, 51051.521313, 51028.521313 and all future special or co-op program accounts

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

**Concurrences:**

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

**District(s):** 15

**Summary:** First Indiana Resource, LLC (“First Indiana”) is a subsidiary of Resource Environmental Solutions, which is an ecological restoration and water resource solutions company that partners with government agencies and other landowners to match restoration needs with mitigation needs. The project will provide a restoration of wetlands that will benefit wildlife and restore native vegetation to a degraded portion of the preserve. Project design will require approval by the Forest Preserves. The Forest Preserves will assume management of the project at the end of the five (5) year period. To accomplish the above, the Forest Preserves will grant an easement, declaration of restrictive covenants, deed restriction or similar instrument in favor of First Indiana or another designated party.

Previously, the Forest Preserves entered into a partnership agreement with Resource Environmental Solutions pursuant to board approval 19-0296. The Forest Preserves will terminate the existing partnership agreement in favor of the proposed Wetland Mitigation Contract. Final agreement is subject to legal review and approval.

[20-0140](#)

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

**PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT**

**Department:** Department of Planning and Development

**Other Part(ies):** Village of Morton Grove, Illinois

**Request:** Authority for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement (“IGA”) with the Village of Morton Grove, Illinois (“Morton Grove”).

**Goods or Services:** Morton Grove is requesting an IGA to provide a connection to the North Branch Trail in Miami Woods, extending from a new commercial development including a fitness center. The trail follows the line of the recently granted storm sewer license (agenda item 19-0400) and has long been used as an informal trail connection.

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

**Agreement Period:** Perpetual, subject to termination after twenty (20) years

**Fiscal Impact:** None

**License Fee:** \$3,257.58 (waived)

**License Application Fee:** \$3,500.00 (waived)

**YELAR Fee:** \$6,450.00 (waived)

**Tree Mitigation Fee:** None

**Accounts:** N/A

**District(s):** 13

**Summary:** The Forest Preserves operates and maintains the North Branch Bicycle Trail in Northern Cook County. Morton Grove proposes to construct a trail connection to connect residents and businesses to the trail. Morton Grove will be responsible for design, construction and future maintenance costs associated with the project. No trees are proposed to be removed. The license fee, license application fee, and the YELAR fee will be waived, per the usual practice for trail connection project requests from municipalities. There is no cost to the Forest Preserves. The IGA constitutes a license for Morton Grove to construct and maintain the trail in perpetuity, subject to termination by the Forest Preserves after twenty (20) years. Final agreement is subject to legal review and approval.

[20-0136](#)

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

#### **PROPOSED CONTRACT**

**Department(s):** Department of Finance and Administration

**Vendor:** Cellco Partnership D/B/A Verizon Wireless, Annapolis Junction, Maryland

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Mobile Telecommunication Services

**Contract Value:** \$1,000,000.00

**Contract period:** 1/1/2020, retroactive - 10/14/2024, with two (2) one-year renewal options

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** FY 2020 \$200,000.00, FY 2021 \$200,000.00, FY 2022 \$200,000.00, FY 2023 \$200,000.00, FY 2024 \$200,000.00

**Accounts:** Communication Services 51001.520150

**Contract Number(s):** 74000007479 (Cook County contract #1790-16928)

**Concurrences:**

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

Cook County determined a participation goal of zero for Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprises.

**District(s):** Districtwide

**Summary:** On 10/24/2019, the Cook County Board of Commissioners approved a contract for Mobile Telecommunications Services with Cellco Partnership D/B/A Verizon Wireless (the “County Contract”). The Forest Preserves is requesting authorization to piggyback off the County Contract. Mobile telecommunication services are used to conduct business of the Forest Preserves. All Departments utilize telecommunication services for cellular phone communication, cellular transmission of data, texting, and email. This agreement includes improved services and reduced cell phone rates which will save the Forest Preserves approximately \$16,100.00 annually.

[20-0142](#)

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

**PROPOSED CONTRACT**

**Department(s):** Department of Conservation and Experiential Programming

**Vendor:** Chicago Botanic Garden, Glenview, Illinois

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Agreement for the purchase of ancillary goods and services in connection with joint initiatives

**Contract Value:** \$50,000.00

**Contract period:** 2/25/2020 - 12/31/2022, with two (2) one-year renewals to be exercised at the discretion of the General Superintendent

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** FY 2020 \$10,000.00, FY 2021 \$10,000.00, FY 2022 \$10,000.00, FY 2023 \$10,000.00, FY 2024 \$10,000.00

**Accounts:** Special Events 51001.520635; Supplies and Materials - NOC 51001.530252; Advertising and Promotion 51001.520635; Special or Coop Programs 51001.521441; Training 51001.501806; Other Materials 51001.531900

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

**Concurrences:**

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

**District(s):** Districtwide

**Summary:** The Department of Conservation and Experiential Programming works with the Chicago Botanic Garden on several initiatives, including and without limitation, Bud Burst, Conservation@Home, and Nature Play. Occasionally, there are costs associated with these initiatives that the Forest Preserves would like to cover through payment to the Chicago Botanic Garden. Some examples include but are not limited to plant material, conference fees, professional development and catering fees.

[20-0122](#)

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

**PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

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

**Vendor:** Recreational Equipment Inc. (“REI”), Chicago, Illinois

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

extend contract

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Outdoor recreation and outdoor activity classes

**Original Contract Period:** 7/12/2016 - 12/31/2017; on 11/14/2017 term extended to 12/31/2020

**Proposed Contract Period Extension:** 1/1/2021 - 12/31/2022; with three (3) one-year extension options to be exercised at the discretion of the General Superintendent.

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** N/A

**Original Approval:** 7/12/2016

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

**This Increase Requested:** N/A

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** \$4,000.00 per year (Revenue Generating)

**Accounts:** N/A

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

**Concurrences:**

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

**District(s):** Districtwide

**Summary:** The Forest Preserves would like to continue its collaborative partnership with Recreational Equipment Inc. ("REI") for the purposes of providing outdoor recreation and outdoor classes to REI's participants, as well as educating the public with nature-based activities. For all classes conducted on the Forest Preserves' property, REI will continue to compensate the Forest Preserves with 20% of all registration fees collected from its participants in lieu of paying permit fees. This amendment will extend the agreement and allow REI to have a trailer/storage container on site at the Saganashkee Slough Boat Launch to store equipment used by course participants for recreational programming. Final amendment is subject to legal review and approval.

[20-0143](#)

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

**PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

**Department(s):** Legal Department

**Vendor:** Municipal Code Corporation d/b/a Municode, Tallahassee, Florida

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Web Hosting and Support Services

**Original Contract Period:** 2/1/2017 - 1/31/2020, with a one-year renewal option

**Proposed Contract Period Extension:** 2/1/2020, retroactive - 1/31/2021

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$7,665.16

**Original Approval:** N/A

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

**This Increase Requested:** Not to Exceed \$15,000.00

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** FY 2020 \$13,750.00, FY 2021 \$1,250.00

**Accounts:** Dues and Subscriptions 51001.501795

**Contract Number(s):** 1690-15641

**Concurrences:**

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

MWBE participation goals are not applicable as annual contract value is below \$25,000.

**District(s):** Districtwide

**Summary:** On 2/21/2017, Cook County entered into a contract with Municipal Code Corporation for Web Hosting and Support Services to be provided to Cook County and the Forest Preserves. On 12/27/2019, Cook County executed its one-year renewal option. The Forest Preserves would like to continue to purchase services under the contract.

[20-0139](#)

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

## **REPORT**

**Department:** Department of Finance and Administration

**Request:** Receive and File

**Report Title:** Procurement and Disbursements Report

**Report Period:** 12/1/2019 - 12/31/2019

**Summary:** Submitting the Procurement and Disbursements Report for the period of December 2019. The report is to be received and filed in compliance with Section 1-8-2 (BB) of the District's Code of Ordinances.

[20-0019](#)

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

## **PROPOSED MISCELLANEOUS ITEM OF BUSINESS**

**Department:** Department of Conservation and Experiential Programming

**Programming Good(s) or Service(s):** Programming Partnerships

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

**Accounts:** Special Events 51001.520635; Community Trust Grant 51010.520835; Teen Programming Grant 51010.521443; Supplies and Material 51001.531905

**Summary:** The Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") requests authorization for the General Superintendent or a designee to have discretionary spending up to \$100,000.00 through the remainder of 2020 to support educational, recreational and community engagement program services with a variety of program partners, including, but not limited to, artists, arts groups, youth development groups, program trainers, curriculum development facilitators, and cultural groups. These program partners would

be selected through the Forest Preserves' Event and Program Partnership application. This Event and Program Partnership application has been widely marketed through various Forest Preserves avenues including the Winter Brochure, and a rack card in English and Spanish. Future outreach will include social media ads. Program partners could be selected for one (1) event or a series of events; but would not be engaged for periods of more than one (1) year. Individual contract payment amounts would not exceed \$5,000.00. The program partnerships would be proposed or vetted by the Forest Preserves' Conservation and Experiential Programming team and selected based on community involvement; ability to provide the service; ability to bring a unique program concept to the Forest Preserves; ability and interest to connect with the Forest Preserves' mission and vision; ability to support Forest Preserves' grant programs; price; and ability to bring a new audience to the Forest Preserves. This program strategy complements the goals of the Next Century Conservation Plan, to connect more people with nature and to make the Forest Preserves more welcoming and accessible.

**Concurrences:** The Chief Financial Officer and Interim Chief Attorney have approved this item.

**District(s):** Districtwide

[20-0141](#)

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

#### **PROPOSED MISCELLANEOUS ITEM OF BUSINESS**

**Department:** Office of the General Superintendent

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Advertising and Promotional Services

**Fiscal Impact:** \$150,000.00

**Accounts:** Advertising and Promotional Services 51001.520610

**Summary:** The Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") is requesting authorization for the General Superintendent or a designee to have discretionary spending up to \$150,000.00 through the remainder of 2020 for advertising and promotional services with a variety of media vendors to promote and showcase the amenities, programs and natural areas of the Forest Preserves. The media vendors would be engaged for periods less than one year.

Media purchases would align with the 2020 communications goals of the Forest Preserves, which include focused outreach to communities and populations in Cook County that have been historically



underrepresented in use of and connection to the Forest Preserves. The advertising and promotional spending packages would be suggested by the Forest Preserves' Communications Division as part of an integrated marketing plan of electronic, print, broadcast and out-of-home (billboard) advertising and vetted based on the desired audience, frequency, reach and budget offered by local media. The marketing strategy also complements the short and long-term goals of the Next Century Conservation Plan, as well as other short and long-term goals of the Forest Preserves.

**Concurrences:**

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

**District(s):** Districtwide

[20-0137](#)

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

**PROPOSED CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Department:** Conservation and Experiential Programming

**Summary:** Forest Preserves of Cook County Calendar- 2/25/2020 - 3/24/2020

**Birdhouse Building Contest, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Build a creative, functional birdhouse. We will hang it up at Trailside where visitors will vote on their favorite. Entries accepted 3/1 through 5/22. Visit [fpdcc.com/birdhouse-contest](http://fpdcc.com/birdhouse-contest) for more details.

**Saturday, 2/29; 10am - 1pm**

**Winter Watercolors, Mathew Bieszczat Volunteer Resource Center, Chicago**

Join us for a winter art workshop as we explore the beauty of nature through watercolor painting. Materials provided. *All ages.*

**Saturdays and Sundays, 2/29 - 3/14; 1:30pm**

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

Walk in the sugar maple forest to learn about the sweet process of maple syrup making.

**Thursday, 3/5; 10:30am - 12:30pm**

**Nature Play Date, Dan Ryan Woods, Chicago**

Enjoy playing and exploring with natural materials in a new nature play space.

**Saturday, 3/7; 1:30pm**

**Biomimicry: Biology to Design, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs**

Biomimicry means to imitate life. Discover how nature inspires innovation and design. Join a naturalist on an observation hike and creative design session. *Ages 15 and up. Registration required.*

**Sunday, 3/7; 1pm**

**Radio Telemetry, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills**

Learn about radio telemetry, how and why it's used to track animals, and try your hand at using our equipment.

**Sunday, 3/8; 1pm**

**Makin' Music Bluegrass Jam, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Make a simple musical instrument, or bring your own. Play or just listen-all are welcome!

**Thursday, 3/12; 10am - 11am**

**S.E.N.I.O.R.S. Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs**

Are you a senior who wants to stay active and remain a lifelong learner? Nature will inspire a different activity each week. *Seniors only. Registration required.*

**Friday, 3/13; 6pm**

**Creatures of the Night, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Learn about nocturnal animals and go on a night walk to try to see or hear some.

**Saturday, 3/14; 10am - 1pm**

**Conservation@Home: Adding Color to your Garden, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Learn how to personalize a pollinator garden to have vibrant native colors.

**Saturday, 3/14; 11am - 1pm**

**Kick Start your Garden! Camp Reinberg, Palatine**

Learn how to create a sustainable garden using conservation practices and talk to local organizations about native landscaping and gardening. A presentation on Conservation@Home will take place at noon.

**Sunday, 3/15; 11am - 3pm**

**48th Annual 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 syrup samples to taste.

**Wednesday, 3/18; 11am - 2pm**

**Rain date: Thursday, 3/19; 11am - 2pm**

**Celebrate Spring, Cummings Square, River Forest**

Build and play with natural materials. Make a decorative terrarium, paint a bird house, and other activities. *All ages.*

**Friday, 3/20; 6:30pm**

**Woodcock Walk, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills**

Short intro inside, then a walk to observe the male woodcock dance. *Ages 7 and up. Registration required.*

**Friday, 3/20; 6:30pm - 8pm****Spring Equinox Night Hike, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs**

Welcome the arrival of spring with a sunset stroll, bonfire and s'mores. *Registration required.*

**Friday, 3/20; 7pm****Woodcock Walk, Bartel Grassland, Tinley**

Join Chicago Ornithological Society on an evening hike to observe the mating dance of the timberdoodle (American woodcock). Wear appropriate footwear and dress for the weather. *Registration required.*

**Saturday, 3/21; 1:30pm****Wellness in the Woods, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Improve mental and physical health while being active, restful and playful. *See monthly themes on the Forest Preserves website.*

**Saturday, 3/21; 10am****Walk & Talk-Southwest, Orland Grassland, Orland Park**

Get some exercise, meet new people, and learn about your local forest preserves with this series. *Walk and Talk Hikes are under 3.1 miles, have a theme and are slower paced.*

**Saturday, 3/21; 10am****Fitness Hike-South, Joe Orr Woods, Chicago Heights**

Get some exercise, meet new people, and learn about your local forest preserves with this series. *Fitness Hikes are typically over 3.1 miles, offer less information and are at a faster pace.*

**Tuesday, 3/24; 11am - 2pm****Spring Breakout Adventures, Rolling Knolls, Elgin**

In conjunction with Activate Elgin's March into Health, thaw from the winter and recreate! Activities include a biodiversity hike, archery, pond fishing and more.

**Tuesday through Thursday, 3/24 - 3/26; 1pm - 3pm****Spring Break Nature Drop-In Days, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

We provide the fun, you bring the kids to explore nature each day.

**Thursday, 3/25; 11am - 2pm****Spring Break-Out Adventure, Thatcher Woods Pavilion, River Forest**

Youth and families, enjoy time out of school with activities including animal encounters, nature play, crafts, and other fun during this drop-in program.

**COMMITTEE ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION**

**RULES COMMITTEE MEETING OF 2/25/2020**

**20-0156 JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS** regular meeting held on 01/14/2020

**20-0105 PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT** Ordinance Requiring Gender Neutrality In Code Language

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**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING OF 2/25/2020**

**20-0150 RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (LITIGATION)**

Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Litigation – 01/14/2020

**20-0012 PROPOSED ORDINANCE** Ordinance for The Levy Of Taxes For The Year 2020

**20-0138 REPORT** Corporate Fund Analysis of Revenue and Expenditures 1/1/2019 – 12/31/2019

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**REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE MEETING OF 2/25/2020**

**20-0008 PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT**, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (“MWRD”)