



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

Virtual Meeting

BOARD AGENDA

Wednesday, February 24, 2021, 10:00 AM

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Authorization as a virtual public speaker shall only be granted to those individuals who have submitted in writing, their name, email address, phone number, subject matter, and organization (if any) to the Secretary 24 hours in advance of the meeting. Duly authorized virtual public speakers shall be sent a link to virtually attend the meeting and will be called upon to deliver testimony at a time specified in the meeting agenda. Authorized public speakers who are not present during the specified time for public testimony will forfeit their allotted time to speak at the meeting. Public testimony must not exceed three minutes; the Secretary will keep track of the time and advise when the time for public testimony has expired. After each speaker has completed their statement, they will be removed from the meeting. Once removed, you will still be able to follow the proceedings for that day at:

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PRESIDENT

[21-0005](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED SALE OR PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE

Department(s): Legal Department

Other Part(ies): Glenwood Academy (Owner of Record)

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

Description of Real Estate: Portion of Glenwood Academy, 500 West 187th St, Village of Glenwood, Cook County, Illinois

Section: N/A

Parcel(s): Part of PIN 32-04-300-018-0000

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Fiscal Impact: \$125,000.00 plus closing costs up to \$10,000.00 (up to \$135,000.00 in total)

Accounts: Real Estate and Land Acquisition Fund 51006.560010

District(s): 6

Summary: The Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) has identified two parcels of land for acquisition that would add to the Forest Preserves’ current holdings near Glenwood Woods (the “Property”). The Property, commonly known as a portion of Glenwood Academy, Glenwood, Cook County, Illinois, consists of approximately 23.992± acres. The Property contains the confluence of Butterfield Creek and Thorn Creek, and the acquisition would bolster the Forest Preserves holdings near Glenwood Woods.

Through negotiations, the Owner of Record (the “Seller”), has agreed to sell the Property to the Forest Preserves for the sum of ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00/100 (\$125,000.00) plus closing costs up to \$10,000.00 (up to \$135,000.00 in total). The purchase price is based upon two (2) M.A.I. appraisals obtained by the Forest Preserves and is subject to the Forest Preserves’ satisfactory completion of its due diligence.

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

This land acquisition advances the goals of the Next Century Conservation Plan.

[21-0004](#)

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

PROPOSED ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE A FOREST PRESERVE NEAR GLENWOOD WOODS

AN ORDINANCE CREATING A FOREST PRESERVE in part of Section 4, Township 35 North, Range 14, East of the Third Principal Meridian, all in Cook County, Illinois near Glenwood Woods in District 6.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois (the

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

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

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

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

Section 1. That a unified Forest Preserve be and the same is hereby created within the District which shall contain and connect lands now owned and lands to be acquired in substantial accordance with the plat now on file in the office of the General Superintendent of the District, which by reference is hereby made part thereof, and for the purposes of said Forest Preserve and for the carrying out of the statutory purposes more particularly set out in the preamble of this ordinance, it is necessary and desirable for the District to own and it shall acquire property hereinafter described in Section 2 of this ordinance, for the purpose of creating a Forest Preserve and for District uses.

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

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

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

District 6

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

[21-0166](#)

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

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

ORDINANCE EXTENSION

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Title 1 - Administrative, Chapter 8 - District Finances, Section 5 - Minority-and Women-Owned Business Enterprises of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as follows:

1-8-5: - MINORITY- AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES.

1-8-5a: SUBDIVISION I-GENERAL PROVISIONS.

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T. *Review and Sunset.*

1. On or before the sunset date of this Ordinance [subdivision], the District shall review new evidence to determine whether it has a compelling interest in continuing narrowly tailored remedies to redress discrimination against PCEs so that the District will not function as a passive participant in a discriminatory marketplace.
2. This Ordinance [subdivision] shall sunset on or before December 31, 2022. ~~June 30, 2021.~~

1-8-5b: SUBDIVISION II-CONSTRUCTION ORDINANCE.

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P. Program Review and Sunset.

1. The President and the Board of Commissioners shall receive quarterly and annual reports from the CCA detailing the District's performance under the Program.
2. The President and the Board of Commissioners will review these reports, including the Annual Aspirational Goals and the District's progress towards meeting those Goals and eliminating discrimination in its contracting activities and marketplace.
3. Prior to the sunset date of this subdivision, the District will review the operation of the Program and the evidentiary basis for the Program in order to determine whether the District has a continuing compelling interest in remedying discrimination against PCEs in its construction marketplace, and the permissible scope of any narrowly tailored remedies to redress discrimination against PCEs so that the District will not function as a passive participant in a discriminatory marketplace.
4. This subdivision shall sunset on or before December 31, 2022. ~~June 30, 2021.~~

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

COMMISSIONERS

[21-0180](#)

Sponsored by: LARRY SUFFREDIN, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

APPOINTMENTS TO THE CONSERVATION AND POLICY COUNCIL

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Chapter 18 - CONSERVATION AND POLICY COUNCIL, Section 1-18-2: MEMBERS OF THE CONSERVATION COUNCIL, Subsection C, of the Forest Preserve District Code of Cook County is hereby amended as follows:

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7. Prior to confirmation, each candidate for appointment shall submit a statement to the Chairman of the Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee of the Board, attesting that the candidate possesses the qualifications of members as established by Section 1-18-3 of the District's Code of Ordinances. Once appointed, a member shall notify the Board in writing within seven (7) business days of any change in the member's qualifications as set forth in that Section.

8. The statement required by Subsection (C)(7) shall be signed, dated, and substantially in the following form: "I attest that I possess the qualifications of a member of the Conservation and Policy Council of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County as established by Section 1-18-3 of the District's Code of

Ordinances, and agree to notify the Board of Commissioners in writing within seven (7) business days of any change in my qualifications as set forth in that Section.”

~~7. Prior to their confirmation, each candidate for appointment by the President or Board of Commissioners shall submit a notarized, signed affidavit to the Chairman of the Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee of the District Board, that:~~

- ~~a. Is signed by the candidate~~
- ~~b. Is sworn under oath, under penalties of perjury;~~
- ~~c. Is notarized;~~
- ~~d. Attests that the candidate fulfills the requirements set forth under the requisite statute, ordinance, law or regulation that creates the appointment;~~
- ~~e. Attests that the candidate possesses the adequate qualifications and skills.~~

~~8. If there is any change in the information contained in the affidavit after the candidate is appointed, the candidate will notify the President and the District Board in writing within seven (7) business days of the change.~~

Effective date: This ordinance shall be in effect immediately.

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

[21-0165](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Office of the General Superintendent

Request: Approve

Report Title: Position Paper - Scaling Up Volunteers in the Forest Preserves of Cook County

Report Period: N/A

Summary: This position paper by the Conservation and Policy Council of the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Council”) provides guidance related to increasing the number of volunteers throughout Cook

County, engaged in supporting the Forest Preserves mission.

The Next Century Conservation Plan (the “NCCP”) established a goal of restoring 30,000 acres over 25 years. Accomplishment of this inspiring goal well positions the Forest Preserves to address the threats that climate change, biodiversity loss and limited access to nature pose to people’s well-being. To attain the ambitious goal of the NCCP, the Council recommends that the Forest Preserves and its partners invest in the best available strategies to engage, train, inspire and retain dedicated volunteers and, especially, volunteer leaders. The Council also recommends developing a volunteer recruitment strategy consistent with the recommendations of the Racial Equity Diversity and Inclusion position paper (Agenda Item 20-0285).

Upon approval of the position paper by the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners, the Forest Preserves shall take steps to implement the recommendations in the paper.

The Council thanks the following for their assistance developing this paper: Jane Balaban (North Branch Volunteer Steward and position paper committee Co-chair), Wendy Paulson (former Council Chair and position paper committee Co-chair), Sylvia Jenkins (Council Member), Radhika Miraglia (Friends of the Forest Preserves), Daniel Suarez (Audubon Great Lakes), Cathy Geraghty (Forest Preserves), Joanna Huyck (Forest Preserves), and Nicole Pierson (Forest Preserves).

[21-0151](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED MISCELLANEOUS ITEM OF BUSINESS

Department: Department of Resource Management

Summary: Pursuant to Section 9 of the Cook County Forest Preserve District Act (70 ILCS 810/9), the Forest Preserves requests dedication of Somme Prairie Grove as a nature preserve as provided in the Illinois Natural Areas Preservation Act, 525 ILCS 30/1, and requests authority to submit its dedication for registration with the Illinois Nature Preserves Commission (“INPC”).

This dedication contributes to one of the key goals set forward in the Forest Preserves’ Next Century Conservation Plan to dedicate and register 20,000 acres with the INPC. Dedication of a site as a nature preserve provides the highest level of protection for land in Illinois, and is granted only to natural areas of important natural or cultural significance.

The proposed Somme Prairie Grove Nature Preserve is an approximately 85-acre portion of the preserves

located in the village of Northbrook in northeast Cook County. The site consists of high-quality mesic savanna and dry-mesic woodland that support a host of conservative native plant species and a rich assemblage of savanna and shrubland breeding birds. Somme Prairie Grove has benefitted from a vibrant stewardship community since 1980, and represents one of the oldest and most comprehensive savanna and woodland restorations in the Midwest.

The Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) currently has twenty-six (26) dedicated Nature Preserves and five (5) Land and Water Reserves. The addition of Somme Prairie Grove would bring the Forest Preserves’ total INPC-protected lands to approximately 10,405 acres.

The Forest Preserves respectfully requests authority to submit Somme Prairie Grove to the Illinois Nature Preserve Commission for review and formal dedication and registration as a nature preserve according to the Illinois Natural Areas Preservation Act.

District(s): 14

[21-0121](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED GRANT AWARD

Department: Department of Resource Management

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

Grantor: Morton Arboretum, Lisle, Illinois

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

Purpose: Receipt of grant to conduct a tree inventory and develop a management plan for Forest Preserves picnic groves utilizing funds from the U.S. Forest Service Urban and Community Forestry Program

Grant Amount: \$10,000.00

Grant Period: Date of execution - 7/1/2022

Fiscal Impact: \$10,000.00 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; and Grant and Mitigation 51010.521444

Concurrences:

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

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: The Forest Preserves has been sub-awarded funds from the Morton Arboretum via the U.S. Forest Service Urban and Community Forestry Program in order to conduct a tree inventory of 50% of its picnic groves between 2021-2022.

Gathered information will include the location, species, size, and other information with respect to each individual tree and will enable the Forest Preserves to develop a management plan. The inventory will be used to monitor tree health over time, prepare for potential new invasive species, improve tree diversity, maintain the tree canopy, create a digital record of tree locations within each picnic grove, mitigate potential climate change impacts including extreme weather occurrences, and plan for future tree plantings across the entire picnic grove system. This initial survey will serve as a baseline for future work, allowing the Forest Preserves to track growth rates based on species, decline rates, and other information as the management plan is developed.

Total project costs are \$20,000.00, of which the Forest Preserves will contribute \$10,000.00, or 50%, in direct match.

[21-0009](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Office of the General Superintendent

Other Part(ies): Chicago Zoological Society, Brookfield, Illinois

Request: To amend an agreement between the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) and the Chicago Zoological Society (the “Zoo”)

Good(s) or Service(s): Free days

Agreement period: 4/6/1987 - 4/5/2027

Fiscal Impact: N/A

Accounts: N/A

Agreement Number(s): N/A

District(s): 16

Summary: This proposed amendment amends Sections 13 of the agreement between the Zoo and the Forest Preserves for the maintenance and operation of a zoological park on lands of the Forest Preserves, commonly known as the Brookfield Zoo, to allow for changes in free days designation consistent with the Illinois Government Emergency Administration Act (Public Act 101-0640).

Section 13 of the agreement is hereby amended as follows:

"Said Zoological Park shall be open without general admission charge to organized groups of children in attendance at schools in the State of Illinois. The Society may limit the number of any such groups in any given day and may establish other rules and regulations that reasonably ensure public safety, accessibility, and convenience, including but not limited to standards of conduct and supervision. Said Zoological Park shall be free to the public without payment of any general admission fee or gratuity for a period equivalent to 52 days each year, except for the period from 6/12/2020 through 6/30/2022, in which case the said Zoological Park shall be free to the public without payment of any general admission fee or gratuity for a period equivalent to 52 days over the approximately two (2) year period. The Society may otherwise charge an admission fee to said Park not exceeding \$24.95 for each visitor from twelve to sixty-five years of age; and not exceeding \$17.95 for each visitor ages three to eleven; and not exceeding \$19.95 for each visitor sixty-five years of age or older showing proof of birth date. The Society may charge a parking fee not exceeding \$14 per car and \$20 per bus. The Society may charge fees not exceeding these limits on a per vehicle basis and may otherwise adjust seasonally and daily to provide for optimal utilization of said Zoological Park. The proceeds of such admission fees and parking fees shall be devoted exclusively to the operation and maintenance of said Zoological Park and the collections therein. Charges may be made at any time pursuant to special services and for admission to special facilities within said Zoological Park for the education, entertainment or convenience of visitors."

[21-0140](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Department: Department of Permits, Rentals and Concessions

Other Part(ies): The River Forest Park District, River Forest, Illinois

Request: Authority for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement

Goods or Services: Maintenance and use of Cummings Square baseball and softball field

Agreement Number(s): N/A

Agreement Period: 2/24/2021 - 12/31/2023 with two (2) one-year extension options to be exercised at the discretion of the General Superintendent.

Fiscal Impact: N/A

Accounts: N/A

District(s): 9

Summary: On 3/22/2016, the Board of Commissioners approved the Forest Preserves entering into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the River Forest Park District (“RFPD”) for use of the Cummings Square baseball and softball field located on the corner of Lake and Bonnie Brae Streets in River Forest, Illinois. On 3/19/2019, the Board authorized extension of the agreement, which expired on 3/31/2020. No use of the field took place post 3/31/2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This new agreement will allow RFPD to resume use of the Cummings Square baseball and softball field. In exchange for non-exclusive use of the site, RFPD will perform field work and outfield drainage on an ongoing basis. Furthermore, RFPD will provide an ADA accessible portable restroom during the baseball season. RFPD’s use of the field is not anticipated to interfere with any Forest Preserves programming at Cummings Square. The final agreement will be subject to legal review and approval.

[21-0156](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Department: Department of Planning and Development

Other Part(ies): Village of Niles, Illinois

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

Goods or Services: Niles is requesting an IGA to construct and maintain trail improvements on the North Branch Trail near the Howard Street crossing. Recently, Niles reduced Howard Street from a 4-lane road to a 2-lane road and added protected bike lanes and a pedestrian refuge island along Howard Street at the North Branch Trail crossing. Niles is looking to add additional safety measures in the form of advance warning signs and refresh other standard trail markings to reinforce awareness by trail users as they approach the crossing.

Agreement Number(s): N/A

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

Fiscal Impact: None

License Fee: \$4,671.00 (waived)

License Application Fees: \$3,500.00 (waived)

YELAR Fee: \$6,750.00 (waived)

Tree Mitigation Fee: N/A

Accounts: N/A

District(s): 13

Summary: The Forest Preserves operates and maintains the North Branch Bicycle Trail in Northern Cook County. Niles proposes to construct and maintain trail improvements to the North Branch Trail near the Howard Street crossing. Niles 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 Youth Education, Land Acquisition and Restoration (YELAR) program 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 Niles 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.

[21-0117](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

Request: Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to enter into a Partnership Agreement with Audubon Great Lakes, Chicago, Illinois.

Reason: Audubon Great Lakes (“Audubon”) and the Forest Preserves wish to partner to establish a habitat restoration internship in 2021-2022. The 16-week annual program will engage a crew of approximately eight (8) adult participants in hands-on ecological conservation with a primary focus on sites within the Calumet, Palos, and Tinley Creek regional preserves, and may include work in other regions. Participants receive training in herbicide application, prescribed fire, stewardship, and chainsaw operation, in addition to experience leading various community engagement and volunteer workday events. The program is oriented towards participants interested in pursuing a career in land management, ecology and related fields, with a focus on developing participants’ conservation, leadership, and project management skills.

Total program costs for 2021 are \$115,038.00, of which Audubon will contribute \$42,790.00 or approximately 37%.

Contract period: 4/1/2021 - 12/31/2022

Fiscal Impact: Not to exceed \$75,000.00 per year, or \$150,000.00 over the term of the agreement

Account(s): 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; and Grant and Mitigation 51010.521444

Concurrences:

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

District(s): 4, 5, 6, 17

[21-0124](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ITEM AMENDMENT

Department: Department of Resource Management

Request: Authorization to amend previously approved Board Item No. 20-0237 to remove the Northbrook Park District as a party to the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Forest Preserves of Cook County and the Village of Northbrook for the maintenance of a meadow at Chipilly Woods.

Item Number: 20-0237

Fiscal Impact: None

Account(s): N/A

District(s): 14

Original Text of Item: PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Department: Department of Resource Management

Other Part(ies): Village of Northbrook, Northbrook, Illinois; ~~and the Northbrook Park District, Northbrook, Illinois~~

Request: Authorization to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement

Goods or Services: Maintenance of a meadow at the southeast portion of Chipilly Woods in the Village of Northbrook, Illinois

Agreement Number(s): N/A

Agreement Period: Date of execution through 4/30/2025, with one (1) five-year extension option to be exercised at the discretion of the General Superintendent

Fiscal Impact: None

Accounts: N/A

District(s): 14

Summary: The proposed Intergovernmental Agreement would grant the Village of Northbrook (“Northbrook”) ~~and the Northbrook Park District (the “Park District”)~~ limited access to Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) property for the purpose of maintaining a 7-acre meadow on Sunset Ridge Road, just south of Midway Road. Northbrook ~~and the Park District~~ will be responsible for all mowing and vegetation reduction in the meadow, subject to the Forest Preserves’ approval of an

annual vegetation maintenance plan. The site will be maintained at no cost to the Forest Preserves. The proposed work will mitigate growth of invasive species until more comprehensive restoration work can be conducted on the site, as funding allows. Final agreement is subject to legal review and approval.

[21-0155](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

EASEMENT REQUEST

Request: Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to grant a permanent easement to Illinois Department of Transportation (“IDOT”) at Roosevelt Road and First Avenue in Miller Meadow for 0.032 acres, or 1,394 square feet.

Reason: IDOT has requested a permanent easement on the south side of Roosevelt Road just east of First Avenue in Miller Meadow to construct approximately 130 linear feet of sidewalk as part of improvements it is making to the nearby intersection. The sidewalk would allow Proviso Mathematics and Science Academy students and others to more safely walk from the bus stop on the south side of Roosevelt Road to its intersection with First Avenue.

The sidewalk will be installed by IDOT and maintained by the Village of Forest Park as part of an intergovernmental agreement between those parties.

The area for the permanent easement is 0.032 acres. IDOT indicates that no trees are expected to be removed for this project.

Easement Fee: \$5,000.00

Tree Mitigation Fee: N/A

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

District(s): 17

[21-0127](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Department of Finance and Administration

Vendor: Ask Reply, Inc. d/b/a B2GNow, Phoenix, Arizona

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Diversity Management Monitoring System

Contract Value: \$110,000.00

Contract period: 1/1/2021 (retroactive) - 1/25/2026 with two (2) one-year renewal options

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2021 \$22,000.00, FY 2022 \$22,000.00, FY 2023 \$22,000.00, FY 2024 \$22,000.00, FY 2025 \$22,000.00

Accounts: Computer Equipment and Supplies 51001.560226

Contract Number(s): #74000008772

Concurrences:

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

The vendor has met the Minority-and Women-Owned Business Enterprise ordinance via direct participation.

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: The Forest Preserves requests authorization to enter into and execute a contract with Ask Reply, Inc. d/b/a B2GNow. They provide a Web-Based Diversity Management System that monitors contract compliance with respect to the Forest Preserves Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprise ordinance provisions. Cook County utilizes the same vendor via contract number 1944-17880 (approved 11/21/2019). This is a sole source procurement. The Forest Preserves has utilized B2GNow software since 1/1/2016.

[21-0139](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Department of Finance and Administration

Vendor: Colette Holt & Associates, San Antonio, Texas

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Disparity Study

Contract Value: \$197,275.00

Contract Period: 2/24/2021 - 8/27/2022

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2021 \$140,000.00, FY 2022 \$57,275.00

Accounts: Professional Services 51001.520830

Contract Number(s): #74000008775

Concurrences:

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

The contract-specific Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprise goal for this contract was set to zero.

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: The Forest Preserves requests authorization to enter into and execute a contract with Colette Holt & Associates (“CHA”) to conduct a disparity study. The study will review the operation of the Forest Preserves’ Minority- and Women-Owned Business Program to determine whether the Forest Preserves has a continuing compelling interest in remedying discrimination against minority- and women-owned business enterprises in its marketplace. This is a sole source procurement. CHA specializes in conducting disparity studies in the United States. CHA previously performed disparity studies in 2015 for various governmental entities which serve Cook County and its marketplace, including Cook County government, Cook County Health and Hospitals System, and the Forest Preserves. On 7/30/2020, the Cook County Board of Commissioners authorized a subsequent contract with CHA on a sole source basis (Cook County Agenda No. 20-3073).

[21-0128](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Department of Planning and Development

Vendor: 360 Energy Group, LLC, Chicago, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Professional services to develop building energy and sustainability plans and strategies districtwide.

Contract Value: \$440,000.00

Contract period: 3/15/2021 - 3/14/2022 with two (2) one-year optional extensions to be exercised at the discretion of the General Superintendent.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2021 \$240,000; FY 2022 \$100,000 (optional extension); FY 2023 \$100,000 (optional extension)

Accounts: Professional Services Accounts 51009.520830, 510028.520830, 51030.520830, and 51051.520830; and future Professional Services Accounts

Contract Number(s): Contract #74000008784 issued under Request for Proposal #20-80-52

Concurrences:

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

The contract-specific Minority- and Women-owned Business Enterprise goal for this contract was set to zero.

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: The Forest Preserves issued a Request for Proposals to assist in developing strategies and action plans to achieve energy efficiency and renewable energy goals and prioritize capital investment. Eleven (11) firms submitted proposals. A selection committee reviewed the proposals and found 360 Energy Group, LLC to be the most responsive.

The selected vendor 360 Energy Group, LLC is an energy consultant based in Chicago that works closely with the Smart Energy Design Assistance Center (SEDAC), an applied research program at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign whose mission is to reduce the energy footprint of the state of Illinois and to increase access to energy efficiency services and jobs. SEDAC will be a subconsultant to 360 Energy Group on this project.

There is currently no inhouse staff with the expertise or capacity to perform the proposed services, which include in-depth energy audits for three (3) Forest Preserves facilities, more limited audits for another ten

facilities and prioritization strategy for energy and building envelope projects at over 100 other buildings. Recommendations will inform future professional services for detailed design of construction projects. The scope of work also includes the development of Green Building Standards for rehabilitation of existing buildings and new construction.

Optional extension years are for additional energy related studies and strategies as well as monitoring recommendation results and adjustments to the overall implementation plans as needed.

[21-0147](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Department of Facilities and Fleet

Vendor: Atlas Bobcat, Chicago, Illinois

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") to execute a parts and service contract

Good(s) or Service(s): Parts and service for Bobcat brand equipment owned by the Forest Preserves

Contract Value: \$150,000.00

Contract Period: 3/1/2021 - 2/29/2024

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2021 \$33,000.00, FY 2022 \$50,000.00, FY 2023 \$50,000.00, FY 2024 \$17,000.00

Accounts: Professional Services 29275.540250

Contract Number(s): 74000008799

Concurrences:

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

The contract specific Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprise goal for this contract was set to zero.

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: A solicitation was issued in 2020 for parts only, specific to Bobcat brand OEM parts. The

selected bidder was an entity with which the Forest Preserves did not have experience and to date such vendor has performed unsatisfactorily. To remedy this situation, the Forest Preserves is recommending an agreement with Atlas Bobcat, who also responded to the solicitation and with whom the Forest Preserves has had positive experiences in the past.

Additional to this contract request is repair services, which was not part of the original scope of the solicitation. The Forest Preserves requests the addition of such services on a sole source basis. The proposed vendor is an authorized service center for Bobcat brand equipment. The Forest Preserves' Facilities and Fleet Department manages the repair and maintenance needs for approximately eighty (80) different pieces of Bobcat equipment to support our construction and land management efforts.

[21-0153](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Department of Law Enforcement

Vendor: Illinois Public Safety Agency Network ("IPSAN"), Chicago, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Public Safety Software

Contract Value: \$125,000.00

Contract period: 1/1/2021 (retroactive) - 12/31/2025

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2021 \$25,000.00, FY 2022 \$25,000.00, FY 2023 \$25,000.00, FY 2024 \$25,000.00, FY 2025 \$25,000.00

Accounts: Professional Services 51001.520830

Contract Number(s): #74000008773

Concurrences:

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

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

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: The Forest Preserves is seeking authorization to enter into an agreement for public safety software on a sole source basis with IPSAN. The vendor provides software which interfaces with Law Enforcement's portable handheld device, called Mini Bullets. It allows police officers to complete computerized inquiries on subjects encountered through traffic stops, pedestrian stops, investigatory stops, etc. The network and devices allow access not only when in police vehicles but also when used by foot and ATV patrol units.

IPSAN's public safety software is utilized by the Cook County Sheriffs Police Department. It allows direct access to the Law Enforcement Automated Data System (LEADS) and the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) databases. The Forest Preserves' Law Enforcement Department has utilized this vendor for this service since 2007.

[21-0141](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

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

Vendor: Penn and Associates, Cleveland, Ohio

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Customer service surveys

Original Contract Period: Thirty-six (36) months from the issuance of the Purchase Order (4/24/2018 - 4/23/2021)

Proposed Contract Period Extension: 4/24/2021 - 4/23/2022; with a second one-year extension option to be exercised at the discretion of the General Superintendent.

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$30,000.00

Original Approval: 4/24/2018, \$30,000.00

Previous Increase(s): N/A

This Increase Requested: \$20,000.00

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2021 \$10,000.00, FY 2022 \$10,000.00

Accounts: Professional Services Account 51001.520830

Contract Number(s): 18-40-402

Concurrences:

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

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

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: Penn and Associates has developed and issued customer service surveys on behalf of the Forest Preserves of Cook County since 2018. The surveys are delivered to all patrons who book a permit or event in the Forest Preserves, and include questions on the booking process, cleanliness of grove spaces, interactions with permits, police and landscape maintenance staff, and other factors. The average completion rate is 15 percent. The weekly, monthly and annual survey reports are viewed by multiple departments and used to identify trends and make real-time adjustments to improve the overall customer experience in the Forest Preserves. No surveys were issued in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In previous years, an annual survey report was delivered to the Board of Commissioners.

[21-0158](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

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 extend and increase 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; Board Approved Extension 2/29/2020 - 2/28/2021

Proposed Contract Period Extension: 3/1/2021 - 8/31/2021

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$172,000.00 for sixty (60) months

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

Previous Increase(s): 3/1/2019, \$36,000.00; 2/29/2020, \$36,000.00

This Increase Requested: \$20,000.00

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2021 \$20,000.00

Accounts: Refuse Disposal 51001.520050

Contract Number(s): #74000003262 issued under RFP 15-52-205 (R)

Concurrences:

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

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

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

Summary: The Forest Preserves is requesting that its contract with Lakeshore Recycling Systems be extended and increased for Region 1 which consists of the Calumet, Tinley Creek, and Palos Divisions. During this extension the price will increase from \$46.36 per ton to \$52.00 per ton. The original contract was a three (3) year contract with two (2), one-year renewal options ending with the start of the 2021 season. Due to COVID-19, the Forest Preserves has had limited ability to obtain reasonable bids for

Refuse Disposal Sites for the 2021 season. In 2021, the Forest Preserves intends to go out for bid for a new contract.

[21-0161](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

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 extend and increase 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; Board Approved Extension 2/29/2020 - 2/28/2021

Proposed Contract Period Extension: 3/1/2021 - 8/31/2021

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$172,000.00 for sixty (60) months

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

Previous Increase(s): 3/1/2019, \$36,000.00; 2/29/2020, \$36,000.00

This Increase Requested: \$20,000.00

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2021 \$20,000.00

Accounts: Refuse Disposal 51001.520050

Contract Number(s): #74000003263 issued under RFP 15-52-206 (R)

Concurrences:

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

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

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

Summary: The Forest Preserves is requesting that its contract with Lakeshore Recycling Systems be extended and increased for Region 2 which consists of the Salt Creek and Indian Boundary Divisions. During this extension the price will increase from \$46.36 per ton to \$52.00 per ton. The original contract was a three (3) year contract with two (2), one-year renewal options, ending with the start of the 2021 season. Due to COVID-19, the Forest Preserves has had limited ability to obtain reasonable bids for Refuse Disposal Sites for the 2021 season. In 2021, the Forest Preserves intends to go out for bid for a new contract.

[21-0162](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

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 extend and 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; Board Approved Extension 2/29/2020 - 2/28/2021

Proposed Contract Period Extension: 3/1/2021 - 8/31/2021

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$156,000.00 for sixty (60) months

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

Previous Increase(s): 3/1/2019, \$33,000.00; 2/29/2020, \$33,000.00

This Increase Requested: \$18,500.00

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2021 \$18,500.00

Accounts: Refuse Disposal 51001.520050

Contract Number(s): #74000003108 issued under RFP 15-52-207 (R)

Concurrences:

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

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 Forest Preserves is requesting that its contract with Groot Industries, Inc., be extended and increased for Region 3 which consists of the North Branch and Northwest Divisions. During this extension the price will increase from \$49.86 per ton to \$50.00 per ton. The original contract was a three (3) year contract with two (2), one-year renewal options, ending with the start of the 2021 season. Due to COVID-19, the Forest Preserves has had limited ability to obtain reasonable bids for Refuse Disposal Sites for the 2021 season. In 2021, the Forest Preserves intends to go out for bid for a new contract.

[21-0163](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

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 extend and

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; Board Approved Extension 2/29/2020 - 2/28/2021

Proposed Contract Period Extension: 3/1/2021 - 8/31/2021

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$90,000.00 for sixty (60) months

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

Previous Increase(s): 3/1/2019, \$19,000.00; 2/29/2020, \$19,000.00

This Increase Requested: \$10,000.00

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2021 \$10,000.00

Accounts: Refuse Disposal 51001.520050

Contract Number(s): #74000003158 issued under RFP 15-52-208 (R)

Concurrences:

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

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

District(s): 4, 5, 6

Summary: The Forest Preserves is requesting that its contract with Allied Waste Transportation, Inc. be extended and increased for Region 4 which consists of the Thorn Creek Division. During this extension the price will increase from \$53.07 per ton to \$54.66 per ton. The original contract was a three (3) year contract with two (2), one-year renewal options, ending with the start of the 2021 season. Due to

COVID-19, the Forest Preserves has had limited ability to obtain reasonable bids for Refuse Disposal Sites for the 2021 season. In 2021, the Forest Preserves intends to go out for bid for a new contract.

[21-0146](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Departments of Legal and Finance

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Workers' Compensation Report - December 2020

Report Period: 12/1/2020 - 12/31/2020

Summary: Per Board Resolution 19-0509 (12/17/2019), the Forest Preserves of Cook County Legal and Finance Departments are submitting Workers' Compensation Claim Payments for the month of December 2020.

[21-0149](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Department of Finance and Administration

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Corporate Fund Analysis of Revenue and Expenditures

Report Period: 1/1/2020 - 12/31/2020

Summary: Detailed Fund Analysis of Revenue and Expenditures for December 2020.

[21-0150](#)

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: 12/1/2020 - 12/31/2020

Summary: Submitting the Procurement and Disbursements Report for the period of December 2020. The report is to be received and filed in compliance with Section 1-8-2 (BB) of the District's Code of Ordinances.

[21-0152](#)

Presented by: MARY MODELSKI, County Auditor

REPORT

Department: Office of the County Auditor

Request: Refer to Audit Committee

Report Title: FY'21 1st Quarter Open Recommendation Status Report

Report Period: February 2021

Summary: Report on the status of open audit recommendations.

[21-0144](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (LITIGATION)

Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Litigation -1/26/2021

The Finance Subcommittee on Litigation met on the above listed date and recommends the following for approval:

Proposed Settlements Approved Fiscal Year 2021 to Present: \$16,394.52
 Proposed Settlements to Be Approved: \$1,764,000.00

Legal Fees Approved Fiscal Year 2021 to Present: \$63,637.11
 Legal Fees for 1/26/2021 to Be Approved: \$58,490.81

[21-0145](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (WORKERS' COMPENSATION)

Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Workers' Compensation -2/24/2021

The Finance Subcommittee on Workers' Compensation met on the above listed date and recommends the following for approval:

Workers' Compensation Claims approved Fiscal Year 2021 to present: \$0.00
 Workers' Compensation Claims to Be Approved: \$150,000.00

[21-0189](#)

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

SECRETARY TO THE BOARD, Matthew B. DeLeon, presented in printed form a record of the Journal of Proceedings of the regular meeting held on 01/26/2021.

[21-0154](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Department: Department of Conservation and Experiential Programming

Summary: Forest Preserves of Cook County Calendar- 2/24/2021 - 3/16/2021

Please check the Forest Preserves of Cook County's website, www.fpdcc.com/events, for updates and changes.

Wednesday, 2/24; 10am (Facebook LIVE)

Creative Reuse to Reduce, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

In this tutorial demonstrating at-home projects to reduce waste and repurpose winter home goods, learn

how to create planters from candle holders.

Thursday, 2/25; 10am

Twigs on the Trails, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs

Learn to identify all the different parts of a twig and what these features can tell you about the tree they are a part of while walking through the woods on one of our tree-lined trails. *Registration and facemasks are required. Call 708-839-6897.*

Thursday, 2/25; 2pm (Facebook LIVE)

Samplin' Syrup, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Trees provide us with an abundance of resources. Each week during the maple sap run we will talk trees and show you a new or interesting way to eat maple syrup. Send in your weird and crazy suggestions and see if our staff picks yours to try!

Friday, 2/26; 6pm

Moonwalk, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs

Let the moon be our guide as we hike the one-mile White Oak trail, and warm up by the fire while gazing at the night sky afterwards. *Registration and facemasks are required. Call 708-839-6897.*

Saturday, 2/27; 11am - 2pm

Explore: Westchester Woods, Westchester

Adults and families, come explore at Westchester Woods! Grab one of our provided self-guided nature activities. Roam around the preserve and try to discover animal tracks! If conditions are right, bring your sled and hit the sledding hill! Remember to take one of the take-home nature craft kits for you to continue your adventure at home. *Facemasks required.*

Saturday, 2/27; 1pm (Facebook Live)

This Old Birdhouse, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington

Prepare your backyard for the upcoming nesting season with a birdhouse. Call to reserve your pre-cut kit and follow along with construction guidance on Facebook Live. *Registration required. Call 847-381-6592. \$5 per household.*

Saturday, 2/27; 9am - 3pm

Black History Month: Underground Railroad Walks, Sandridge Nature Center, South Holland

Join us on a self-guided journey that follows the Underground Railroad route connected to the Calumet Region during the mid-1800s. *Facemasks required.*

Sunday, 2/28; 10am

House Hunting, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs

One of the necessities for survival is shelter. Where we have houses, condos, and apartments, in nature we find nests, lodges, dens, and other types of dwellings. Join us for a brisk walk along Farm Pond Trail. We encourage you to bring binoculars. *Registration and facemasks are required. Call 708- 839-6897.*

Thursday, 3/4; 10am**S.E.N.I.O.R.S., Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs**

Seniors Enjoying Nature Inside/Outside Rain or Shine! Join us for a nature inspired adventure for seniors. *Ages 55+. Registration and facemasks are required. Call 708-839-6897.*

Thursdays, 3/4, 3/11, 3/18; 2pm (Facebook LIVE)**Samplin' Syrup, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Trees provide us with an abundance of resources such as the sap used to make maple syrup. Each week during the sap run we'll talk about this liquid gold and show you a new or interesting way to eat maple syrup. Send in your weird and crazy suggestions and see if our staff picks yours to try! *All ages.*

Friday, 3/5; 6pm**Evening Snowshoe 101, Camp Dan Beard, Northbrook**

Come and learn the ins-and-outs of Snowshoeing, then participate in a short hike and look for animal tracks and listen for owls. Warm up afterward around a campfire. Snowshoes provided or bring your own. *Requires four inches of hard snow. Registration and facemasks required. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/y69malu2>.*

Saturday, 3/6; 10am**Walk and Talk, Thatcher Woods, River Forest**

In celebration of Women's Heritage Month, join us on a hike while we highlight conservation leader Isabel Bassett Wasson and the work and discoveries she made at Thatcher Woods and around the country. *Space is limited. Registration and facemasks required. Call 312-533-5751 or visit hikethatcherwoods.eventbrite.com.*

Sunday, 3/6; 10am**Fitness Walk: Having Fun Getting Fit in the Forest, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs**

Getting fit is a common, and often repeated, new year resolution for many of us. To help inspire and support your efforts, we will be leading a fitness hike along our 1-mile White Oak Trail. Ten stations will be set up along the trail with suggested physical movements, mimicking something from nature that will help to enhance the fitness aspect of the hike. *Registration and facemasks are required. Call 708-839-6897.*

Saturdays and Sundays, 3/6, 3/7, 3/13, 3/14; 10:30am or 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. *Registration and facemasks required. Call 847-824-8360. All ages.*

Sunday, 3/7; 11am (Facebook Live)

Fascinating Fox Snake, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs

Learn what make the Fox Snakes of the Little Red Schoolhouse so fascinating on Facebook LIVE during a virtual animal encounter.

Sunday, 3/7; 1:30pm

Maple Tree Tapping, Trailside Museum, River Forest

Native Americans long ago discovered how to tap maple trees for sap, to make maple syrup and maple sugar. Join us on a short hike as we discuss the history of tapping. Tap a maple tree to taste some fresh sap and some finished syrup. *Registration and facemasks required. Call 708-366-6530.*

Sunday, 3/7; 10am, 10:45am, 11:30am, 12:15pm, 1pm, 1:45pm, 2:30pm

Winter Warm-Up, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington

Warm yourself by the fire while treating yourself to s'mores and time with family. *30-minute time slots available for groups up to 10 people. Advanced registration and facemasks required. Call 847-381-6582. \$3 per person, \$10 per family of four.*

Sunday, 3/7; 1:30pm

Conservation@Home: Composting and Soil, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Composting is a great way to be sustainable at home. Join us as we go through the basics of composting and the importance of soil from personal gardens to entire ecosystems. *Registration and facemasks required. Call 708-868-0606.*

Tuesday, 3/9; 6:30pm (Zoom)

Nature Book Club: Highlighting Female Authors

Join us for a discussion of naturalist Lyanda Lynn Haupt's book *Crow Planet*, as we explore her research and perspective of humans and wildlife coexisting in an urbanizing world. *Registration required.* www.eventbrite.com/e/nature-book-club-highlighting-female-authors.

Thursday, 3/11; 10am

Walk and Talk: Paw Paw Nature Preserve, Maple Lake-East, Willow Springs

Led by Illinois Extension Master Naturalist David Stang, this informative hike will take participants on a deep dive in the natural world around them. Meet at Maple Lake-East parking lot, the Mountain Bike

Staging Area. *Space is limited. Registration and facemasks required. Call 312-533-5751 or visit hikepawpaw.eventbrite.com.*

Thursday, 3/11; 6pm (Zoom)

Birdwatching for Beginners

It is spring, which means the birds are back in town! In partnership with Blue Island Public Library, we will learn about birdwatching and how to spot the different species of birds that are native to Cook County. *Registration required. Email scain@blueislandlibrary.org. The Zoom link will be sent to the email address used to register for the program the week of the event.*

Saturday, 3/13; 10am - 2pm

Ecology for Kids! Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

School-age children are invited to learn the basics of ecology, the relationships between living things and their environment, through various games and activities. *Facemasks required.*

Saturday, 3/13; 10am

Species Spotlight: Painted Turtles, Trailside Museum, River Forest

We will focus on a local turtle species to better understand their adaptations, behaviors and natural history in this outdoor program. We will also take a quick walk to our pond to see if any turtles are out! *Facemasks required.*

Saturday, 3/13; 7pm

New Moon Walk, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Explore the peacefulness and darkness a new moon brings on this evening walk. Learn about the new moon cycle and its importance. *Registration and facemasks required. Call 708-868-0606.*

Sunday, 3/14; 1pm

Vernal Pools, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington

Join us as we will learn more about this fleeting imperative ecosystem and the living things that depend on it for survival. *Ages 12 and up. Registration and facemasks required. Call 847-381-6592.*

Sunday, 3/14; 10am

Walk and Talk: Ella LaBagh Woods, LaBagh Woods-Grove 1, Chicago

Explore the diverse natural areas on North Branch Trail system at LaBagh Woods in a program led by and alongside other women on this 1.5-mile walk and talk hike. *Registration and facemasks required.*

Visit

www.eventbrite.com/e/walk-and-talk-ella-labagh-woods.

Sunday, 3/14; 1pm - 3pm

DIY Salsa Garden Kit Pick Up, Maple Lake Boating Center, Willow Springs

Learn about seed life cycles and gardening by creating your own at home salsa garden. Pick up a kit to start seedlings indoors for spring planting, then harvest your ingredients to make homemade salsa. Kit will include seeds for cilantro, jalapeno plant, and tomato plant. Kit will include everything you need including biodegradable pots, soil, seeds, plant markers, plant care info and a recipe. *Reserve your kit here* <https://tinyurl.com/1em8zoxi>, *facemask required at pick up.*

Tuesday, 3/16; 1pm - 2pm

Signs of Spring-In Person Hike, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs

Search the Black Oak Trail for plants and animals that signify the arrival of spring. *Registration and facemasks are required. Call 708-839-6897.*

COMMITTEE ITEMS FOR DISCHARGE AND/OR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION

[21-0008](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

TO MODIFY CERTAIN 2021 FEES

WHEREAS, on November 17, 2020, the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners (the “Forest Preserves”) approved the 2021 Executive Budget Recommendation (Agenda No. 20-0389), which included rates for the Glen Grove Equestrian Center; and

WHEREAS, based on a request from Glen Grove Equestrian Sports Inc., which currently manages the equestrian facility, in response to continued increased costs and decreased revenue resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, the Forest Preserves is now asking that certain fees be increased; and

WHEREAS, such proposed modified fees are listed below:

PROPOSED - FOREST PRESERVES MODIFIED FEES

Glen Grove Stables

EQUESTRIAN LESSON FEES

Private Rate: \$60.00 ~~\$55.00~~/Half Hour

Semi Private Rate: \$55.00 ~~\$50.00~~/Half Hour

Group Rate: \$75.00 ~~\$70.00~~/Hour

EQUESTRIAN BOARDING FEES

Front Barn Stall: \$885.00 ~~\$835.00~~/Month

Large Barn Stall: \$925.00 ~~\$875.00~~/Month

Grooming Packages: \$150.00 ~~\$175.00~~/Month

MONTHLY LESSON PACKAGES FOR EQUESTRIAN BOARDERS

Two Lessons or Training Rides Per Week: \$480.00 ~~\$450.00~~

Three Lessons or Training Rides Per Week: \$720.00 ~~\$660.00~~

Four Lessons or Training Rides Per Week: \$960.00 ~~\$880.00~~

*Fees listed above represent not to exceed fees that the Forest Preserves' vendor may charge.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by President Toni Preckwinkle and the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners that the above-referenced modified fees are hereby adopted effective March 1, 2021.

[21-0107](#)

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), LUIS ARROYO JR., SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, LARRY SUFFREDIN, FRANK J. AGUILAR, ALMA E. ANAYA, DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET GAINER and BRANDON JOHNSON, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Ordinance for the Levy of Taxes for the Year 2021

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 2021.”

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 2021 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, 2021 at its meeting held November 17, 2020, 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 One Hundred Million, Ninety Six Thousand, Two Hundred and Eighty Six Dollars and No Cents (\$100,096,286), 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 2021 A.D. for the corporate purposes, for the construction of improvements and development of the forests and lands, 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 November 17, 2020 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 2021 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, 2021**

**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.

Fund	Amount of Appropriation	Payable From The Tax Levy	Payable From Sources Other Than The Tax Levy
Corporate	62,227,109	53,545,686	8,681,423
Self-Insurance	12,040,000	0	12,040,000
Const. & Development	6,790,000	7,000,000	-210,000
Bond & Interest	16,780,219	12,784,219	3,996,000
Employee Annuity & Benefit	3,926,419	3,533,384	393,035
Real Estate Acquisition	5,350,000	0	5,350,000
Capital Improvement	3,500,000	0	3,500,000
Resident Watchmen	223,000	0	223,000
Chicago Zoological	14,389,505	14,284,927	104,578
Chicago Horticultural	8,932,778	8,948,070	-15,292
Total	\$134,159,030	\$100,096,286	\$34,062,744

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

[20-0464](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Conservation and Policy Council

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Position Paper: *Nature-Compatible Recreation in the Forest Preserves of Cook County*

Report Period: N/A

Summary: This is the third of four (4) position papers prepared by the Conservation and Policy Council to provide guidance regarding key issues that face the Forest Preserves. These position papers continue an important legacy of civic leadership related to the Forest Preserves. In 1959, an Advisory Committee paper stated, “The Board has kept in mind the fact that the great holdings of the District are the property of all the citizens of Cook County and has refused to dissipate them for community, municipal or other purposes not in the interest of the general public,” and that it takes “vigilance, effort and courage” to sustain and enforce these policies with firmness and resolution. This position paper reinforces and builds upon previous efforts. It recommends that the Forest Preserves prioritize nature-compatible recreation and oppose new uses that are not aligned with the Forest Preserves’ mission. The paper also recommends that existing recreational programs and/or facilities that do not align with the Forest Preserves’ mission and are not financially sustainable be transformed to natural spaces or re-purposed for nature-compatible recreation.

Upon approval of the position paper by the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners, the Forest Preserves shall take steps to implement the recommendations, including creating or revising policies, ordinances, and other documents as necessary, as well as obtaining any required board approval related to such actions.

The paper was developed by Terry Guen (Council member), Michael DeSantiago (Council member), Maria Pesqueira (Council member), Benjamin Cox (Friends of the Forest Preserves), Eileen Figel (Forest Preserves), Cynthia Moreno (Forest Preserves - retired), Kristin Pink (Forest Preserves), Jacqui Ulrich (Forest Preserves) and Karen Vaughan (Forest Preserves).

COMMITTEE ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

ENVIRONMENTAL AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING OF 2/17/2021

21-0116 REPORT Department of Resource Management Restoration Status of Next Century Conservation Plan/Natural and Cultural Resources Master Plan Identified Priorities, Report Period: 2015-2020

REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE MEETING OF 2/24/2021

21-0123 EASEMENT REQUEST Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") to grant permanent and temporary easements to Illinois Department of Transportation ("IDOT")
