



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

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

BOARD AGENDA

Tuesday, April 5, 2022, 10:00 AM

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

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OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT**22-0188****Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent**PROPOSED GRANT AWARD****Department:** Department of Planning and Development**Grantee:** Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves")**Grantor:** Illinois Department of Natural Resources ("IDNR")**Request:** Authorization to accept grant and enter into a grant agreement

Purpose: Grant award to improve approximately three (3) miles of trail and enhance ADA access at two (2) trailhead parking lots at Tinley Creek Trail, located in Oak Forest, Illinois in the southwestern part of Cook County, Illinois.

Grant Amount: \$200,000.00

Grant Period: 4/5/2022 - 3/31/2024

Fiscal Impact: Local match not to exceed \$514,000.00; total estimated project cost: \$714,000.00 (\$595,000.00 plus 20% contingency)

Accounts: Land Improvements 51010.560019 and 51029.560019

Concurrences:

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

District(s): 6

Summary: The IDNR has awarded Recreational Trail Program funds to the Forest Preserves for design and construction of improvements for roughly three (3) miles of trail and enhanced ADA access at two (2) trailhead parking lots at Tinley Creek Trail in Oak Forest, Illinois.

Total project costs are estimated at \$714,000.00 (original estimate of \$595,000.00 at time of grant application plus 20% contingency due to current market conditions). The grant will fund \$200,000.00. The Forest Preserves will fund the remaining project cost, estimated at no more than \$514,000.00, with motor fuel tax funds provided by the Cook County Department of Transportation & Highways through a separate intergovernmental agreement.

[22-0213](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Department of Finance and Administration

Vendor: AT&T, Chicago, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Telephone Services

Contract Value: \$414,000.00

Contract Period: 4/5/2022 - 4/4/2025

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2022 \$103,500.00; FY 2023 \$138,000.00; FY 2024 \$138,000.00; FY 2025 \$34,500.00

Accounts: Communication Services 51001.520150

Contract Number(s): #740000010470

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 a contract with AT&T on a sole source basis, to continue bundling telephone service into a program offered called Easy Rate. The Easy Rate program is recommended for telephone service primarily used for local calling and with relatively low usage. The agreement will save the Forest Preserves approximately \$114,871.00 annually. The term of the contract is for three-years. The Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners approved a previous three-year agreement with AT&T on 2/19/2019 (Board Item No. 19-0165).

As background, the Forest Preserves currently uses 230 AT&T phone lines that are of older technology using a voice-grade telephone service employing analog signal transmission over copper lines. This service was installed primarily at remote locations, such as maintenance yards, fueling stations, aquatic centers, and campgrounds, which are not connected to the County-wide telephone system.

22-0189

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Department of Planning and Development

Vendor: Interface Engineering, Chicago, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Professional services to provide architectural and engineering design and

construction administration services for a new heating and air conditioning system for the Forest Preserves' General Headquarters located in River Forest.

Original Contract Period: 12/15/2021 - 3/14/2025

Proposed Contract Period Extension: N/A

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$202,296.00

Original Approval: 12/14/2021, \$184,846.00

Previous Increase(s): \$17,450.00

This Increase Requested: \$55,215.00

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$55,215.00

Accounts: Professional Services 51009.520830, 51028.520830, 51030.520830, 51031.520830, 51051.520830; and future Construction and Development accounts

Contract Number(s): #74000009962 issued under RFP #21-80-44

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 Business Enterprise Ordinance Provisions through direct participation.

District(s): 9

Summary: The original scope of work for this contract was for architectural and engineering services for the replacement of existing old and inefficient heating, ventilating and air conditioning (HVAC) systems at the Forest Preserves' General Headquarters (GHQ) building.

Diagnostic testing conducted under the original contract scope of work revealed the existing building envelope has severe air leaks that need correction to meet the energy efficiency performance requirements. Additional work is needed for design, energy modeling, bidding and construction administration for storm window alternatives. In addition, after the start of the project, an existing newer HVAC system, that was beyond its warranty period, failed and needs to be replaced. This replacement

was not included in the original scope and will require additional design to integrate this unanticipated work with the proposed high efficiency system.

The original RFP for this project was solicited publicly and two (2) firms submitted proposals. A selection committee reviewed the proposals and determined Interface Engineering to be the most responsive.

22-0206

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Department of Resource Management

Vendor: Friends of the Forest Preserves, Chicago, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Palos Conservation Corps Program

Original Contract Period: 1/1/2018 - 12/31/2022

Proposed Contract Period Extension: N/A

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$750,000.00

Original Approval: 11/14/2017

Previous Increase(s): N/A

This Increase Requested: \$75,000.00

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2022 \$225,000.00 (including previously approved amounts)

Accounts: Professional Services 51031.520840; Grant and Mitigation 51010.521444 and 51010.520840

Contract Number(s): #74000002912 issued under RFP #17-31-117

Concurrences:

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

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: The Forest Preserves is requesting an increase in the overall authority for this program to accommodate State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (“SLFRF”) allocated to Cook County through the federal American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA”) for workforce development. These additional funds will supplement and expand capacity for this program for fiscal year 2022.

The Palos Conservation Corps Program engages four participants, one crew manager, and one assistant crew manager in hands-on ecological restoration work to restore habitat in the Palos region. Highly skilled participants contribute to herbaceous and woody invasive species control, prescribed burn, and native seed collection activities. Additionally, the Palos Conservation Corps hosts volunteer workdays in partnership with the local site stewards to bolster volunteer recruitment and engagement in the region. The Palos Conservation Corps Program is administered by Friends of the Forest Preserves through a contract issued under RFP #17-31-117, which was originally approved by the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners on 11/14/2017 (Board Item No. 17-0390). Conservation Corps programs provide youth and young adult participants with paid environmental education and job skills training within the conservation field, with a focus on ecological restoration in the Forest Preserves.

The Forest Preserves intends to issue through its public solicitation process a Request for Proposals for additional Conservation Corps opportunities to bring to the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners for approval later in 2022.

22-0207

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Department of Resource Management

Vendor: Friends of the Forest Preserves, Chicago, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Calumet Conservation Corps

Original Contract Period: 11/17/2020 - 12/31/2022

Proposed Contract Period Extension: N/A

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$150,000.00

Original Approval: 11/17/2020

Previous Increase(s): N/A

This Increase Requested: \$125,000.00

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2022 \$200,000.00 (including previously approved amounts)

Accounts: Professional Services 51031.520840; Grant and Mitigation 51010.521444 and 51010.520840

Contract Number(s): N/A

Concurrences:

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

District(s): 4, 5, 6

Summary: The Forest Preserves is requesting an increase in the overall authority for this program to accommodate State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (“SLFRF”) allocated to Cook County through the federal American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA”) for workforce development. These additional funds will supplement and expand capacity for this program for fiscal year 2022.

The Calumet Conservation Corps Program engages a Crew Manager, an Assistant Crew Manager, and three (3) adult participants in hands-on ecological restoration activities centered on invasive species control and restoration of native plants in the Calumet region. Participants receive training in herbicide application, prescribed fire, stewardship, and chainsaw operation, in addition to experience leading various community engagement and volunteer workday events promoting forest preserve awareness. The Calumet Conservation Corps Program is administered by Friends of the Forest Preserves through an agreement that was originally approved by the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners on 11/17/2020 (Board Item No. 20-0411). Conservation Corps programs provide youth and young adult participants with paid environmental education and job skills training within the conservation field, with a focus on ecological restoration in the Forest Preserves.

The Forest Preserves intends to issue through its public solicitation process a Request for Proposals for additional Conservation Corps opportunities to bring to the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners for approval later in 2022.

22-0208

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Department of Resource Management

Vendor: Friends of the Forest Preserves, Chicago, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Career Immersion Program

Original Contract Period: 1/1/2018 - 12/31/2022

Proposed Contract Period Extension: N/A

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$1,000,000.00

Original Approval: 11/14/2017

Previous Increase(s): N/A

This Increase Requested: \$50,000.00

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2022 \$250,000.00 (including previously approved amounts)

Accounts: Professional Services 51031.520840; Grant and Mitigation 51010.521444 and 51010.520840

Contract Number(s): #74000002916 issued under RFP #17-31-117

Concurrences:

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

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: The Forest Preserves is requesting an increase in the overall authority for this program to accommodate State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (“SLFRF”) allocated to Cook County through the federal American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA”) for workforce development. These additional funds will supplement and expand capacity for this program for fiscal year 2022.

The Career Immersion Program gives approximately twelve adult participants the opportunity to work alongside Forest Preserves staff fisheries biologists, wildlife biologists, and resource management forestry and trails crews. Participants receive important resource management skills and leadership development training, while exploring various career opportunities in conservation. The Career Immersion Program is administered by Friends of the Forest Preserves through a contract issued under RFP #17-31-117, which was originally approved by the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners on 11/14/2017 (Board Item No. 17-0387).

The Forest Preserves intends to issue through its public solicitation process a Request for Proposals for additional Conservation Corps opportunities to bring to the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners for approval later in 2022.

22-0210

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Department of Resource Management

Vendor: Friends of the Forest Preserves, Chicago, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): North Branch Conservation Corps Program

Original Contract Period: 1/9/2018 - 12/31/2019; Board Extension 1/1/2020 -12/31/2021;
Administrative extension 1/1/2022 - 12/31/2022

Proposed Contract Period Extension: N/A

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$600,000.00

Original Approval: 1/9/2018, \$300,000.00

Previous Increase(s): 12/17/2019, \$300,000.00

This Increase Requested: \$180,000.00

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2022 \$180,000.00

Accounts: Professional Services 51031.520840; Grant and Mitigation 51010.521444 and 51010.520840

Contract Number(s): #74000004350

Concurrences:

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

District(s): 9, 10, 12, 13, 14

Summary: The Forest Preserves is requesting an increase in the overall authority for this program to accommodate State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (“SLFRF”) allocated to Cook County through the federal American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA”) for workforce development. These additional funds will supplement and expand capacity for this program for fiscal year 2022.

The North Branch Conservation Corps Program engages three participants, one crew manager, and one assistant crew manager in hands-on ecological restoration activities including invasive species control, herbicide application, seed collection and dispersal, and prescribed fire. Participants receive the training and technical expertise necessary to pursue a long-term career in ecological restoration and related fields. The North Branch Conservation Corps Program is administered by Friends of the Forest Preserves through a contract which was originally approved by the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners on 1/9/2018 (Board Item No. 18-0113), and subsequently amended on 12/17/2019 (Board Item No. 19-0497) to extend the program for an additional two-year term ending in 2021. An administrative extension has the program ending on 12/31/2022. The Forest Preserves now seeks to add \$180,000.00 in authority and to bring the total program costs to approximately \$780,000.00 over five years. Conservation Corps programs provide youth and young adult participants with paid environmental education and job skills training within the conservation field, with a focus on ecological restoration in the Forest Preserves.

The Forest Preserves intends to issue through its public solicitation process a Request for Proposals for additional Conservation Corps opportunities to bring to the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners for approval later in 2022.

22-0190**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 AT&T, Inc. (“AT&T”), Grantee, to locate, operate and maintain 690 feet of buried fiber optic cable northwest of Archer Avenue at Henry De Tonty Woods. This new underground cable line will replace existing, obsolete telephone line, originally licensed in 1960. The fiber optic cable will run to Rowell Chemical Corporation, the property owner landlocked between De Tonty Woods and the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal. No tree impacts or trail closures are anticipated as part of this license request.

Term: Ten (10) years

License Fee: \$21,859.50

License Application Fee: \$1,500.00

License Review Fees: \$3,000.00

YELAR Fee: \$6,900.00

Total one-time upfront fee of \$33,259.50 for the term of the License
(Sec. 5-2A-4 and 5-2B-4)

Tree Mitigation Fee: N/A

The area of the License is: 0.2376 Acre

Concurrence(s):

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

Grantee will be required to meet 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): 17

22-0204

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED BID RECOMMENDATION

Department: Department of Resource Management

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to enter into a contract with Trees “R” Us, Inc., primary place of business Wauconda, Illinois, for tree removals adjacent to the North Branch trail system.

Reason: Contract #74000010457 issued under Project #22-31-102 North Branch Tree Removals consists of the removal of four hundred and ninety-eight (498) trees and other related work as specified in the plans and specifications between Lake-Cook Road and Foster Avenue following the North Branch trail system. Trees marked for pruning and removal occur along both paved and multi-use trails within the North Branch trail system, as well as along roadsides and private property interfaces.

This vendor has been awarded more than \$150,000.00 in fiscal year 2022, therefore, the contract is being presented to the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners for approval per the Forest Preserves’ Procurement Code.

Bid Opening Date: 3/23/2022

Bid Results:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
1. Trees “R” Us, Inc.	\$139,562.00
2. Clean Cut Tree Service, Inc.	\$147,420.00
3. Homer Tree Service, Inc.	\$209,525.00
4. Certified Solutions, Inc.	\$549,092.50

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$139,562.00

Contract Period: Ninety (90) working days from issuance of purchase order

Account Name/Number: Professional Services 51031.520840

District: 10, 12, 13, 14

Concurrence(s):

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

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

22-0201

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED DISBURSEMENT

Department(s): Department of Facilities and Fleet

Action: Authorization to disburse payment

Payee: BCR Automotive Group, d/b/a Roesch Ford, Bensenville, Illinois

Good(s) or Service(s): Five (5) Ford F550 Dump Trucks

Fiscal Impact: \$514,222.40

Accounts: Vehicles and Trucks 51057.540260 and 51058.540260

Contract Number(s): #74000008365

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: Payment for five (5) Ford F550 Dump Trucks, utilizing a contract awarded by the City of Chicago (contract #32916) as approved by the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners on 11/17/2020 (Board item No. 20-0326). The Vehicle Steering Committee approved the acquisition of these additional vehicles prior to Board approval.

22-0202

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED DISBURSEMENT

Department(s): Department of Facilities and Fleet

Action: Authorization to disburse payment

Payee: Sutton Ford, Matteson, Illinois

Good(s) or Service(s): Sixteen (16) Ford Police Utility Hybrid Explorers

Fiscal Impact: FY 2022 \$806,673.43

Accounts: Vehicles and Trucks 51057.540260 and 51058.540260

Contract Number(s): #74000009111

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: Payment for sixteen (16) Ford Police Utility Hybrid Explorers, utilizing a contract awarded by the City of Chicago (contract #101191) as approved by the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners on 5/11/2021 (Board item No. 21-0265). The Vehicle Steering Committee approved the acquisition of these additional vehicles prior to Board approval.

[22-0192](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Department of Finance and Administration

Request: Refer to Contract Compliance Committee

Report Title: Forest Preserves of Cook County Annual Business Diversity Report FY 2021

Report Period: 1/1/2021 - 12/31/2021

Summary: In July 2012, state legislation authorized the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to establish provisions to address the underuse of minority and women-owned businesses with respect to procurement contracts. An ordinance establishing the program’s parameters and guidelines was passed by the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners in September 2012. This

initiative is significantly benefitting the residents of Cook County by increasing the pool of qualified minority and women-owned businesses that have the opportunity to be selected for contracts awarded by the Forest Preserves each year.

To remedy historic inequity and to facilitate greater inclusion, the Forest Preserves established aspirational contract goals for the participation of minority and women-owned businesses as set forth under the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code of Ordinances.

The Minority and Women-Owned Businesses program accomplishments in FY 2021 include 57% of awarded contracts; and 43% of contract payments were made to minority and women-owned businesses either as prime contractors or sub-contractors.

The Forest Preserves participated in nine (9) outreach and workshop conferences, many in collaboration with various government entities.

22-0205

Presented by: MARY MODELSKI, County Auditor

REPORT

Department: Office of the County Auditor

Request: Refer to Audit Committee

Report Title: FY'22 1st Quarter Open Recommendation Status Report

Report Period: March 2022

Summary: Report on the status of open audit recommendations.

[22-0195](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Department of Finance and Administration

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Forest Preserves of Cook County Annual Fee Waiver and Discount Report FY 2021

Report Period: 1/1/2021 - 12/31/2021

Summary: Under the Forest Preserves of Cook County Code of Ordinances certain discounts are granted to veteran or non-profit organizations with respect to recreational use of Forest Preserves property or amenities. Additional discounts may be offered at the discretion of the General Superintendent. The Forest Preserves of Cook County implemented a Fee Waiver Policy (Policy Number: 02.30.00) establishing the process for when discounts or waivers would be granted. The policy requires an annual report to the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners on discounts and waivers for the sake of transparency. The Fee Waiver and Discount Report describes specific discount categories and various passes issued pursuant to Forest Preserves of Cook County Board Approved Resolution, 16-0314, dated July 12, 2016.

In 2021, the Forest Preserves of Cook County issued a total of \$57,504.54 in fee waiver permit discounts to various groups. In addition, a total of two thousand four hundred ten (2,410) passes with an estimated value of \$62,434.50, were distributed across nineteen (19) various programs, partners and/or events.

[22-0193](#)

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: 1/1/2022 - 2/28/2022

Summary: Detailed Fund Analysis of Revenue and Expenditures for February 2022.

[22-0194](#)

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: 2/1/2022 - 2/28/2022

Summary: Submitting the Procurement and Disbursements Report for the period of February 2022. The report is to be received and filed in compliance with Section 1-8-2 (BB) of the District's Code of Ordinances.

22-0196

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Departments of Legal and Finance

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Workers' Compensation Report - February 2022

Report Period: 2/1/2022 - 2/28/2022

Summary: The Forest Preserves of Cook County Departments of Legal and Finance are submitting Workers' Compensation Claim Payments for the month of February 2022. Payments total \$121,491.31 for February 2022.

22-0198

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (LITIGATION)

Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Litigation - 3/15/2022

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

Proposed Settlements Approved Fiscal Year 2022 to Present: \$207,000.00

Proposed Settlements to Be Approved:	\$0.00
Legal Fees Approved Fiscal Year 2022 to Present:	\$162,071.96
Legal Fees for 3/15/2022 to Be Approved:	\$69,370.59

22-0218**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

SECRETARY TO THE BOARD, Lynne M. Turner, presented in printed form a record of the Journal of Proceedings of the regular meeting held on 03/15/2022.

22-0203

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Department: Department of Conservation and Experiential Programming

Summary: Forest Preserves of Cook County Calendar: 4/5/2022 - 5/10/2022

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

Wednesday, 4/6; 5:30pm

Camping 101, Camp Reinberg, Palatine

Join us for a workshop covering basic camping skills. *Registration required.*

Friday, 4/8; 7pm - 9pm

Nocturnal Nature Walk, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs

Pop on over for a naturalist-led outdoor activity. Mother Nature will choose what is in store for the day. *Registration required.*

Friday, 4/8; 7:30pm

Evening Under a Half Moon, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington

Enjoy a night hike under the light of the moon! *Ages 10 and up. Registration required.*

Saturday, 4/9; 8am

Fishing Derby, Papoose Lake, Palos Park

Join the Village of Palos Park and the Forest Preserves for a family-fun day of fishing.

Saturday, 4/9; 2pm**Conservation@Home: Go Native and Get Wild, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Learn about the best plant species and benefits to yourself, pollinators and birds of planting native flowers, grasses, shrubs, and trees in your backyard. *Ages 18 and up. Zoom presentation.*

Sunday, 4/10; 1pm**Prime Real Estate, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington**

See why and how we provide cavity nesting birds with accommodation, then stay to see the tree swallows compete. *Registration required.*

Sunday, 4/10; 1pm**Sagawau Art: Drawing Birds, Sagawau Nature Center, Lemont**

Class will focus on gesture sketching and development of a completed drawing of an avian subject. *Ages 12 and up.*

Tuesday, 4/12; 10am - 1pm**Spring Breakout Adventures, Caldwell Woods, Chicago**

Welcome spring with nature as your muse. Take a hike or join a scavenger hunt, create a work of art, try archery, and more. Drop-in.

Wednesday, 4/13; 11am - 2pm**Spring Breakout Adventure, Dan Ryan Woods, Chicago**

Spend your time on break, outside! Enjoy a chance to try your hand at several outdoor recreation activities. Explore, discover, and create!

Thursday, 4/14; 11am - 2pm**Spring Breakout Adventure, Beaubien Woods- Boat Launch, Chicago**

Spend your time on break, outside! Enjoy a chance to try your hand at several outdoor recreation activities. Explore, discover, and create!

Saturday, 4/16; 11am - 2pm**Animal Supplies Drop 'n Drive, Miller Meadow, Maywood**

Join in helping animals in need by donating supplies. *This is a drop-off event; donation drop off location is at Miller Meadow Off-Leash Dog Area. Call 312-533-5751 for more information.*

Friday, 4/22; 10am - 2pm**Earth Day, Sauk Trail Woods, Chicago Heights**

Celebrate Earth Day by doing your part in helping clean up litter in the Preserves. We will have litter pick

up supplies for individuals or families to check-out during the afternoon.

Friday, 4/22; 7:30pm

Campfire Stories, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

An evening of stories and s'mores around our campfire. *\$3 per person. Registration required by 4/20.*

Friday, 4/22; 1pm - 3pm

Earth Day Cleanup, Schiller Woods-East, Chicago

Celebrate Earth Day by doing your part in helping clean up litter in the Preserves. We will have litter pick up supplies for individuals or families to check-out during the afternoon.

Friday, 4/22; 10am - 1pm

Earth Day Clean-up, Caldwell Woods, Chicago

Celebrate Earth Day by doing your part in helping clean up litter in the Preserves. Litter pick-up supplies for individuals or families available to check-out during the afternoon.

Friday, 4/22; 12pm - 2pm

Earth Day Cleanup, Miller Meadow-South, Maywood

Celebrate Earth Day by doing your part in helping clean up litter in the Preserves. We will have litter pick up supplies for individuals or families to check-out during the afternoon.

Friday, 4/22; 10am - 1pm

Earth Day Celebration with the BackYard Nature Center, Erickson Woods, Winnetka

Welcome spring with nature as your muse. Take a hike or join a scavenger hunt, create a work of art, try archery, and more. Drop-in.

Friday, 4/22; 3:30pm - 4:45pm

Earth Day: After School Earth Day Activities Drop-In, Trailside Museum, River Forest

Help us celebrate Earth Day by planting a tree, making a bird feeder, and creating "recycled" art.

Friday, 4/22; 3pm - 6pm

Earth Day Cleanup, Jerome Huppert Woods, River Grove

Celebrate Earth Day by doing your part in helping clean up litter in the Preserves. We will have litter pick up supplies for individuals or families to check-out during the afternoon.

Friday through Sunday, 4/22 - 4/24; 9:30am - 11:30am

Earth Day: Restoration Weekend - Garlic Mustard Pull, Sagawau Nature Center, Lemont

Celebrate Earth Day by welcoming back native plants and wildlife by pulling invasive garlic mustard.

Saturday, 4/23; 11am - 2pm**Earth Day, Beaubien Woods, Chicago**

Celebrate Earth Day by doing your part in helping clean up litter in the Preserves. We will have litter pick up supplies for individuals or families to check-out during the afternoon.

Saturday, 4/23; 10am - 3pm**Earth Day, Green Lake Woods, Calumet City**

Celebrate Earth Day with the opening of our new pollinator garden, themed games, a self-guided litter cleanup and more. *Call 708-868-0606 to learn more.*

Saturday, 4/23; 8am - 12pm**Earth Day Every Day for Girl Scouts, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs**

Girl Scouts, spend time outside learning conservation activities, Leave No Trace principles, birding, nature art making, orienteering and guided hikes. *Ages 9 and up. Registration required.*

Saturday, 4/23 to Sunday, 4/24**Camping Leadership Immersion Course, Camp Sullivan, Oak Forest**

CLIC is an overnight training at Camp Sullivan in Oak Forest designed to give participants the skills and experience to plan and lead camping trips at Camp Sullivan. The overnight training course covers camping safety, day-hiking, tent and stove-set up, teambuilding and leadership skills. Educational offerings and will help familiarize you with the reservation process. By completing the CLIC training, leaders gain access to the CLIC gear library (onsite) and designated group site at Camp Sullivan. *Must be at least 18 years old and be affiliated with an organization to participate. Fee is \$25 per person and includes food and camping gear for the night. Register at experience.camping@cookcountyl.gov. For more info go to visit the Forest Preserves website.*

Saturday, 4/23; 8am - 10am**Earth Day River Cleanup, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Join us to help clean up litter in Thatcher Woods in honor of Earth Day. A great Service Project for students, families, and Scouts! Held with partner organization the River Forest Park District. Bags and gloves provided; check in and get the supplies in Trailside Museum's lobby.

Sunday, 4/24; 7:30pm - 9:45pm**Night of the Frogs, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs**

Join a bilingual Spanish walk and use your sense of hearing to identify which frogs are calling. Data is used for the Calling Frog Survey for the Chicago Wilderness Region. *Ages 10 and up. Registration required.*

Sunday, 4/24; 10:30am and 1:30pm**Wildflower Walk, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Learn about spring woodland wildflowers on a casual walk. *Registration required.*

Friday, 4/29; 10am - 12pm**Arbor Day Celebration, Bunker Hill, Niles**

Celebrate the grandeur of trees and why they are vital to our community and world. Enjoy tree ID hikes, scavenger hunts, and more.

Saturday, 4/30; 10am - 3pm**Murdered & Missing Indigenous Women Awareness Day, Bunker Hill, Niles**

Join the American Indian Health Service of Chicago, American Indian Center-Chicago, St. Kateri Center, Trickster Cultural Center, and the Forest Preserves of Cook County to bring awareness to the obstacles the native communities have faced historically in seeking justice for these women and their families.

Sunday, 5/1; 11am - 3pm**Spring Festival & Trailside's 90th Anniversary Celebration, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Celebrate 90 years of nature education and springtime at Trailside Museum! Enjoy an ice cream social and participate in family-friendly historical activities. Enjoy animal encounters, kids' tree climb, guided wildflower walks, bird banding, dip netting, building a bird house to take home, and much more!

Sunday, 5/1; 1pm**April Showers Bring May Flowers, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington**

Search for the first blooms of spring emerging along the forest floor.

Sunday, 5/1; 11am - 12pm**Conservation@Home: Homegrown National Park, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs**

Let's help the goal of establishing 20 million acres of native gardening on private land. It is easy and we will show you how. Free plants! *Registration required.*

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

Join us for a workshop covering basic camping skills. *Registration required.*

Friday, 5/6; 11am - 3pm**Sand Ridge Nature Center 60th Anniversary, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Celebrate 60 years of Sand Ridge Nature Center's conservation, recreation, and educational work. *Find*

more info about daily activities on Sand Ridge Nature Center's Facebook page.

Saturday, 5/7; 10am - 12pm

World Migratory Bird Day, LaBagh Woods, Chicago

Celebrate these spring visitors and participate in family-friendly activities.

Saturday, 5/7; 9am - 12pm Spring Photography Workshop, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook Capture nature through hands-on instruction. *Registration required by 5/5. Participants must bring their own digital camera. Ages 18 and up. Registration required.*

Tuesday, 5/10; 5pm - 7pm World Mental Health Month Celebration, Swallow Cliff Woods, Palos Park

Exercise and time in nature are proven ways to improve your mental health. Climb the stairs, join a guided walk, and explore mental health resources. *In partnership with Advocate Aurora Health.*

ITEMS TO BE DISCHARGED FROM COMMITTEE

FINANCE COMMITTEE

[22-0175](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Department of Facilities and Fleet

Request: Refer to Finance Committee

Report Title: Annual Energy Expense Report

Report Period: 1/1/2021 - 12/31/2021

Summary: On 1/26/2021, the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners authorized the Forest Preserves to enter into agreements for energy providers recommended by Ameresco, Inc. (Board Item No. 21-0125). Previously, on 10/20/2020, the Board of Commissioners had approved a contract with Ameresco, Inc. to provide, in part, procurement of electricity, natural gas, and renewable energy (Board Item No. 20-0363). As required by Board Item No. 21-0125, this report provides a monthly breakdown of related energy payments made during fiscal year 2021.

COMMITTEE ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE MEETING OF 04/05/2022

22-0133 PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT Authority for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement (“IGA”) with the Streamwood Park District (the “Park District”).

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING OF 04/05/2022

22-0170 REPORT Forest Preserves of Cook County Law Enforcement, Report Title: Model Policing Report, Period: March 2022

LABOR COMMITTEE MEETING OF 04/05/2022

22-0128 PROPOSED RESOLUTION Proposed Collective Bargaining Agreement, Salary Schedule, Wage Adjustments And Healthcare Plan Resolution

22-0129 PROPOSED RESOLUTION Proposed Collective Bargaining Agreement, Salary Schedule, Wage Adjustments And Healthcare Plan Resolution

22-0130 PROPOSED RESOLUTION Proposed Collective Bargaining Agreement, Salary Schedule, Wage Adjustments And Healthcare Plan Resolution

22-0131 PROPOSED RESOLUTION Proposed Collective Bargaining Agreement, Salary Schedule, Wage Adjustments And Healthcare Plan Resolution
