



FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF COOK COUNTY

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Little Red School House

9800 Willow Springs Rd., Willow Springs, IL 60480

BOARD AGENDA

Tuesday, May 10, 2022, 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**22-0200**

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 ~~June 30, 2022~~ December 31, 2022.

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 an annual report 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 ~~June 30, 2022~~ December 31, 2022.

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

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

22-0247

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 Clean Energy Community Foundation, Chicago, Illinois

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

Purpose: Authorization is sought for the Forest Preserves to accept grant from and enter into an agreement with the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation (ICECF) for grant funding for a 44-acre land acquisition in Barrington Hills, Illinois in Cook County.

Grant Amount: Up to \$2,464,000.00 or 80% of the Purchase Price and up to \$10,000.00 for restoration

Grant Period: 5/1/2022 (retroactive) - 4/30/2023

Fiscal Impact: \$939,000.00 (20% match up to \$616,000.00 plus \$15,000.00 for appraisal and closing costs and 10% contingency of \$308,000.00)

Accounts: Real Estate Acquisition 510006.560010

Concurrences:

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

District(s): 15

Summary: The Forest Preserves has been awarded grant funds that will support the acquisition of a 44-acre parcel in Barrington Hills in northwest Cook County, Illinois. The parcel directly adjoins to the Spring Lake Preserve and will provide a link between this preserve and the property east of Old Sutton Road. The proposed acquisition contains some significant natural habitat that will expand habitat for wildlife as well as increase outdoor recreation opportunities. \$10,000.00 of the awarded amount will be spent to begin restoring the site. The grant will fund 80% of the cost of the acquisition with the Forest Preserves providing a 20% match plus closing and appraisal costs and up to 10% contingency. The acquisition advances the goals of the Forest Preserves' Land Acquisition Plan, Next Century Conservation Plan, and Acquisition and Disposition of Land Position Paper, and Chicago Wilderness' Green Vision.

22-0250

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 for the design and construction of new administrative and garage building at Salt Creek Division Headquarters located in North Riverside, Illinois

Grant Amount: \$4,400,000.00

Grant Period: Two (2) years from date of full execution

Fiscal Impact: Not to exceed \$3,100,000.00 in direct match (FY 2022 \$100,000.00; FY 2023 \$1,000,000.00; FY 2024 \$2,000,000.00)

Accounts: Professional Services 51009.520830, 51010.520830, 51027.520830, 51030.520830, 51031.520830, 51051.520830; Property Maintenance & Operations 51009.510105, 51010.510105, 51027.510105, 51030.510105, 51031.510105, 51051.510105; and future Construction & Development accounts

Concurrences:

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

District(s): 16

Summary: In 2020, a State of Illinois Appropriations Bill included \$4.4 million in Build Illinois Bond funds to IDNR, for the purpose of Forest Preserves’ infrastructure improvements. In September 2021, IDNR notified the Preserves that this funding was awarded in the FY 2022 State of Illinois Budget and requested submission of the required documentation for the release of funds. Documentation for the Salt Creek Landscape Maintenance Headquarters project was submitted in March 2022. The Project includes design and construction of a new energy-efficient office/garage building at the Salt Creek Landscape Maintenance Division Headquarters. This Division provides maintenance support to an extensive range of public outdoor facilities, including forty-six (46) picnic groves, over twenty-three (23) miles of paved and unpaved trails and several public canoe and kayak launches.

The new 10,500 s.f. building would replace an existing 1930s office/training building and a 1960s garage totaling approximately 5,775 s.f. The new building will feature all-electric heating and cooling system

creating minimal greenhouse gas emissions. Facility operations will also be improved with redesigned site access, parking, and fuel pump locations. The all-electric building will emit zero greenhouse gases, follow sustainability best practices, advance the Forest Preserves’ Sustainability and Climate Resiliency Plan and serve as a model for educating staff and visitors. Interpretive signage highlighting the building's sustainability features and the importance of the area's nature will be installed inside and outside of the building.

The Forest Preserves seeks authorization to accept the award and to enter into a related grant agreement. Total project costs are estimated at \$7,500,000.00, of which the Forest Preserves will contribute up to \$3,100,000.00 in direct match from other existing and future capital funds.

22-0223

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: Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (“CMAP”), Chicago, Illinois

Request: Authorization to accept grant

Purpose: Grant award for construction and engineering services for reconstruction of a portion of the Des Plaines Trail from Bryn Mawr Avenue to Irving Park Road near the Villages of Rosemont, Norridge, Schiller Park, and the City of Chicago, in northwest Cook County, Illinois.

Grant Amount: \$9,157,200.00

Grant Period: 5/10/2022 - 9/30/2026

Fiscal Impact: Not to exceed \$4,578,800.00 (\$2,289,400.00 20% match + \$2,289,400.00 20% contingency). Estimated impact excluding contingency: FY 2022 \$20,688.00; FY 2023 \$1,117,152.00; FY 2024 \$974,575.00; and FY 2025 \$176,985.00

Accounts: Professional Services 51009.520830, 51010.520830, 51029.520830, 51030.520830, 51031.520830, 51051.520830; Land Improvements 51009.560019, 51010.560019, 51029.560019,

51030.520830, 51031.520830, 51051.520830; and future Construction & Development accounts

Concurrences:

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

District(s): 9

Summary: This grant award by CMAP through the locally programmed Transportation Alternative Program (TAP-L) is for reconstruction of a portion of the Des Plaines Trail between Bryn Mawr Avenue and Irving Park Road (also known as Segments 3 and 4) to address chronic flooding and related safety hazards. This portion of the trail is unusable for a significant portion of the year. The reconstruction project includes realignment of portions of the trail outside of the floodplain, replacement of an existing underpass with a new pedestrian bridge over Lawrence Avenue, construction of some boardwalk and other improvements.

This project is part of a larger Des Plaines Trail improvement partnership effort that includes local municipalities, transportation agencies and bicycle advocacy groups. The Village of Rosemont and City of Park Ridge were awarded separate transportation grants to improve other portions of the trail immediately to the north of the Forest Preserves' reconstruction project. A total of 5.4 miles of the larger Des Plaines Trail extending from Touhy Avenue to Irving Park Road are scheduled for reconstruction by the end of 2025. More information on this significant "Des Plaines Trail Improvement" project can be found on the Forest Preserves project web page.

22-0224

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO LOCAL PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT WITH THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR DES PLAINES TRAIL RECONSTRUCTION AND TO PAY IDOT THE LOCAL SHARE OF CONSTRUCTION COSTS**

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") has sought and been awarded funds from the Transportation Alternative Program ("TAP-L Grant"), a federally funded program administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation ("IDOT"), to facilitate reconstruction of a 1.7-mile section of the Des Plaines Trail between Bryn Mawr and Lawrence Avenues also known as Segment 3 (hereafter "the Project"); and

WHEREAS, “IDOT” requires a resolution to reaffirm the Forest Preserves funding commitment for Phase III engineering (construction management) and construction costs associated with the Project as per the Local Partnership Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Local Partnership Agreement also provides for the division of Phase III engineering and construction costs for the Project and payment of 20% of the construction cost by the Forest Preserves as the Local Agency; and

WHEREAS, TAP-L provides 80% of total Phase III engineering costs estimated at \$689,600.00; and

WHEREAS, in order to meet deadlines for use of the funds provided via the TAP-L Grant, IDOT recommends that a consulting engineering firm be employed to perform Phase III engineering construction management services; and

WHEREAS, in January 2022, the Forest Preserves issued a Request for Qualifications “RFQ” for Phase III Engineering Services and based on qualifications subsequently selected Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd., (“CBBEL”) Rosemont, Illinois to serve as Consulting Engineers for Phase III engineering (Board Item No. 22-0225); and

WHEREAS, CBBEL Phase III engineering costs are \$688,543.00 and TAP-L funds will cover up to 80% (\$550,834.40) of this cost and the Forest Preserves will be responsible for 20% of the cost of Phase III engineering or \$137,709.00 in connection with the project; and

WHEREAS, TAP-L provides 80% of Construction costs for the Project, currently estimated at \$7,279,000.00 in total; and the Forest Preserves 20% local share of the construction cost is currently estimated at \$1,455,800.00; and

WHEREAS, IDOT is responsible for the bid letting, award of construction of contracts and will accept the apparent low bid with approval from the Forest Preserves.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Forest Preserves, through its President, to enter into a local partnership agreement (the “Local Partnership Agreement”), with the Illinois Department of Transportation (“IDOT”) in connection with the Project, and to pay an amount not to exceed \$688,543.00 for Phase III Engineering subject to reimbursement of 80% by IDOT, and to pay the Forest Preserves 20% local share of the construction cost directly to IDOT in an amount not to exceed \$1,455,800.00 plus contingency of \$1,455,800.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd, of Rosemont Illinois be engaged to perform Phase III engineering services in connection with the Project, and that the President of such Board of Commissioners is hereby directed to execute, on behalf of the Forest Preserves, an agreement by and between the Forest Preserves and CBBEL for Phase III Engineering services (the “Engineering Services Agreement”); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby confirms that sufficient funds are, or will be available, pending annual appropriations, in the Forest Preserves capital funding accounts, including Motor Fuel Tax funds from the Cook County Department of Transportation & Highways to pay the local share of Phase III engineering costs in the amount not to exceed \$137,709.00 and \$2,911,600.00 (\$1,455,800.00 plus \$1,455,800.00 contingency) for the local share of construction costs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of the Local Partnership Agreement and the Engineering Services Agreement for Federal Participation, when executed in their respective final form, shall be submitted to the IDOT for approval and final processing.

22-0225

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Department of Planning and Development

Vendor: Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd., Rosemont, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Phase III engineering services for construction oversight relating to construction of approximately 1.7 miles of the Des Plaines Trail from Bryn Mawr to Lawrence Avenue also known as Segment 3.

Contract Value: \$688,543.00

Contract Period: 8/1/2022 - 7/29/2024

Estimated Fiscal Impact: Not to exceed \$688,543.00 (FY2022 \$103,281.00; FY2023 \$413,126.00; FY2024 \$172,136.00; and 80% to be reimbursed by TAP-L)

Accounts: Professional Services 51009.520830, 51010.520830, 51029.520830, 51030.520830, 51031.520830, 51051.520830; and future Construction & Development accounts

Contract Number(s): #74000010547 issued in response to RFQ #19-80-67G2

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 Provisions via direct participation.

Forest Preserves(s): 9

Summary: Phase III engineering services are needed to oversee the rehabilitation of approximately 1.7 miles of the Des Plaines Trail and construction of a new pedestrian bridge over Lawrence Avenue. A federal grant awarded by CMAP through the locally programmed TAP-L Transportation Alternative Program will fund 80% of the engineering services and construction costs and is the subject of separate grant award approval (Board Item No. 22-0223). As provided in a separate Local Partnership Agreement which is the subject of a separate authorization resolution (Board Item No. 22-0224), the Forest Preserves will be responsible for 20% of the cost.

Five (5) firms responded to a publicly advertised Request for Qualifications. Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. ("CBBEL") was selected based on qualifications.

22-0221

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

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

PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Department: Department of Resource Management

Other Part(ies): City of Evanston, Evanston, Illinois

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement ("IGA") with the City of Evanston

Goods or Services: Cooperative management of transportation rights-of-way owned by the City of Evanston adjacent to Perkins Woods

Agreement Number(s): N/A

Agreement Period: Ten (10) years from date of execution

Fiscal Impact: N/A

Accounts: N/A

District(s): 13

Summary: The City of Evanston owns transportation rights-of-way adjacent to Colfax Street, Grant Street, and Ewing Avenue that directly border Perkins Woods, which is property of the Forest Preserves. The proposed IGA would grant the Forest Preserves and its agents, including ecological stewardship volunteers, limited access to these rights-of-way for the purpose of conducting cooperative restoration and management activities, centered primarily on invasive plant control. Collective management of invasive species within Perkins Woods and its connected rights-of-way will improve efficiency and achieve more positive ecological outcomes than the Forest Preserves and the City of Evanston can attain on their respective properties by working individually.

22-0232

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Department of Facilities and Fleet

Vendor: King Transmission, Elmhurst, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Parts and Service Rebuild Re-Manufacture Transmission and Drive-Line Components based on City of Chicago contract #34964

Original Contract Period: 2/1/2019 - 1/31/2022

Proposed Contract Period Extension: 2/1/2022 (retroactive) - 4/19/2023

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$75,000.00

Original Approval: 2/1/2019

Previous Increase(s): N/A

This Increase Requested: \$25,000.00

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2022 \$18,000.00; FY 2023 \$7,000.00

Accounts: Equipment, Supplies and Maintenance Service 29275.540275

Contract Number(s): #74000005304

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: In 2019, the Forest Preserves entered a contract with King Transmission. The contract piggybacked off the City of Chicago's contract with King Transmission (#34964). The City of Chicago subsequently extended its contract so that it now expires on 4/19/2023.

This request is for authorization to extend our agreement until 4/19/2023 and increase contract amount. King Transmission supplies parts and service to rebuild and remanufacture transmission and drive-line components for the Forest Preserves.

22-0234

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Department of Law Enforcement

Vendor: Theodore Polygraph Services Inc., Hillside, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Polygraph Services and Examinations for Law Enforcement positions

Original Contract Period: 6/1/2019 - 5/31/2022

Proposed Contract Period Extension: 6/1/2022 - 5/31/2023

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$75,000.00

Original Approval: 5/21/2019

Previous Increase(s): N/A

This Increase Requested: N/A

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2022 \$25,000.00; FY 2023 \$25,000.00 (using amount outstanding on contract)

Accounts: Professional Services 51001.520830

Contract Number(s): #74000006074

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: This request is for a time extension only. Theodore Polygraph Services Inc. provides polygraph and examinations for law enforcement positions in accordance with the Forest Preserves' Employment Plan. The Forest Preserves plans to issue a Request for Proposals by the end of 2022.

22-0243

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Department of Planning and Development

Vendor: Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd., Rosemont, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Professional engineering services for design and construction management of various transportation improvements and related ADA, stormwater and pedestrian safety improvements.

Original Contract Period: 5/19/2020 - 12/31/2025

Proposed Contract Period Extension: N/A

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$2,150,000.00

Original Approval: 5/19/2020, \$2,000,000.00

Previous Increase(s): 6/2/2021, \$150,000.00

This Increase Requested: \$50,000.00

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2022 \$50,000.00

Accounts: Professional Services 51009.520830, 51027.520830, 51028.520830, 51029.520830, 51051.520830, 51056.520830, 51057.520830, 51058.520835; and future C&D accounts

Contract Number(s): #74000007780 and #74000009864 issued under Project #19-80-67G

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 provisions via direct participation.

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: An increase in the original contract value is requested to allow the Vendor to complete Phase II engineering design work for a new major task (Des Plaines Trail rehabilitation) and proceed with a portion of 2022 construction oversight that was originally assigned under the contract. A federal grant for the Des Plaines Trail work was awarded in late 2021, resulting in an urgent need to reprioritize work for that project. A modest additional increase will allow oversight of a construction contract that is expected to be awarded in June and avoid delays in construction that would otherwise result if this work were put out to bid in a new solicitation. To avoid any further contract increases, a new bid solicitation for remaining engineering services needs identified in the original scope will be posted in the near future.

The proposed contract increase will be funded by motor fuel tax (MFT) funds through an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Cook County Department of Transportation & Highways (“CCDOH”) approved by the Forest Preserves Board of Commissioners on 2/25/2020 (Board Item No. 20-0007).

Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. was chosen by a selection committee, staff of the Department of Planning and Development, in response to a qualification-based selection process (RFQ 19-80-67Q). Eighteen (18) firms submitted qualifications in response to the RFQ.

22-0249

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Department of Planning and Development

Vendor: Studio GC, Inc., Chicago, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Professional services contract with Studio GC, Inc., to provide architectural services for a new headquarters building at the Salt Creek Landscape Maintenance Division in North Riverside

Original Contract Period: 8/30/2019 - 8/29/2021; Administrative Extension (3/24/2021) 8/30/2021 - 8/29/2022

Proposed Contract Period Extension: 8/30/2022 - 12/31/2024

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$118,120.00

Original Approval: \$89,000.00

Previous Increase(s): \$29,120.00

This Increase Requested: \$90,854.00

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$90,854.00 (FY 2022 \$60,854.00; FY 2023 \$20,000.00; FY 2024 \$10,000.00)

Accounts: Professional Services 51009.520830, 51010.520830, 51027.520830, 51028.520830, 51051.520830, 51056.520830, 51057.520830, 51058.520830; and future Construction and Development Funds

Contract Number(s): #74000006624 issued under Project #18-80-70

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 provisions via direct participation.

District(s): 16

Summary: The original scope of work for this contract included architectural design services for a new Salt Creek Landscape Maintenance division headquarters, including detailed design and bid documents for a new office building to replace an existing dilapidated office building, and conceptual planning for the future replacement of a separate older garage building that would be fully designed and built when funding became available. On July 28, 2020, the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners approved an increase to the contract so that plans could be modified to include interfaces for a connected garage instead of a separate garage (Board Item No. 20-0233). On November 17, 2020, a contract for construction of only the office building was awarded to construction contractor (Board Item No. 20-0349); however, due to supply chain issues, the construction contract did not proceed.

In September 2021, IDNR notified the Preserves that \$4.4 million in Building Illinois Bond funds for Forest Preserve infrastructure improvements was awarded in the FY2022 State of Illinois Budget and requested that the Preserves submit the required documentation for the release of funds. Documentation for the Salt

Creek Landscape Maintenance Headquarters project was submitted in March 2022. The Project includes the design and construction of a new energy-efficient office/garage building to replace two (2) existing outmoded buildings at the Salt Creek Landscape Maintenance Division Headquarters. A request to approve the grant award (Board Item No. 22-0250) has been submitted together with this request to extend and increase Studio GC, Inc.'s contract on a sole source basis to update the prior plans, specifications and permit documents and provide construction administration services for the combined office/garage building. The proposed contract increase would avoid redundancies that would result if services were awarded to a new design firm for the building addition.

The original RFP for this project was solicited publicly and seven (7) firms submitted proposals. A team of Forest Preserves staff reviewed the proposals and determined Studio GC, Inc., provided the most responsible and responsive proposal.

22-0222

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

Sponsored by: KEVIN B. MORRISON, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED MISCELLANEOUS ITEM OF BUSINESS

Department: Department of Resource Management

Summary: The Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") requests authority to submit Poplar Creek preserve as an Illinois Land and Water Reserve to the Illinois Nature Preserves Commission ("INPC").

This registration 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. Registration of a site as an Illinois Land and Water Reserve provides a high level of protection for land in Illinois and is granted only to natural areas of important ecological quality. Poplar Creek serves as an important buffer and extension of the rare gravel hill prairie community already preserved in the adjacent Shoe Factory Road Nature Preserve.

The proposed Poplar Creek Land and Water Reserve, commonly referred to as Carl R. Hansen Woods, is an approximately 579-acre preserve located within the larger Arthur L. Janura Preserve complex near the Village of Hoffman Estates in northwest Cook County. The site historically consisted of agricultural lands interspersed with intact remnant woodlands and prairies which have since been successfully transformed into functional native ecosystems through significant investments in restoration and the efforts of volunteer groups such as the Poplar Creek Prairie Stewards, who have led management of the site since 1989. The site supports at least twenty-seven (27) species identified as being in the greatest need of conservation, underpinning its ecological importance to the region.

The Forest Preserves currently has twenty-seven (27) dedicated Nature Preserves and five (5) Land and Water Reserves. The addition of Poplar Creek would bring the Forest Preserves’ total INPC-protected lands to approximately 10,975 acres.

The Forest Preserves respectfully requests authority to submit Poplar Creek to the Illinois Nature Preserves Commission for review and formal dedication and registration as an Illinois Land and Water Reserve according to the Illinois Natural Areas Preservation Act.

District(s): 15

22-0230

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED BID RECOMMENDATION

Department: Department of Planning and Development

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to enter into a construction contract with Enlight Contracting, LLC, primary place of business Chicago, Illinois, for Districtwide Transportation Improvements at various locations, primarily in Northwest Cook County.

Specific locations are in Palatine (Old Stover Trail across from Crabtree Nature Center, Camp Alphonse, Deer Grove West, Deer Grove #1, Deer Grove #2, Deer Grove #3, Deer Grove Culvert Repair near Grove #5), in Elk Grove Village (Busse Forest - Grove 31, Busse Forest - Elk Pasture, Busse Forest - Busse Lake Boating Center - Grove 17 and Grove 25), near Winnetka (Tower Road Boat Launch), in Lyons (Stony Ford Canoe Launch) and in Western Springs (Salt Creek Resource Management HQ).

Reason: Contract #74000010546 issued under Project #19-80-67G-22C1 Districtwide Transportation Improvements for the North Parking Lot Improvements. The work includes, but is not limited to paved trail improvements, access drives and adjacent parking areas and other related work as specified in the plans and specifications.

Bid Opening Date: 3/25/2022

Bid Results:

1. Chicagoland Paving Contractors, Inc. \$1,975,000.00*
2. **Enlight Contracting, LLC \$2,080,761.18**
3. Matthew Paving, Inc. \$2,171,875.63

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| 4. Keo & Associates, Inc. | \$2,475,137.74 |
| 5. Schroeder Asphalt Services, Inc. | \$2,731,933.05 |
| 6. Troch-McNeil Paving Co. | \$6,910,457.72 |

* Chicagoland Paving Contractors, Inc. was found non-responsive for lack of MWBE participation.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$2,080,761.18

Contract Period: Two hundred fifty-eight (258) days from notice to proceed.

Account Name/Number: Land Improvements 51029.560019 and 51009.560019

District: 14, 15, 16, 17

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 provisions via direct participation.

[22-0209](#)

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: 3/1/2022 - 3/31/2022

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

[22-0211](#)

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 - 3/31/2022

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

22-0241

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Departments of Legal and Finance

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Workers' Compensation Report - March 2022

Report Period: 3/1/2022 - 3/31/2022

Summary: The Forest Preserves of Cook County Departments of Legal and Finance are submitting Workers' Compensation Claim Payments for the month of March 2022. Payments total \$122,371.35 for March 2022.

22-0248

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Department of Planning and Development

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Trail Capital Plan & Guiding Principles

Report Period: N/A

Summary: Trails are one of the Forest Preserves’ greatest assets. This report builds on the Forest Preserves’ 2014 *Trail Master Plan* and supports the goals of the pending Cook County Bike Plan. It includes new information on existing trail condition along with key recommendations for maintaining, upgrading and expanding the current system. New guiding principles emphasize the need to invest more capital funding in maintenance while continuing to update the system to address new challenges, fill in gaps in the regional system and expand access to forest preserve trails in a strategic way.

22-0197

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (WORKERS’ COMPENSATION)

Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Workers’ Compensation - 5/9/2022

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

Workers’ Compensation Claims approved Fiscal Year 2022 to present:	\$0.00
Workers’ Compensation Claims to Be Approved:	\$17,296.24

22-0240

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (LITIGATION)

Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Litigation - 4/5/2022

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: \$231,442.55
Legal Fees for 4/5/2022 to Be Approved: \$77,141.00

22-0237

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Department: Department of Conservation and Experiential Programming

Summary: Forest Preserves of Cook County Calendar of Events and Activities 5/10/2022 - 6/14/2022

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

Every Day, 5/10 - 10/30

Ice Age Giants, Chicago Zoological Society/Brookfield Zoo, Brookfield

During the last major ice age, our human ancestors lived alongside enormous animals that made Earth their home for millions of years. This summer, Brookfield Zoo is unleashing more than 20 life-sized, animatronic re-creations of these giants that roamed North America and Eurasia before disappearing in a mass extinction about 10,000 years ago. *Viewing is free with general admission.*

Tuesday, 5/10; 5pm - 7pm

World Mental Health Month Celebration, Swallow Cliff Woods-North, 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.*

Friday, 5/13; 7pm

Sunset Hike, Crabtree Nature Center Facebook Page

Take time to unwind in nature during Mental Health Awareness Month. Join a naturalist for a relaxing 1.4-mile hike, learn about the flora and fauna on the trail, and enjoy the beauty of the setting sun. *Ages 18 and up. Registration required.*

Friday, 5/13; 5:30pm - 7:30pm

Painting by the Pond, Thatcher Glen Pond, River Forest

Explore nature through painting in this instructor-led workshop. *Materials provided. Ages 21 and up. BYOB (no glass). Call 312-533-5751 to register.*

Saturday, 5/14; 7am - 8:30am

World Migratory Bird Day Walk, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs

Take an early morning walk in search of birds making their way north. Bring binoculars, limited pairs to

lend. *Registration and required.*

Saturday, 5/14; 9am - 2pm

World Migratory Bird Day, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

Celebrate World Migratory Bird Day. Learn how light pollution effects bird migration and how turning off lights can help conserve birds.

Saturday, 5/14; 10am - 2pm

World Migratory Bird Day, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Come see what birds are visiting on this worldwide day of celebrating birds! Enjoy artmaking projects, bird walks and more.

Saturday, 5/14 to Sunday 5/15

Camping Leadership Immersion Course

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, and 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/person and includes food and camping gear for the night. *Registration required. For more info visit Camping Leadership Immersion Course (CLIC) on the Forest Preserves website.*

Saturday, 5/14; 10am - 12pm

Let's Play! Wilderness Exploration Day, Erickson Woods, Winnetka

Engage in shelter building activities and explore using a map and newly learned navigational skills. *Ages 5 and up. To register, visit theallianceforec.org.*

Saturday 5/14; 9am - 12pm

Chicago River Day, Beaubien Woods, Chicago

Celebrate the 30th anniversary of Chicago River Day. Help clean and restore our waterways and the land around it. *Registration required.*

Sunday, 5/15; 10:30am

Wildflower Sketching Workshop, Trailside Museum, River Forest

Join in a short nature walk to sketch blooming wildflowers. *For all skill levels. Materials provided. Ages 13 and up. Registration required.*

Sunday, 5/15; 1pm - 3pm

Spring Festival, Caldwell Woods, Chicago

Celebrate Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month with various arts, storytelling, and crafts

projects.

Sunday, 5/15; 9:30pm - 12am

Lunar Eclipse, Little Red Schoolhouse Facebook Page

A total lunar eclipse will be a sight to see! Join us to watch this celestial phenomenon unfold. Bring a chair and binoculars, limited pairs to lend. *Registration required.*

Friday, 5/20; 7:30pm

Night Hike, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

An evening walk to learn about nocturnal animals at River Trail. *\$3 per person. Registration required by 5/18.*

Saturday, 5/21; 10am

Hike the Preserves-Walk and Talk, Eggers Grove, Chicago

Get some exercise, meet new people, and learn about your local forest preserves on this slower paced walk. 2 miles.

Saturday, 5/21; 11am - 3pm

Nature Block Party, Eggers Grove, Chicago

Learn about and try all the fun things you can do outdoors. Explore nature, create art, and discover the wonder of the outdoors.

Saturday, 5/21; 1:30pm

Pond Dip Discovery, Trailside Museum, River Forest

Below the surface of Trailside's pond there is a magical world waiting to be discovered! We will dip nets into the pond and see what we find! *Registration required.*

Sunday, 5/22; 10:30am and 1:30pm

Spring Stroll, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

A walk to highlight the signs of spring. *All ages. Registration required.*

Wednesday, 5/25; 4pm - 6pm

Archery, National Grove-South, North Riverside

Attend this session to learn the basics of archery. *Ages 10 and up; equipment provided.*

Saturday, 5/28 to Sunday 5/29

Family Campout, Camp Shabbona, South Holland

Intro to camping for families. Includes meals, all camping gear and outdoor fun. *\$75 per family (group up to 6). Registration required.*

Saturday, 5/28; 10am

Spring Wildflower Walk, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs

Learn how to identify the diverse and short-lived woodland and prairie wildflowers on a naturalist-led hike. *Ages 15 and up. Hiking pace is average to slow. Registration required. Call 708-839-6897.*

Sunday, 5/29; 1pm

Pond Dippin', Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills

Investigate life in water samples you collect from our pond. There is more life than meets the eye below the surface of the water! *Registration required.*

Wednesday, 6/1; 6pm - 7:30pm

Camping 101, Camp Bullfrog, Willow Springs

Join us for a workshop covering basic camping skills. All ages.

Wednesday, 6/1; 5pm

Walk in the Woods: LGBT+ Environmentalists, LaBagh Woods, Chicago

To kick-off Pride Month, join us for a walk in nature as we highlight the work of LGBT+ environmentalists locally and abroad. *Ages 8 and up. Registration required.*

Saturday, 6/4; 9am - 11am

Bird Banding, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

Bird banding is a scientific method used to study birds. Drop in and visit the banders to learn more! *Weather dependent. Table and chairs will be set up outside on paved surface.*

Saturday, 6/4; 2pm

Raptor Tour, Trailside Museum, River Forest

Join us to learn about and take an up-close look at the raptor ambassador animals that live at Trailside Museum. *Ages 13 and up. Registration required.*

Sunday, 6/5; 12pm - 3pm

Explore the Forest, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington

Learn about and celebrate the different facets of the Forest Preserves through animal encounters, arts, and crafts and much more!

Tuesday, 6/7; 10 am -2 pm

Live Healthy, Discover Nature, Daley Plaza, Chicago

The Forest Preserves and its partners come to downtown Chicago to talk over Daley Plaza for the day. Celebrate all things Forest Preserve and learn about the many things happening in the preserves.

Thursday, 6/9; 11:30am

Kayak the Salt Creek River Trail, Bemis Woods, Western Springs

Join us as we paddle over 8 miles of the Salt Creek River Trail from Bemis Woods to Plank Road Meadow. *Instruction, sanitized equipment, kayaks, and shuttle provided. Registration required.*

22-0256

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 04/05/2022.

ITEMS TO BE DISCHARGED FROM COMMITTEE

AUDIT COMMITTEE

[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.

COMMITTEE ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE MEETING OF 05/10/2022

22-0190 PROPOSED LICENSE 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.

CONTRACT COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE MEETING OF 05/10/2022

22-0192 REPORT Department of Finance and Administration Report Title: Forest Preserves of Cook County Annual Business Diversity Report FY 2021, Report Period: 1/1/2021 - 12/31/2021
