



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

Virtual Meeting*

BOARD AGENDA

Tuesday, July 26, 2022, 10:00 AM

***For Commissioners and staff who plan to attend the meeting, please note that the on-site meeting location is the Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Rd, Glencoe, IL 60022.**

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, or at the discretion of the chair, but prior to final action by the meeting body as is practicable. Authorized public speakers who are not present when called upon to speak during the meeting 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:

<https://www.cookcountyil.gov/service/watch-live-board-proceedings>. Persons authorized to provide public testimony shall not use vulgar, abusive, or otherwise inappropriate language when addressing the Board; failure to act appropriately; failure to speak to an item that is germane to the meeting, or failure to adhere to the time requirements may result in expulsion from the meeting and/or disqualify the person from providing future testimony. Written comments will not be read aloud at the meeting, but will be posted on the meeting page and made a part of the meeting record.

PRESIDENT

[22-0311](#)

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

PROPOSED ORDINANCE**AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE A FOREST PRESERVE NEAR SPRING LAKE PRESERVE**

AN ORDINANCE CREATING A FOREST PRESERVE in part of Section 9, Township 42 North, Range 9, East of the Third Principal Meridian, all in Cook County, Illinois near Spring Lake Preserve in District 15.

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:

328 AND 330 OLD SUTTON ROAD, BARRINGTON HILLS, ILLINOIS

PARCEL 1: THAT PART OF THE SOUTH HALF OF SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 42 NORTH, RANGE 9, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT A POINT ON THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 9 AT A POINT 608.20 FEET NORTH 89 DEGREES 18 MINUTES EAST FROM THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 9; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 42 MINUTES WEST 465.81 FEET TO THE POINT AND PLACE OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 42 MINUTES WEST 68.19 FEET; THENCE NORTH 12 DEGREES 27 MINUTES EAST 259.40 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 85 DEGREES 20 MINUTES EAST 158.80 FEET; THENCE NORTH 48 DEGREES 25 MINUTES EAST 139. 90 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 82 DEGREES 23 MINUTES EAST 561.60 FEET TO THE OLD CENTER OF SUTTON ROAD; THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY ALONG THE SAID OLD CENTER OF SUTTON ROAD, 325.08 FEET TO A POINT LYING 803.45 FEET NORTH 89 DEGREES 18 MINUTES EAST FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 18 MINUTES WEST ON A LINE PARALLEL WITH THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 9, A

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PINS: 01-09-303-007-0000, 01-09-303-008-0000

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TOWNSHIP OF BARRINGTON, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

PIN: 01-09-303-004-0000

SAID PARCELS CONTAINING 1,918,382 SQUARE FEET, OR 44.04 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

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 15

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

[22-0312](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED SALE OR PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE

Department(s): Legal Department

Other Part(ies): Rescue Society LLC (Owner of Record)

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

Description of Real Estate: 328, 330 & 331 Old Sutton Road, Barrington Hills, Cook County, Illinois

Section: N/A

Parcel(s): 01-09-303-004, 01-09-303-007, and 01-09-303-008

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Fiscal Impact: \$3,080,000.00 plus closing costs up to \$10,000.00 (up to \$3,090,000.00 in total)

Accounts: Real Estate and Land Acquisition Fund 51006.560010; and Grant Fund 51010.560020

District(s): 15

Summary: The Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") has identified three parcels of land for acquisition that would add to the Forest Preserves' current holdings near Spring Lake Preserve (the "Property"). The Property, commonly known as 328, 330, & 331 Old Sutton Road, Barrington Hills, Cook County, Illinois, consists of approximately 44.00 ± acres. The Property directly adjoins to the Spring Lake Preserve and will provide a link between the preserve and the Horizon Farms Preserve to the east. This acquisition contains significant natural habitat that includes some very large oaks and will expand habitat for wildlife, as well as increase outdoor recreation opportunities.

Through negotiations, the Owner of Record (the "Seller"), has agreed to sell the Property to the Forest Preserves for the sum of THREE MILLION EIGHTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00/100 (\$3,080,000.00) plus closing costs up to \$10,000.00 (up to \$3,090,000.00 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. The Forest Preserves was awarded an Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation grant for this acquisition and will be reimbursed up to 80% of the purchase price or up to \$2,464,000.00 (Board Item No. 22-0247).

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.

[22-0262](#)

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

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

CONTRACTS AND PURCHASES

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners, Title 1 - ADMINISTRATIVE, Chapter 8 - DISTRICT FINANCES, Section 2 - CONTRACTS AND PURCHASES of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as follows:

1-8-2: - CONTRACTS AND PURCHASES

K. *No Delegation of Power to Act for Expenditure Exceeding \$150,000.00:* The Purchasing Agent may authorize, without board approval, the following:

1. The award of a contract in an amount not to exceed one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00), subject to any applicable limitations on contract terms (see Section 1-8-2(L) below); and
2. ~~The expenditure of public money to a single vendor in a fiscal year by a District Department in an amount not to exceed one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00).~~ The Purchasing Agent shall have the authority to approve purchase orders in an amount not exceeding one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00) to the same vendor in a fiscal year by a District Department without Board approval.

The Purchasing Agent may approve an amendment to a contract, without prior Board approval;

subject to the following conditions:

- (a) That such amendment does not increase the original amount of the contract by more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) or ten (10) percent of the original contract amount, whichever is greater; and
- (b) If contract has not already been approved by the District Board of Commissioners, that the amendment does not cause the contract amount to exceed one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00) during the term of the contract, as amended.

The Comptroller shall have authority to approve without Board approval the expenditure of public money to a single vendor in a fiscal year by a District Department in an amount not to exceed one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00). The Comptroller also shall have authority to approve without Board approval the expenditure of public money to a single vendor in a fiscal year by a District Department in an amount greater than one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00) pursuant to the terms of a contract previously approved by the District Board and subject to any increase in the contract amount that the Purchasing Agent is permitted to make under this Section 1-8-2(K), provided that any such expenditures shall be included in the monthly Disbursements Report(s) provided to the District Board by the District's Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 1-8-2(BB).

The Board of Forest Preserve Commissioners shall have no power or authority to delegate to any committee or other person or persons the "power to act," when such "power to act" shall involve the (i) the award of a contract in an amount exceeding one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00)), and/or (ii) the expenditure of public money to a single vendor in a fiscal year by a District Department in an amount exceeding one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00) other than pursuant to a Board approved contract; except in the following instances: the payment of public utility bills; the payment of rent, pursuant to the provisions of a lease previously approved by the District Board; payment of insurance premiums; agreements and other documents necessary to carry out grant-funded projects or other board authorized transactions. Any action of the Board, or of any committee thereof, or of any other person or persons in violation of this section shall be null and void. No officer of the District, or other person shall incur any indebtedness on behalf of the District, unless first authorized by the District Board.

O. *Purchase Procedure:*

- 1. *Purchases of ~~one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00)~~ five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) or less:* Purchases of goods, supplies, or materials of ~~one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00)~~ five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) or less in a fiscal year to a single vendor by a District Department may be made without obtaining competitive quotes or bids.

BB. *Procurement and Disbursements Reports:* The District's Chief Financial Officer shall submit a report to the Board on a monthly basis listing the procurements that exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) and do not require Board approval, including a list of each vendor from whom the District makes such a procurement, a brief description of the product or service provided, the fund from which the funds are being encumbered, as well as the amount. The District's Chief Financial Officer shall provide a monthly report to the Board of the following:

1. Individual ~~individual~~ and total amount of disbursements made for contracts not approved by the Board involving any expenditure that exceeds five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) ~~and that do not require Board approval~~, including a list of each vendor to whom the District makes such disbursements, a brief description of the product or service provided, the fund from which the funds are being drawn and the amount of the payment; and
2. Individual and total amount of disbursements made for contracts approved by the Board involving any expenditure that exceeds one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00), including a list of each vendor to whom the District makes such disbursements, a brief description of the product or service provided, the fund from which the funds are being drawn and the amount of the payment.

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

[22-0324](#)

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

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners, Title 3 - POLICE REGULATIONS, Chapter 3 - MISCELLANEOUS MISCONDUCT, Section 6 - WEAPONS of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code of Ordinances is repealed in its entirety and the following Code is substituted in its place:

3-3-6: - WEAPONS.

A. Firearms Possession:

1. General. Except as provided in Section 3-3-6(B) below, no unauthorized person shall enter into or upon any preserve carrying a revolver, pistol, shotgun, rifle or any other firearm of any kind.
2. Concealed Weapons. Except as provided in Section 3-3-6(B) below, no unauthorized person shall carry or wear under their clothes, or concealed about their person, any pistol, revolver, derringer, bowie knife, dirk knife, or dirk razor, dagger, slingshot, metallic knuckles or other dangerous or deadly weapon in or upon any preserve.
3. Prohibited Places. Except as provided in Section 3-3-6(B) below, no unauthorized person shall carry a concealed firearm in the following areas of the District:

- i. any playground or Nature Play Areas;
 - ii. any building or portion of any building under the control of the District;
 - iii. any public gathering or special event conducted on property open to the public that requires the issuance of a permit from the District, provided this prohibition shall not apply to a valid concealed carry licensee who must walk through a public gathering in order to access their residence, place of business, or vehicle;
 - iv. any zipline, adventure course, or amusement park on District property;
 - v. any building, real property, or parking area under the control of a zoo or museum on District property;
 - vi. any building under control of a private party on property owned by the District so long as authorized signage is conspicuously posted pursuant to 430 ILCS 66/65(d).
4. Intoxication. No person may carry a concealed weapon about their person on District property while under the influence of alcohol, other drug or drugs, intoxicating compound or combination of compounds, or any combination thereof, under the standards set forth in subsection (a) of Section 11-501 of the Illinois Vehicle Code [625 ILCS 5/11-501].

B. Firearms Permitted:

1. Law Enforcement. The prohibitions described in Section 3-3-6(A)(1-3) above shall not apply to any police officer of the District, County or State, or other peace officer carrying such firearms as may be necessary in the discharge of their duties as such officer, or to members of the armed forces of the United States while enroute and in uniform, nor shall it apply to any person summoned by any of such officers to assist in making arrest, or preserving the peace, while such person so summoned is engaged in assisting such officer.
2. Permit. The prohibitions described in Section 3-3-6(A)(1) and (2) above shall not apply to those persons who are lawfully carrying a firearm pursuant to a valid license issued pursuant to the Firearm Concealed Carry Act (430 ILCS 66/1 et seq.) or pursuant to the Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act (18 USC § 926B or 18 USC § 926C).
3. Parking Area. It shall not be a violation of Section 3-3-6(A)(1-3) for any person with a valid concealed carry license to carry a concealed firearm about their person, in a vehicle, or properly stored in their locked vehicle in a parking lot of a prohibited area so long as that license holder complies with 430 ILCS 66/65(b).

C. Possessing Replica or Toy Firearms: No unauthorized person shall at any time bring into or

upon any preserve, nor have in their possession, nor discharge or set off anywhere within the Forest Preserve District, any toy firearm, air rifle, air gun, water gun, toy cannon, or any water cannon, slingshot or bow and arrow or any gun that discharges projectiles either by air, spirit, explosive substance or any other force, except where the General Superintendent issues a permit for an appropriate demonstration.

D. Confiscation of Weapons: In addition to all other penalties, weapons found in violation of Subsection A. of this Section shall be ordered forfeited to and confiscated by the Forest Preserve District.

E. Penalty: Any person violating any of the provisions of this Section shall be fined not less than seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) or more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each offense.

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

[22-0341](#)

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

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

DISORDERLY CONDUCT

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners, Title 3 - POLICE REGULATIONS, Chapter 3 - MISCELLANEOUS MISCONDUCT, Section 1 - DISORDERLY CONDUCT of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as follows:

3-3-1: DISORDERLY CONDUCT.

A. The following shall constitute disorderly conduct:

1. All persons who make, aid, countenance or assist in making any improper noise, riot, disturbance, breach of the peace or diversion tending to a breach of the peace within the limits of any forest preserve;
2. All persons lodging in or found at any time in areas that the General Superintendent has designated as prohibited from public access;
3. All persons who shall willfully assault another while in any forest preserve or be engaged in or abet or aid in any fight, quarrel or other disturbance in any forest preserve;
4. All persons who stand, loiter or stroll about within any forest preserve waiting or seeking to obtain money or other valuable things from others by trick or fraud or to aid or assist therein;

5. All persons that shall engage in any fraudulent scheme, device or trick to obtain money or other valuable things in any said forest preserve or who shall aid or abet or in any manner be concerned therein;
6. All touts, ropers, steerers or cappers so called for any gambling room or house who shall ply or attempt to ply their calling within any forest preserve;
- ~~7. All persons who shall have or carry any firearm, dirk, brass knuckles, slingshot or other dangerous weapon concealed on or about their person;~~
- ~~7~~8. All persons who shall have or carry a knife, commonly referred to as a switchblade knife, which has a blade that opens automatically by hand pressure applied to a button, spring or other device in the handle of the knife, or a ballistic knife, which is a device that propels a knifelike blade as a projectile by means of a coil spring, elastic material or compressed gas;
- ~~8~~9. All persons who are bare-chested while on Forest Preserve District golf courses or golf driving ranges, and all persons who indecently expose themselves while on Forest Preserve property;
- ~~9~~10. All persons who appear in any public place manifestly under the influence of alcohol, narcotics or other drug, not therapeutically administered, to the degree that ~~he/she~~ they may endanger ~~himself/herself~~ themselves or other persons or property, or disturb the peace of persons in ~~their~~ his/her vicinity;

shall be deemed guilty of disorderly conduct and upon conviction thereof shall be deemed guilty of disorderly conduct.

B. Penalty: Any person violating any of the provisions of this Section shall be fined not less than seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) or more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each offense.

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

[22-0313](#)

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE (President) and PETER N. SILVESTRI, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF REAL ESTATE FROM THE FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF COOK COUNTY TO THE VILLAGE OF RIVER GROVE

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, an Illinois Special District (“District”), is the owner of real estate located in River Grove, Cook County, Illinois, legally described on Exhibit A (“District

Real Estate”); and

WHEREAS, the Village of River Grove, a body politic and corporate of the State of Illinois (“Village”), desires to obtain title to the District Real Estate for the public purpose of improving the land to the extent permitted by law; and

WHEREAS, the District Real Estate is located wholly within the corporate limits of the Village; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of Article VII, Section 10 of the 1970 Illinois Constitution and the provisions of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act, 5 ILCS 220/1 *et seq.* authorize and encourage the intergovernmental cooperation set forth in this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Local Government Property Transfer Act, 50 ILCS 605/0.01 *et seq.* provides statutory authority for one municipality to convey title to real estate to another municipality when the territory of the transferor municipality is at least partly within the corporate limits of the transferee municipality and it is necessary or convenient to use, occupy or improve real estate held by the transferor municipality in the making of any public improvement or for any public purpose; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Local Government Property Transfer Act, 50 ILCS 605/0.01 *et seq.*, this Resolution is conditioned upon the Village adopting an Ordinance which declares that it is necessary or convenient for the Village to use, occupy or improve the District Real Estate for the aforementioned public purposes and the Ordinance shall further declare that the Village is authorized by law to receive title to the District Real Estate and will accept any transfer of title to the District Real Estate made by the District to the Village; and

WHEREAS, the District’s Board of Commissioners hereby finds and determines that the transfer of the District Real Estate to the Village is in the best interests of the District and the District’s Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes and directs that such transfer shall proceed as set forth in the instant Resolution notwithstanding the terms, conditions and procedures of Title 2, Chapter 5 Code of Ordinances of the District; and

WHEREAS, the Village has agreed to purchase the District Real Estate for the sum of One Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$110,000.00); and

WHEREAS, the District adopts this Resolution, by a vote of two-thirds or more of its members, which Resolution authorizes the conveyance of the District Real Estate to the Village pursuant to its statutory authority, including the Local Government Property Transfer Act, 50 ILCS 605/0.01 *et seq.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1:

The foregoing recitals are incorporated herein as findings of the Board of Commissioners of the Forest

Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois.

Section 2:

The President of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the District, a quit claim deed conveying the District Real Estate to the Village, subject to any covenants, conditions and restrictions contained therein, which quit claim deed shall be attested and delivered by the appropriate District officials.

Section 3:

The President of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners and the General Superintendent of the District are hereby authorized to execute and deliver any and all other documents or instruments and take any and all steps necessary or desirable to effectuate such conveyance.

Section 4:

This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval in the manner provided by law.

EXHIBIT A

DISTRICT REAL ESTATE

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

LOT 90 OF VOLK BROS.' CAREY ESTATES, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF THAT PART OF LOT 3 (LYING NORTH OF GRAND AVENUE) IN ASSESSOR'S DIVISION OF THE WEST HALF OF FRACTIONAL SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 40 NORTH, RANGE 12, EAST OF THE 3RD PRIME MERIDIAN, ALSO OF BLOCK "G" IN TURNER PARK CITY, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF LOTS 1 AND 2 IN SAID ASSESSOR'S DIVISION, ALSO PART OF LOT "A" IN WILHELMINA SCHMIDT'S CONSOLIDATION OF PART OF LOT 3 IN SAID ASSESSOR'S DIVISION OF LA FRAMBOISE'S RESERVE, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

SAID PARCEL CONTAINING 6,786.65 SQUARE FEET, OR 0.1558 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

PIN: 12-26-300-013-0000

[22-0289](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT SUB-AWARDS

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2021, the federal government authorized the American Rescue Plan Act of

2021 (“ARPA”) which includes \$1.9 trillion in federal stimulus funds to hasten the United States’ recovery from the economic and health effects caused by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, specifically, the federal government has authorized and allocated a federal award of approximately \$1,000,372,385.00 of ARPA funding to Cook County to assist the County in its recovery from the economic and health effects of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the County may subaward to subrecipients portions of the County’s ARPA funding for purposes approved by the County Board (see County Board Item Nos. 22-0637, 22-0691, 22-1626, and 22-2807); and

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) has requested subaward funds in the following amounts for the following Forest Preserves programs:

1. **Conservation Corps - Not to Exceed \$3,875,000.00.** The Forest Preserves will continue to engage youth and adults from Cook County in meaningful hands-on job training. Participants receive job training, attend networking events, and earn valuable certifications while improving the ecological health of the Forest Preserves. In subsequent years, the program may feature an expanded career pathways focus and new partners.
2. **Riparian Restoration -Not to Exceed \$3,000,000.00.** These funds will allow Forest Preserves to restore 400 acres of floodplain and associated uplands habitats along Tinley and Thorn Creeks allowing for improved natural infiltration of rainwater, reducing flooding, and improving water quality. Funds will support the development of hydrologic restoration plans. A portion of the project area will involve riparian restoration in the Sauk Lake preserve system, which includes the communities of Park Forest, Chicago Heights, South Chicago Heights, and Steger.
3. **Personnel Costs -Not to Exceed \$2,000,000.00.** These funds are for one-time payments for Forest Preserves employees for pandemic related impacts, similar to one-time payments made by the County for its employees in 2021.
4. **Implementation of the Southeast Cook County Land Acquisition Plan -Not to Exceed \$7,000,000.00.** These funds will help us acquire an estimated 350 acres in southeast Cook County. This land preservation project is a nature-based solution that will contribute towards the reduction of flooding and build greater resilience in the area to storm events and potential impacts from climate change and will create a vibrant forest preserve system that promotes improved public health, aids in the generation of economic benefits and boosts community and social resilience. The ARPA funds will build on awards from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources Land and Water Conservation Fund and Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation that are helping to secure several other parcels in the area.

5. **Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Stations.** Cook County will purchase and install up to five (5) EV Charging Stations on Forest Preserves property. Each charging station is valued at approximately \$35,000.00. Once installed, the charging stations will be owned and operated by the Forest Preserves. These charging stations will be used in Forest Preserves operations and will be available as an amenity to Forest Preserves patrons. Any proposed fees for the use of the charging stations will be brought to the Forest Preserves Board of Commissioners for approval in advance. The goal is to help increase access to electric vehicle charging stations throughout Cook County, focusing on where there are currently large gaps in service areas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize the Forest Preserves, as a grant subrecipient, to enter into one or more Intergovernmental Agreement(s) or Subrecipient Agreement(s) with Cook County for funding for the projects described above, provided such agreements are limited to terms of no more than five (5) years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Forest Preserves of Cook County shall present to the Board of Commissioners an annual report of expenditures from County ARPA funds received.

[22-0323](#)

PROPOSED REAPPOINTMENT

Appointee(s): Arnold L. Randall, General Superintendent of the Forest Preserves of Cook County

Position: Public Building Commissioner

Department/Board/Commission: Public Building Commission

Effective date: 10/1/2022

Expiration date: 9/30/2027

COMMISSIONERS

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

[22-0284](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Department: Department of Facilities and Fleet

Other Part(ies): Village of Hoffman Estates, Illinois

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

Goods or Services: The Village of Hoffman Estates is requesting an IGA to allow for the use of a former Resident Watchman residence in Hoffman Estates, Illinois to be used for fire personnel training purposes, including search, rescue, and live fire drills. At the termination of the agreement, the Village will demise the structure by fire, obviating the need to demolish the unused building.

Agreement Number(s): N/A

Agreement Period: Three (3) years from the date of execution

Fiscal Impact: Not to Exceed \$10,000.00 (Cost of Asbestos Testing and Abatement)

Accounts: Corporate Fund 51001.540350

District(s): 15

Summary: The Forest Preserves owns a former Resident Watchman residence at 576 Higgins Rd., in Hoffman Estates, Illinois. The Village has requested the use of the residence for fire training purposes, including live fire drills, for three (3) years. The residence is not currently in use, and the Forest Preserves desires savings on the cost of demolition. The Village would be allowed to use the residence for fire rescue training drills, including live fire condition simulations. At the conclusion of three (3) years, the Village would burn the residence to the ground, saving the Forest Preserves the cost of demolition. The Village would obtain all necessary permits at its expense for any live fire drills, with the exception of asbestos testing and abatement, which the Forest Preserves agrees to conduct at its expense, if necessary.

[22-0315](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Department: Office of the General Superintendent

Other Part(ies): University of Illinois, Illinois Sustainable Technology Center (“ISTC”), Champaign, Illinois

Request: Authorization to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the University of Illinois, Illinois Sustainable Technology Center (“ISTC”)

Goods or Services: Assist Forest Preserves on the updating of the “Sustainability & Climate Resiliency Master Plan” and related matters.

Agreement Number(s): N/A

Agreement Period: 7/26/2022 - 7/25/2023, with two (2) one-year renewal options to be exercised at the discretion of the General Superintendent

Fiscal Impact: Not to Exceed \$15,000.00 annually, or \$45,000.00 over a three (3) year period

Accounts: Consulting and Management Services 51001.520850

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: On May 21, 2019, the Forest Preserves Board of Commissioners approved an intergovernmental agreement with ISTC (Board Item No. 19-0267). Under the 2019 agreement, ISTC advised the Forest Preserves on the implementation of the Sustainability and Climate Resiliency Plan and the Net Zero GHG Emissions goal. Both the plan and the Net Zero Emissions goal were approved by the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners via Board Item No. 18-0313 and Board Item No. 19-0128, respectively.

The Forest Preserves of Cook County would like to continue its intergovernmental arrangement with ISTC via a new agreement, under which ISTC shall: (1) update the Sustainability & Climate Resiliency Master Plan (the “Plan”); (2) support staff in the implementation of the Plan, and the 2021 Clean Energy Framework and Action Plan; and (3) support staff in various other sustainability related trainings, data analysis, and reports.

[22-0233](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Department of Fleet and Facilities

Vendor: Sutton Ford, Matteson, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Eight (8) Ford Explorer marked patrol units, three (3) Ford Explorer unmarked patrol units, two (2) Ford F-150 marked patrol units, and one (1) Ford Expedition

Contract Value: \$697,896.08

Contract Period: one-time purchase

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2022, \$697,896.08

Accounts: Vehicles and Equipment 51009.530170

Contract Number(s): #74000010825

Concurrences:

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

The Vehicle Steering Committee has approved the purchase of the referenced vehicles.

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

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: The Facilities and Fleet Department received permission from the Vehicle Steering Committee on 4/26/2022 to purchase fourteen (14) new vehicles to be assigned to the Law Enforcement Department. All the vehicles proposed, excepting the Expedition, are Hybrid Electric Vehicles (HEV) supporting the Forest Preserves' sustainable fleet plan to reduce institutional greenhouse gas production. The Vehicle Steering Committee also approved the decommissioning of ten (10) Forest Preserves police vehicles on 4/26/2022 due to age, condition, and mileage. The proposed agreement is a piggyback contract with Sutton Ford, Inc., which was awarded, through a competitive process, a contract by the City of Chicago (#101191) which includes all upfitting. The proposed agreement represents a cost savings for the Forest Preserves.

[22-0244](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Department of Resource Management

Vendor: Davey Resource Group, Inc., Elmhurst, Illinois (formerly Conservation Land Stewardship, Inc.)

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Comprehensive habitat enhancement services

Contract Value: Not to exceed \$1,250,000.00

Contract Period: 7/26/2022 - 11/30/2023

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2022 \$625,000.00; FY 2023 \$625,000.00

Accounts: Professional Services 51031.520840 and all future Professional Services accounts; Grant and Mitigation 51010.521444 and 51010.520840

Contract Number(s): #74000010894 issued under RFP #18-31-101

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.

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: Project #18-31-101Y consists of comprehensive habitat enhancement services including, but not limited to invasive species management, prescribed burning, and ecological and hydrological repair throughout the Forest Preserves. Work will involve restoration at quality ecological sites which require a high degree of specialization. Davey Resource Group, Inc. is being engaged as a sixth vendor in order to increase work capacity and supplement the existing vendor pool as it relates to expanding prescribed fire, brush clearing, and vegetation management during the growing season due to new grant and mitigation project opportunities.

Four (4) vendors were initially approved by the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners on 7/26/2018 (Board Item Nos. 18-0298, 18-0299, 18-0301, and 18-0302), with an additional vendor being added on 7/23/2019 (Board Item No. 19-0311) to perform services under RFP #18-31-101 for an aggregate amount not to exceed \$25,000,000.00. To accommodate a new vendor under this \$25,000,000.00 authority limit, the funds approved for use by the initial four (4) vendors will now be capped internally at \$19,125,000.00, with \$3,375,000.00 reserved for the fifth vendor added in 2019. The remaining \$2,500,000.00 in authority will be divided between Davey Resource Group and another vendor which is simultaneously being proposed per Board Item No. 22-0246. The difference in these numbers is reflective of the authority requested herein.

The Forest Preserves issued a Request for Proposals and received a total of eight (8) responses for this project. Proposals were evaluated on their experience and expertise with similar projects, proposed approach, cost proposal, and capacity to perform all aspects of the work.

This contract is critical to advancing the goals of the Next Century Conservation Plan to restore 30,000 acres to ecological health.

[22-0246](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Department of Resource Management

Vendor: V3 Construction Group, Ltd., Woodridge, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Comprehensive habitat enhancement services

Contract Value: Not to exceed \$1,250,000.00

Contract Period: 7/26/2022 - 11/30/2023

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2022 \$625,000.00; FY 2023 \$625,000.00

Accounts: Professional Services 51031.520840 and all future Professional Services accounts; Grant and Mitigation 51010.521444 and 51010.520840

Contract Number(s): #74000010890 issued under RFP #18-31-101

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.

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: Project #18-31-101Z consists of comprehensive habitat enhancement services including, but not limited to invasive species management, prescribed burning, and ecological and hydrological repair throughout the Forest Preserves. Work will involve restoration at quality ecological sites which require a high degree of specialization. V3 Construction Group, Ltd. is being engaged as a seventh vendor in order to increase work capacity and supplement the existing vendor pool as it relates to expanding prescribed fire, brush clearing, and vegetation management during the growing season due to new grant and mitigation project opportunities.

Four (4) vendors were initially approved by the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners on 7/26/2018 (Board Item Nos. 18-0298, 18-0299, 18-0301, and 18-0302), with an additional vendor being added on 7/23/2019 (Board Item No. 19-0311) to perform services under RFP #18-31-101 for an aggregate amount not to exceed \$25,000,000.00. To accommodate a new vendor under this \$25,000,000.00 authority limit, the funds approved for use by the initial four (4) vendors will now be capped internally at \$19,125,000.00, with \$3,375,000.00 reserved for the fifth vendor added in 2019. The remaining \$2,500,000.00 in authority will be divided between V3 Construction Group, Ltd and another vendor which is simultaneously being proposed per Board Item No. 22-0244. The difference in these numbers is reflective of the authority requested herein.

The Forest Preserves issued a Request for Proposals and received a total of eight (8) responses for this project. Proposals were evaluated on their experience and expertise with similar projects, proposed approach, cost proposal, and capacity to perform all aspects of the work.

This contract is critical to advancing the goals of the Next Century Conservation Plan to restore 30,000 acres to ecological health.

[22-0320](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Department of Planning and Development

Vendor: Bowman Consulting Group Ltd., 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 engineering services for design and construction management of various transportation improvements and related ADA, stormwater and pedestrian safety improvements.

Contract Value: \$2,000,000.00

Contract Period: 8/15/2022 - 8/14/2025 with two (2) one-year renewal options at the discretion of the General Superintendent

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$2,000,000.00 (FY2022 \$500,000.00; FY2023 \$750,000.00; and FY2024 \$750,000.00). Future year projections will be submitted to the Cook County Department of Transportation & Highways for approval

Accounts: Professional Services 51009.520830, 51027.520830, 51028.520830, 51029.520830, 51030.520830, 51031.520830, 51051.520830, and 51058.520835; and future C&D accounts

Contract Number(s): Contract #740000010829 issued under RFQ #19-80-67-22

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.

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: The proposed contract involves engineering design and construction management services for certain transportation-related capital projects funded primarily by the transfer of Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) funds over the next three (3) years 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). The proposed consultant scope would include design and/or construction management for access roads with parking areas and several miles of paved trails, related ADA improvements, stormwater drainage and pedestrian safety improvements. Some improvements that are not eligible for MFT grant funds would be funded through other Forest Preserves capital funds.

Bowman Consulting Group, Ltd. was chosen by a selection committee, staff of the Department of Planning and Development, in response to a qualification-based selection process (RFQ 19-80-67G-22). Nine (9) firms submitted qualifications in response to the RFQ.

[22-0267](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED BID RECOMMENDATION

Department: Department of Facilities and Fleet

Request: Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to enter into a contract with Global Water Technology, Inc., primary place of business South Holland, Illinois, for water filtration services.

Reason:Contract #74000010877 issued under RFP #22-53-007662R is for the maintenance of water filtration services for Camp Bullfrog, Camp Shabbona, Swallow Cliff and Maple Lake Boating Center. RFP # 22-53-007662R was posted publicly twice with the first posting producing no respondents. After the second bid posting, we received one respondent with suitable pricing.

Bid Opening Date: 4/19/2022

Bid Results:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
1. Global Water Technology, Inc.	\$272,403.84*

*The cost proposal submitted of \$215,403.84 was corrected to read \$272,403.84 due a clerical error of submitting the proposal for twelve (12) site visits rather than the requested sixty (60) visits.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$272,403.84 FY 2022 \$18,687.50, FY 2023 \$44,850.00, FY 2024 \$44,850.00, FY 2025 \$44,850.00, FY 2026 \$44,850.00, FY 2027 \$46,226.60 (optional year), FY 2028 \$28,089.74 (optional year)

Contract Period: 8/1/2022 - 7/31/2027; one (1) twelve-month extension option at the discretion of the General Superintendent

Account Name/Number: Building Services, Supplies, and Materials 51001.540360; and Professional Services 51001.520840

District: Districtwide

Concurrence(s):

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

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

[22-0268](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED BID RECOMMENDATION

Department: Department of Facilities and Fleet

Request: Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to enter into a contract with Omega III, LLC, primary place of business Chicago, Illinois for demolition services.

Reason: Contract #74000010827 issued under solicitation #22-53-007566 is for demolition and disposal of building structures, foundations, slabs, equipment, with utilities disconnects at our Glen Grove Equestrian Center and Villa Santa Maria.

Bid Opening Date: 4/19/2022

Bid Results:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
1. Omega III, LLC.	\$377,850.00*
2. McDonagh Demolition, Inc.	\$443,500.00
3. Robe, Inc.	\$874,300.00

*The cost proposal submitted of \$362,850.00 was corrected to read \$377,850.00 due to a clerical error neglecting to include the \$15,000.00 contingency for the two (2) projects as required.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$377,850.00

Contract Period: 7/26/2022 - 7/25/2023

Account Name/Number: Capital Improvement Fund, Land Improvements 51009.560019; Capital Improvement Fund, Building Improvements 51009.560107; Land Improvements 51001.560019; and Land Improvements 51009.560019

District: Districtwide

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.

[22-0302](#)

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 within and surrounding the Deer Grove forest preserve system.

Reason: Contract #74000010798 issued under Project #22-31-107 Deer Grove Tree Removals consists of the removal of ninety (90) trees, pruning of thirty-five (35) trees and other related work as specified in the plans and specifications within and adjacent to the Deer Grove forest preserve system in northwestern Cook County. Trees marked for pruning and removal occur along roadsides, parking lots, as well as paved and multi-use trails.

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: 6/3/2022

Bid Results:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
1. Trees “R” Us, Inc.	\$38,232.76
2. Homer Tree Service, Inc.	\$51,800.00

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$38,232.76

Contract Period: Thirty (30) working days from issuance of purchase order

Account Name/Number: Professional Services 51031.520840

District: 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.

[22-0306](#)

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 Pan-Oceanic Engineering Co., Inc., primary place of business Chicago, Illinois, for Districtwide Transportation Improvements at various locations, primarily in North Cook County.

Specific locations are in Chicago (Caldwell Woods/Whealan Pool Improvements, North Branch Trail over Oakton St./Caldwell Ave), in Northfield (North Branch Trail under I-94) and in Skokie (Skokie Resource Management HQ Parking Lot Expansion).

Reason: Contract #74000010862 issued under Project #19-80-67G-22C3R (rebid) Districtwide Transportation Improvements for the North Branch Area Improvements. The work includes, but is not limited to pavement surfacing, paved trail realignment, ADA access improvements, structural repairs and other related work as specified in the plans & specifications.

Bid Opening Date: 6/24/2022

Bid Results:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
1. Pan-Oceanic Engineering Co., Inc.	\$1,125,840.14
2. AGAE Contractors, Inc.	\$1,977,096.00

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$1,125,840.14

Contract Period: Two hundred nine (209) days from notice to proceed.

Account Name/Number: Land Improvements 51029.560019, 51009.560019, 51051.560019 and 51058.560019

District: 9, 13

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.

[22-0307](#)

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 Pan-Oceanic Engineering Co., Inc. primary place of business Chicago, Illinois, for Districtwide Transportation Improvements at various locations, primarily in South Cook County.

Specific locations are in Chicago (new 87th Street connection to Major Taylor Bike Trail), in Lansing (Lansing Woods parking), in Oak Forest (Carlson Spring Woods parking, Oak Forest culvert removal, new Pulaski Road trail connection at Oak Forest trail and new Camp Sullivan trail connection to Tinley Creek trail), in Orland (Orland Grassland North parking), in Lyons (Chicago Portage trail), in Chicago Heights (Woodrow Wilson Woods parking removal and restoration), in South Chicago Heights (Sauk Woods Central parking), in Palos Heights (Tinley Creek Trail and Tinley Creek Woods parking) and in Thornton (Wampum Lake parking).

Reason: Contract #74000010824 issued under Project #19-80-67G-22C4 Districtwide Transportation Improvements for the South Area Improvements. The work includes, but is not limited to pavement resurfacing, drainage and ADA access improvements, paved trail development, and pavement removal and restoration and other related work as specified in the plans & specifications. The majority of work is funded by Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) funds from Cook County Department of Transportation & Highways.

A portion of the Tinley Creek Trail rehabilitation work is funded by a Recreation Trail Program grant from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

Bid Opening Date: 6/10/2022

Bid Results:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
1. Pan-Oceanic Engineering Co., Inc.	\$2,606,851.34
2. Matthew Paving, Inc.	\$2,978,105.68

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$2,606,851.34

Contract Period: Three hundred sixty-two (362) days from notice to proceed

Account Name/Number: Land Improvements 51009.560019, 51010.560019, 51029.560019, 51051.560019 and 51058.560019

District: 5, 6, 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.

[22-0308](#)

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 Great Lakes Landscape Co., primary place of business Bartlett, Illinois, for Districtwide Transportation Improvements at Possum Hollow Woods and Villa Santa Maria, primarily in South Cook County.

Specific locations are in LaGrange Park (Possum Hollow Woods parking) and in Tinley Park (new

parking facility at the newly acquired property at Villa Santa Maria).

Reason: Contract #74000010826 issued under Project #19-80-67G-22C5 Districtwide Transportation Improvements. The work includes but is not limited to green infrastructure porous unit paving retrofitting, new parking facility development, drainage and access improvements and other related work as specified in the plans & specifications. Green infrastructure work is partially funded by the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago.

Bid Opening Date: 6/1/2022

Bid Results:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
1. Great Lakes Landscape Co.	\$1,383,488.00
2. Enlight Contracting, LLC	\$1,467,829.49

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$1,383,488.00

Contract Period: Two hundred nine (209) days from notice to proceed.

Account Name/Number: Land Improvements 51009.560019, 51010.560019, 51028.560019, 51029.560019, 51030.560019 and 51031.560019

District: 6, 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.

[22-0309](#)

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 Great Lakes Landscape Co., primary place of business Bartlett, Illinois, for unpaved trail improvement and repair at Camp Reinberg, Crabtree Nature Center, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center and Sand Ridge Nature Center.

Specific locations are in Palatine (Camp Reinberg), in Barrington Hills (Crabtree Nature Center) in Lemont (Sagawau Environmental Learning Center) and in South Holland (Sand Ridge Nature Center).

Reason: Contract #74000010828 issued under Project #21-80-03-C1-R (rebid) Unpaved Trail Repairs and Improvements. The work includes but is not limited to aggregate or topsoil surface installation, trail widening, concrete sidewalk installation, culvert removal and installation, tree removals, grading of ditches and other related work as specified in the plans & specifications.

Bid Opening Date: 6/23/2022

Bid Results:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
1. Great Lakes Landscape Co.	\$805,616.00
2. Pan-Oceanic Engineering Co., Inc.	\$851,364.00

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$805,616.00

Contract Period: Three hundred (300) days from notice to proceed.

Account Name/Number: Land Improvements 51009.560019, 51028.560019, 51030.560019, 51031.560019, 51051.560019 and 51058.560019

District: 4, 14, 15, 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.

[22-0310](#)

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 AGAE Contractors, Inc., primary place of business Elk Grove Village, Illinois, for Busse Woods in Elk Grove Village and Tampier Lake Boat Dock Repairs in Orland Park.

Reason: Contract #74000010878 issued under Project #22-80-13R (rebid) Busse and Tampier Boat Dock Repairs

Bid Opening Date: 6/23/2022

Bid Results:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
1. AGAE Contractors, Inc.	\$443,017.53
2. MERU Corp.	\$699,910.00
3. Pan-Oceanic Engineering Co., Inc	\$749,000.00

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$443,017.53

Contract Period: 1/31/2023

Account Name/Number: Land Improvements 51009.560019, 51028.560019, 51030.560019, 51031.560019, 51051.560019 and 51058.560019

District: 15, 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.

[22-0293](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED DISBURSEMENT

Department(s): Department of Planning and Development

Action: Authorization to make a payment

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Professional Services for Transportation Improvements

Fiscal Impact: \$159,120.17

Accounts: Professional Services 51029.520830 and 51009.520830

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

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: Professional engineering services for certain transportation -related capital projects funded primarily by the transfer of up to \$25 million in motor fuel tax (MFT) funds through an intergovernmental agreement with the Cook County Department of Transportation & Highways (“CCDOTH”). The consultant scope includes design and construction management for improvements to access roads with parking areas, rehabilitation of trails, related ADA improvements, stormwater drainage and pedestrian safety improvements. This payment is for work under a professional services contract approved by the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners on 5/19/2020 (Board Item No. 20-0189). A small portion of the work for this payment is not eligible for MFT funds and would be paid with other capital funds.

[22-0294](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED DISBURSEMENT

Department(s): Department of Planning and Development

Action: Authorization to make payment

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Professional Services for Transportation Improvements

Fiscal Impact: \$206,792.34

Accounts: Professional Services 51029.520830 and 51009.520830

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

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: Professional engineering services for certain transportation -related capital projects funded primarily by the transfer of up to \$25 million in motor fuel tax (MFT) funds through an intergovernmental agreement with the Cook County Department of Transportation & Highways (“CCDOH”). The consultant scope includes design and construction management for improvements to access roads with parking areas, rehabilitation of trails, related ADA improvements, stormwater drainage and pedestrian safety improvements. This payment is for work under a professional services contract approved by the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners on 5/19/2020 (Board Item No. 20-0189). A small portion of the work for this payment is not eligible for MFT funds and would be paid with other capital funds.

[22-0319](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED DISBURSEMENT

Department(s): Department of Planning and Development

Action: Authorization to disburse payment.

Payee: Enlight Contracting, LLC., Chicago, Illinois

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

Fiscal Impact: \$223,397.13

Accounts: Motor Fuel Tax Grant 51029.560060

Contract Number(s): #74000009399 issued under Project #19-80-67G-21C6

District(s): 15

Summary: Payment for contractor services to provide new ADA access amenities at Crabtree Nature Center and construction of a new parking facility at 165 Algonquin Road. Work is pursuant to the construction contract approved by the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners on 7/27/2021 (Board Item No. 21-0353).

[22-0316](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Department of Finance and Administration

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Award

Report Period: Fiscal Year End 2020

Summary: The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting and represents a significant accomplishment by a local government. The award is given by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) upon its review of the Forest Preserves' Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for FY 2020.

The GFOA has awarded the Forest Preserves of Cook County the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for fourteen (14) consecutive years. In order to be awarded the certificate, a government must publish an easily readable and efficiently organized ACFR. The report must satisfy both accounting principles generally accepted in the United States and applicable legal requirements.

[22-0317](#)

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 - 5/31/2022

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

[22-0318](#)

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: 5/1/2022 - 5/31/2022

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

[22-0329](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Departments of Legal and Finance

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Workers' Compensation Report - May 2022

Report Period: 5/1/2022 - 5/31/2022

Summary: The Forest Preserves of Cook County Departments of Legal and Finance are submitting Workers' Compensation Claim Payments for the month of May 2022. Payments total \$83,623.98 for May 2022.

[22-0342](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Department of Finance and Administration

Request: Approve

Report Title: Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (the "ACFR"), formerly Comprehensive Annual Financial Report

Report Period: Fiscal Year Ending 12/31/2021

Summary: The ACFR has been prepared by the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") for the fiscal year ending 12/31/2021. The report has been prepared in accordance with the principles and standards for financial reporting set forth by the Government Accounting Standards Board and audited by a firm of independent auditors retained by the Forest Preserves.

[22-0325](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Department of Conservation and Experiential Programming

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: The Forest Preserves of Cook County Animal Ambassador Program

Report Period: N/A

Summary: Report to address the Forest Preserves of Cook County Animal Ambassador Program and to make recommendations based on interviews with experts in the field, benchmarking other similar sites, library research and third-party review of the health and well-being of the coyote at River Trail Nature Center.

[22-0331](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (LITIGATION)

Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Litigation - 6/14/2022

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: \$381,140.82

Legal Fees for 06/14/2022 to Be Approved: \$70,254.88

[22-0332](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (LITIGATION)

Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Litigation - 7/20/2022

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: \$3,500,000.00

Legal Fees Approved Fiscal Year 2022 to Present: \$451,395.70

Legal Fees for 7/20/2022 to Be Approved: \$154,729.84

22-0353

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 06/14/2022.

[22-0336](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Department: Conservation and Experiential Programming

Summary: Forest Preserves of Cook County Calendar- 7/26/2022- 9/20/2022

Please check the Forest Preserves of Cook County's website for updates and changes.

Wednesday, 7/27; 6pm - 8pm

Teen Exploration Day - Archery, Miller Meadow-South, Forest Park

Calling all teens! Join us throughout the county at our Teen Exploration Days. Explore nature through adventurous, playful, and relaxing activities all while learning about conservation and Chicagoland's unique ecology! Each event will have a main activity such as canoeing, climbing, campfire, archery and all dates will offer various nature related activities and adventures. *Ages 13 and up. Registration requested for groups. Call 312-533-5751.*

Saturday 7/30; 10am

Explore the African American Heritage Water Trail, Beaubien Woods Boat Launch, Chicago

Experience the African American Heritage Water Trail through this guided event.

Saturday, 7/30; 2pm - 5pm

Family Game Day, Thatcher Woods, River Forest

Adults and families, you are invited to an afternoon full of your favorite backyard games and nature trivia.

Take a walk with us on the trail in between games.

Saturday, 7/30; 10am - 11:30am

Mental Wellness and You, Green Lake Woods, Calumet City

Does nature have secret tricks to help us to be healthier mentally and physically? This series of wellness programs is designed for youth and families to connect to oneself and nature. *Registration required.*

Sunday, 7/31; 12pm - 2pm

River Monsters, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Wade in as we explore the Des Plaines River and learn about the creatures that live under its' surface.

Sunday, 7/31; 10:30am

Hooray for Herons, Trailside Museum, River Forest

Join a naturalist for a short talk about these fascinating birds that call the Forest Preserves home, followed by a walk to see them at the pond or river. *Ages 18 and up. Registration required.*

Thursdays, 8/4, 8/11, 8/25; 10am

Hummingbirds for Kids, Sagawau Nature Center, Lemont

Enjoy a hummingbird activity while watching hummingbirds in the Hummingbird Viewing Area. *Registration required.*

Thursday, 8/4; 6pm

Teen Exploration Day - Camping 101, Camp Bullfrog, Willow Springs

Calling all teens! Join us throughout the county at our Teen Exploration Days. Explore nature through adventurous, playful, and relaxing activities all while learning about conservation and Chicagoland's unique ecology! Each event will have a main activity such as canoeing, climbing, campfire, archery and all dates will offer various nature related activities and adventures. *Ages 13 and up. Registration requested for groups. 1.5-hour long workshop covering basic camping skills. Register at experience.camping@cookcountyil.gov.*

Friday, 8/5; 2pm

Teen Exploration Day - Biking, Birding, & Forest Bathing, Busse Woods, Rolling Meadows

Calling all teens! Join us throughout the county at our Teen Exploration Days. Explore nature through adventurous, playful, and relaxing activities all while learning about conservation and Chicagoland's unique ecology! Each event will have a main activity such as canoeing, climbing, campfire, archery and all dates will offer various nature related activities and adventures. *Ages 13 and up. Registration requested for groups.*

Saturday, 8/6; 10:30am

Mosquitos! Trailside Museum, River Forest

Learn about how mosquitos play a key role in many ecosystems and go on a guided walk to track them down in their different life stages. *Registration required.*

Sunday, 8/7; 1pm**Habitat Walk, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington**

Walk Bur Edge trail with a naturalist and trek through Crabtree's three habitats - woodlands, wetlands, and prairies.

Sunday, 8/7; 1pm**Songs of Summer, Sagawau Nature Center, Lemont**

Who is singing this afternoon? Enjoy the summer chorus of insects while learning how and why crickets, katydids, cicadas, and grasshoppers sing. *Registration required.*

Wednesday, 8/10; 6pm - 7:30pm**Cooking 101, Camp Reinberg, Palatine**

Learn basic campfire cooking skills, and how to make a tasty meal. *Ages 12 and up. Registration required.*

Thursday, 8/11; 8:15pm**Moon Walk, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs**

Let the full moon be our guide as we walk in the largest Urban Night Sky Place in the world. *All ages. Please bring binoculars, limited pairs to lend. Registration required. Programa ofrecido en Español.*

Saturday, 8/13; 10am - 11:30am**Self-Expression & Body Positivity, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Create a photo journal of nature's positive attributes and your interactions with nature. This series of wellness programs is designed for youth and families to connect to oneself and nature. *Registration required.*

Saturday, 8/13; 6:30pm - 10pm**Summer Bonfire, Camp Shabbona Woods, South Holland**

Join us at Camp Shabbona Woods as we celebrate summer with a bonfire, nature play, artmaking, lawn games, evening walks and more.

Saturday, 8/13; 9:30am - 11am**Nature Journaling Workshop, Schiller Woods-West, Schiller Park**

Learn the essentials of keeping a nature journal to deepen your observations and connection to nature wherever you find it. No drawing or journaling experience is necessary. Led by Maureen Clare Murphy, University of Illinois Extension Master Naturalist. *Meet at Grove 2. Registration required.*

Sunday, 8/14; 1pm**Hummingbird Paint, Sagawau Nature Center, Lemont**

Sit in the hummingbird garden and draw these avian marvels. Learn how to paint their iridescent colors. *Registration required.*

Wednesday, 8/17; 12pm - 2pm

Nature Discovery Day, Swallow Cliff-North, Palos Hills

Drop in for a fun afternoon of nature discovery. We will have nature games, guided walks, art making, kite flying, and more.

Wednesday, 8/17; 10am**Forest Therapy Walk, Carl Hansen Woods, Elgin**

Awaken your senses and renew your bond with the nature and the Preserves. *Certified Forest Therapy guide. Ages 18 and up.*

Thursday, 8/18; 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 and older. Registration required.*

Saturday, 8/20; 9am - 2pm**Hummingbird Fest, Sagawau Nature Center, Lemont**

Join us for activities, viewing, and demos of how the birds are banded for tracking and research purposes.

Saturday, 8/20; 9:30am - 12pm**Junior Nature Photography, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Learn how to capture nature through hands-on learning about cameras and photography. Any digital camera can be used (point and shoot cameras are fine). *All photography levels welcome. Ages 8 to 15. Registration required by 8/17.*

Saturday, 8/20; 11am - 2pm**Bach-to-School Adventure Day, LaBagh Woods, Chicago**

Say goodbye to summer with a day of adventure and music. Activities include archery, nature obstacle course, walks, and more! *In partnership with Bach to Rock Music School.*

Sunday, 8/21; 10am - 2pm**Animal Origami, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington**

Drop in to learn how to make animals out of origami.

Tuesday, 8/23; 6:30pm - 8:30pm**Night Sky Celebration, Swallow Cliff-South, Palos Park**

Activities will be offered to help us better understand the wonders of the natural light from the moon and stars. *Meet at Grove 2.*

Wednesday, 8/24; 6pm - 7:30pm**Camping 101, Camp Reinberg, Palatine**

1.5-hour long workshop covering basic camping skills. *All ages. Register at experience.camping@cookcountyil.gov*

Thursday, 8/25; 4pm

Kayak the Des Plaines River, Maywood Grove, Maywood

Join us as we paddle nearly 6 miles of the Des Plaines River from Maywood Grove to Plank Road Meadow. *Instruction, sanitized equipment, kayaks, and shuttle provided. Registration required.*

Thursday, 8/25; 5pm - 7pm**Adult Game Night, Edgebrook Woods, Chicago**

Adults you are invited to a night full of your favorite backyard games and trivia. *BYOB. Ages 21 and up.*

Tuesday, 8/26; 1pm (Facebook Live)**Amazing Ants: Hidden Kingdoms, Sagawau Nature Center, Lemont**

Ants are everywhere! Being small makes them hard to observe. Join us for a closer look at our local ants and survey Sagawau's diversity.

Friday, 8/26; 7pm - 9pm**Evening at a Nature Center, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs**

Enjoy a behind the scenes tour of the animal exhibits after hours and take a self-guided walk at your leisure. *Registration required. Programa ofrecido en Español.*

Saturday, 8/27; 10am - 11:30am**Random Acts of Kindness/Showing our Creations, Sauk Trail Woods, South Chicago Heights**

Share your photo journals with other boot campers and learn how to "pay it forward" with random acts of kindness. This series of wellness programs is designed for youth and families to connect to oneself and nature. *Registration required.*

Saturday, 8/27; 7:30pm - 9pm**Starry Night Walk, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Join us for a guided walk and telescope observations as we admire the night sky and learn about astronomy. *Registration required.*

Saturday, 8/27; 10am**Summer Sights and Sounds Walk, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs**

Experience the healing powers that nature offers when we open our senses to the beauty that surrounds us. *Registration required.*

Saturday, 8/27; 8am**Birdability Bird Watching, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Join us for an accessible bird-watching opportunity for the mobility impaired, and for anyone who enjoys seeing birds - beginners or experienced! Distance covered will be a few hundred yards on a paved trail, with some limited seating available. Join us for a few minutes, or for an hour! We are at the beginning of fall migration and may see colorful warblers passing through. We will listen for songs and calls. We will have binoculars available to loan. *Led by Chicago Audubon's John Elliott. Registration required.*

Saturday, 8/27; 6pm - 11pm

Busse Night Ride, Busse Woods Boating Center, Elk Grove Village

Here's your chance to ride the Busse Woods trail at sunset, twilight or in the dark! Ticket purchase includes live music, bonfires, refreshments and more. *Registration required.*

Sunday, 8/28; 10:30am**Summer Blooms, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Join a naturalist for a short walk as we check out the late summer blooms at the gardens and along the trails. *Ages 18 and up. Registration required.*

Sunday, 8/28; 1pm**Cicadas! Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington**

Discover the secretive underground lives of our noisiest insects and learn how to distinguish their calls.

Wednesday, 8/31; 4:30pm - 6:30pm**Orienteering 101, Miller Meadow-South, Maywood**

Learn the history and basics of orienteering. Then, put your new skills to work by completing an orienteering game. *Meet at Grove 6.*

Tuesdays, 9/6 and 9/13; 10am - 12pm**Wildlife Connections, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Stop by the visitor center to learn about reptiles, mammals, and birds from the residents of Misericordia - Heart of Mercy.

Saturday, 9/10; 10am - 2pm**Archaeology Day, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Pay homage to the Calumet Region's Native American cultural history while investigating the artifacts that tell their stories. Activities include archaeology displays, a mock archaeology dig, and more.

Saturday, 9/10; 1pm**Sweeping the Prairie, Sagawau Nature Center, Lemont**

What kind of invertebrates can we find in the prairie and why is it important to know? Sweep net through the prairie to find out. *Family program. Registration required.*

Saturday, 9/10; 1pm**Solar Gazing, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington**

Join us and the Northwest Suburban Astronomy Club as we take a gander at the sun with special scopes.

Sunday, 9/11; 12pm - 3pm**Migrating Monarchs Celebration, Thatcher Woods, River Forest**

Travel with this amazing butterfly and trace its migration route to Mexico through fun activities, kid's crafts, and educational displays. See how monarchs are raised, tagged for tracking, and watch butterflies being released. Learn how you can help monarchs and other pollinators! *Registration required.*

Friday, 9/16; 5pm - 7 pm

Family Pond Paddle, Thatcher Glen, River Forest

Families, enjoy an evening paddling on Thatcher Glen Pond located at Trailside Museum of Natural History. *Instruction, sanitized equipment, and kayaks provided. Registration requested.*

Saturday, 9/17; 12pm - 3pm**Fall Nature Fest, LaBagh Woods, Chicago**

Enjoy food, drinks, games, Jesse White Tumblers, ambassador animals, native plant give-a-ways, and more.

Saturday, 9/17; 10am - 12pm**National Clean Up Day, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington**

Help care for our natural world by joining us for a litter clean-up or pick up supplies for your own clean up in a preserve or park near you.

Sunday, 9/18; 11am - 2pm**Herbal Tea Party, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Walk our gardens to learn about native plants then sample different infused teas made from them. *All ages.*

Sunday, 9/18; 1:30pm - 3pm**Discovering Spiders, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs**

Let us search, identify, and learn about the amazing adaptations of these arachnids. *Registration required.*

Tuesday, 9/20; 6pm - 8pm**Day Hiking Leadership Training, Bemis Woods-North, Westchester**

Calling all teachers, group leaders and youth educators! Our Day Hiking Leadership Training program gets youth and groups of all ages outside by empowering teachers and group leaders with the skills and resources they need to lead safe and fun outdoor experiences. We will focus on thoughtful trip planning, risk management practices, memorable outdoor activities, outdoor ethics, hiking best practices, appropriate gear, and more!

Training will include two mandatory portions: an online portion available starting two weeks prior, consisting of classroom work and an in-person portion on 9/20. In-person portion will include a group day hike, gear inventory, and lending processes. *Online portion must be complete prior to the in-person portion. Participants must be at least 18 years or older, be affiliated with an organization, and be present on hiking trips when borrowing gear. If interested, please email experience.camping@cookcountyil.gov with name and organization.*

Thursday, 9/21; 5pm - 7pm**Family Pond Paddle, Thatcher Glen, River Forest**

Families, enjoy an evening paddling on Thatcher Glen Pond located at Trailside Museum of Natural History. *Instruction, sanitized equipment, and kayaks provided. Registration required.*

ITEMS TO BE DISCHARGED FROM COMMITTEE**FINANCE**[22-0295](#)**PROPOSED ORDINANCE**

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION LIMITED TAX REFUNDING BONDS AND NOT TO EXCEED \$45,000,000 General Obligation Unlimited Tax REFUNDING Bonds (Personal Property Replacement Tax Alternate Revenue Source) OF THE FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS:

- Sec. 1 Authority, Purposes and Findings
- Sec. 2 Approval of Financing Plan
- Sec. 3 Authorization and Terms of 2022 Limited Tax Bonds
- Sec. 4 Authorization and Terms of 2022 PPRT Tax Bonds
- Sec. 5 Payment Provisions
- Sec. 6 Redemption Provisions
- Sec. 7 Approval of Documents
- Sec. 8 Continuing Disclosure
- Sec. 9 Bond Insurance
- Sec. 10 Sale and Delivery of 2022 Bonds
- Sec. 11 Execution and Authentication
- Sec. 12 Transfer, Exchange and Registry
- Sec. 13 Security for 2022 Limited Tax Bonds
- Sec. 14 Form of 2022 Limited Tax Bonds
- Sec. 15 Levy and Extension of Taxes For 2022 Limited Tax Bonds
- Sec. 16 Security for 2022 PPRT Bonds
- Sec. 17 Form of 2022 PPRT Bonds
- Sec. 18 Levy and Extension of Taxes For 2022 PPRT Bonds
- Sec. 19 Application of Proceeds
- Sec. 20 2022 Limited Tax Debt Service Fund
- Sec. 21 2022 PPRT Debt Service Fund
- Sec. 22 Pledges Securing 2022 Bonds
- Sec. 23 Expense Fund
- Sec. 24 Investment Regulations
- Sec. 25 Tax Covenants
- Sec. 26 Taxes Levied For Payment of 2012B Limited Prior Bonds

- Sec. 27 PPRT Revenues Held For Payment of 2012C PPRT Prior Bonds
- Sec. 28 Bond Registrar
- Sec. 29 Book-Entry System
- Sec. 30 Defeasance and Payment of 2022 Bonds
- Sec. 31 Ordinance to Constitute a Contract
- Sec. 32 Publication
- Sec. 33 Effective Date

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

Full Text of this item can be found at: <https://rb.gv/3mfb2f>

[22-0296](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

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

Vendor: Go Ape Bemis Woods LLC (“Go Ape”), Frederick, Maryland

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Professional design, construction, operation, and maintenance services for an Aerial Adventure & Zipline Course (the “Course”)

Original Contract Period: 5/1/2014 - 5/1/2019; Board Approved Extension (9/8/2015) 5/2/2019 - 5/1/2021; Board Approved Extension (1/14/2020) 5/2/2021 - 6/30/2023, with three (3) one-year renewal options to be exercised at the discretion of the General Superintendent

Proposed Contract Period Extension: N/A

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: N/A (Revenue Generating). Go Ape has agreed to pay the Forest Preserves a \$20,000.00 annual fee plus a tiered percentage of gross revenue generated at the Course

Original Approval: 10/7/2014

Previous Increase(s): N/A

This Increase Requested: N/A

Estimated Fiscal Impact: N/A (Revenue Generating)

Accounts: N/A

Contract Number(s): 14-40-405

Concurrences:

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

District(s): 17

Summary: Go Ape seeks to offer two (2) new activities at their existing Bemis Woods South operating location. Each of these activities can be operated without changes to existing infrastructure at the Adventure Park. No construction is required or requested.

The first new activity is a shortened “Tree Top Discovery” adventure course, which utilizes the existing course, but uses fewer stations and lasts for less time. The existing full course lasts two (2) to three (3) hours. The shortened course will run about one (1) hour. The shortened course will be offered at a lower price point than the full course.

The second activity, the “Forest Escape” is an area designated within the Adventure Park footprint that offers a scavenger hunt.

Prices for the two new activities are included in the Amendment to the Annual Appropriation Ordinance for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County for the year commencing January 1, 2022 (Board Item No. 22-0260). The contract amendment will also require Go Ape to submit proposals for new pricing and activities prior to the Forest Preserves’ budgeting process for applicable year. Go Ape will continue to comply with all safety requirements mandated by State and local health officials to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. The proposed amendment will also modify the agreement to clarify that while price increases do require board approval, price decreases and promotional discounts do not require board approval.

[22-0260](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

FOREST PRESERVE FEE SCHEDULE

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Schedule 23 of the Annual Appropriation Ordinance for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County for the year commencing January 1, 2022 is hereby amended as follows:

Schedule 23 - Aerial Adventure Course Fee Schedule

Tree Top Adventure Course (Adults Ages 16+) \$62.95

Tree Top Adventure Course (Child Ages 10-15) \$44.95

Tree Top Junior Course (All Ages) \$32.95

Stand Alone Zipline (All Ages) \$29.95

Treetop Nets PACKAGED (Price paid if packaged with full price TTA or TTA-J) \$24.95 2/hr package
\$19.95 1/hr package \$12.95/30 min package

Tree Top Nets \$29.95 2-hr stand-alone \$22.95 1-hr stand-alone \$14.95 30 min Stand alone

Axe-Throwing (1/2 hour) \$9.95

Axe-Throwing (1 hour) \$19.95

Axe-Throwing Add-on to TTA/TTJ (1/2 hour) \$7.95

Axe-Throwing Add-on to TTA/TTJ (1 hour) \$9.95

Tree Top Discovery Course (Ages 10+) \$39.95

Forest Escape (All Ages) \$19.95

*Fees listed above represent not to exceed fees that the District's vendor may charge

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