



March 28, 2025

Doreen O’Donnell
Deputy Director of Planning & Development
Forest Preserves of Cook County
536 N Harlem Avenue, River Forest, IL 60305

RE: GRANT EXTENSION FOR THE BEAUBIEN WOODS BOAT LAUNCH NEW TRAIL AND WATER SERVICE LINE PROJECT

Matthew Brewer
Interim Chairman of the Board

Dear Ms. O’Donnell,

LaShawn Cobb
Juliana Gonzalez-Crussi
Luis Gutierrez
Dr. Mildred Harris
Jawanza Malone
James Matanky
Debra Parker
Francine Washington
Board of Commissioners

I am writing to express the Chicago Housing Authority’s (CHA) support for the Forest Preserves of Cook County’s (FPCC) request to obtain a grant extension supporting FPCC’s project consisting of new trail connecting the Altgeld Gardens community with the Beaubien Woods Boat Launch area.

CHA staff have been working to implement the transfer of land to FPCC, which will facilitate the construction of FPCC’s new trail connecting the Altgeld Gardens community with the Beaubien Woods Boat Launch area. Additionally, the transfer of the land will facilitate running a new water service line to the new restrooms that will be built in the same area.

Angela Hurlock
Interim Chief Executive Officer

To transfer the CHA land to FPCC, a land disposition application to the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and its approval, is needed. The land disposition application process is a multi-phased process comprised of long lead milestones that need to be successfully completed to obtain HUD approval. Milestones and their status are described in the below table:

Task	Responsible	Status
Environ. Assessment / NEPA Clearance	CHA	Targeting May/June approval)
Residents Meeting	CHA	Completed
Appraisal (Fair Market Value)	FPCC	Completed
Survey	FPCC	Completed
CHA Internal Review (Prior to Board meeting)	CHA	Scheduled for April 9 th
Board Meeting / Approval	CHA	Scheduled for May 27 th
CHA submits HUD application	CHA	Targeting June/July submission)
HUD reviews application and approves	HUD	Takes 60 – 90 after submission
Executed IGA and close of transaction	CHA & FPCC	End of year 2025

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Based on these milestones and their status, CHA supports FPCC's request for a grant extension. This project is a benefit to Altgeld Gardens residents and the Chicago region.

Sincerely,



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Director of Development