



**Forest Preserve District of Cook County  
Board of Commissioners**

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**Tuesday, November 14, 2023**

**10:00 AM**

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

**ATTENDANCE**

**Present:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (17)

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

[23-0581](#)

**Sponsored by:** ALMA E. ANAYA, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING THE WORK OF MARITZA ROCHA WITH THE FOREST PRESERVES OF  
COOK COUNTY LITTLE RED SCHOOLHOUSE NATURE CENTER**

**WHEREAS,** born and raised in Chicago, IL, Maritza Rocha's upbringing was influenced by her mother, a hard-working immigrant from Michoacán, México; and

**WHEREAS,** growing up as a first-generation American in a close-knit, large family, Maritza learned early on the value of connection commitment; and

**WHEREAS,** Maritza's studies concentrated on cultural and land preservation, health disparities, and the importance of green spaces within communities of color; and

**WHEREAS,** one of Maritza's most significant career achievements was her role as the first Latina Nature Center Director of the Little Red Schoolhouse in the Forest Preserves of Cook County; and

**WHEREAS,** at the Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Maritza oversaw 500 acres of enclosed forest lands and managed all operational needs in the interpretive nature center; and

**WHEREAS,** Maritza has also introduced culturally, spiritually, and nature-based curricula to a diverse

audience, actively participated in various committees, and assisted in placing the Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center as the World's Largest Urban Night Sky Place; and

**WHEREAS**, Maritza holds numerous certifications in conservation and eco-conservation and is also specialized in youth development, community engagement, and outreach; and

**WHEREAS**, Maritza has also launched after-school apprenticeship programs for under-resourced youth, providing pathways to careers in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) fields; and

**WHEREAS**, Maritza is Joven Noble and Escalera Certified, a Latinos Outdoor Chicago Chapter Leader, worked at Mujeres Latinas en Accion and on the Board of Directors for the Environmentalists of Color Networks; and

**WHEREAS**, Maritza is a leader in the Latinx communities who has also played a crucial role in developing informative curricula for Latinx youth, nurturing the next generation of leaders.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Toni Preckwinkle, President and Members of the Forest Preserve District, on behalf of the Cook County residents and employees of the Forest Preserves, congratulate Maritza Rocha on all her work done with the Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that an official copy of the same be tendered to Maritza Rocha.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 23-0581. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (17)

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

**1. Laurel Ross**

**2. Fannie Medina**

**3. Jodie Wiederkehr**

**PRESIDENT**

[23-0486](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

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

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION****2024 BOARD AGENDA MEETING ANNUAL CALENDAR DATES AND LOCATIONS**

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Title 1, Chapter 5, Section 4-1(a) of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code of Ordinances, the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners shall hold regular meetings pursuant to an annual calendar adopted by resolution of the Board; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Section 2.03 of the Illinois Open Meetings Act, every public body shall give public notice of the schedule of regular meetings at the beginning of each calendar or fiscal year and shall state the regular dates, times and places of such meetings; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by President Toni Preckwinkle and the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners (the “Board”):

1. That the Board shall hold its regular meetings of the Board on the following dates during calendar year 2024, the time for holding the specified meetings is 10:00 a.m., local time:

Tuesday, January 23

Tuesday, February 27

Tuesday, March 19

Tuesday, April 16

Tuesday, May 14

Tuesday, June 11

Tuesday, July 23

Tuesday, September 17

Tuesday, October 22

Tuesday, November 19

Tuesday, December 17

2. That Board meetings may be conducted remotely by video and/or teleconferencing in accordance with public health authority guidelines and applicable provisions of the Illinois Open Meetings Act, the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code of Ordinances, and executive orders related to a proclamation of disaster by the Governor of the State of Illinois. Otherwise, the place of Board meetings is the Cook County Building, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, except for the following three meeting dates stated below in Sections 3, 4 and 5.

3. That the Board shall hold a regular meeting of the Board on Tuesday, May 14th at the Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Rd, Glencoe.

4. That the Board shall hold a regular meeting of the Board on Tuesday, June 11th at the Sand Ridge Nature Center, 15891 Paxton Ave, South Holland.

5. That the Board shall hold a regular meeting of the Board on Tuesday, July 23rd at Thatcher Woods Pavilion, 8030 Chicago Ave, River Forest.

That the same dates and locations listed here will be used to schedule the following standing committee meetings, set to begin at 9:30 a.m., local time: Subcommittee on Workers' Compensation; Committee on Rules; Committee on Finance; and Committee on Real Estate.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to adopt as amended 23-0486. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (17)

[23-0553](#)

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

## **PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

### **OUTSIDE COUNSEL AND LEGAL FEES**

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Title 1, Chapter 19, Section 1-19-1 - OUTSIDE COUNSEL AND LEGAL FEES, Sections E (1), (2), and (4) of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as Follows:

#### **Sec. 1-19-1**

##### **E. Fees, Expenses, and Rates**

1. **Fees and Expenses.** Outside Counsel shall be paid reasonable fees and costs based on the type and nature of the case. Such fees and costs shall conform to the fees and costs authorized under this Section. Outside Counsel must pay for all expenses in advance unless otherwise expressly directed by the court or the Chief Attorney or Responsible Attorney. Reimbursement of expenses shall be requested as part of Outside Counsel's invoices. Expenses shall be reimbursed as follows:

- a. *Photocopying.* Reasonable photocopying at actual cost, not to exceed ten cents (\$0.10) per page.
- b. *Messenger service.* The use of messengers when there is a genuine need for expedited delivery at actual charges of a third-party vendor or, when an in-house firm messenger is used, at actual cost (not at the paralegal or legal assistant billing rate).

~~e. Computerized research. Actual costs of reasonably necessary computerized research services.~~

~~d.c.~~ *Experts.* The reasonable fees of qualified consulting and testifying experts retained to provide opinions necessary to the defense or prosecution of the litigation, except that all expert fees must be pre-approved by the Chief Attorney if they are anticipated to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00).

~~ed.~~ *Travel.* Air travel expenses must not exceed the highest fare coach rate for the flight. Mileage expenses shall be at the Internal Revenue Service deductible rates. Hotels, car rental companies and airlines offering moderate prices and discounted corporate rates shall be used. Outside Counsel shall reduce the hourly rate charged by fifty (50) percent while an attorney or paraprofessional is traveling, unless legal work is being performed and is documented.

2. **General business costs.** Law firm overhead expenses including, but not limited to, rent, electricity, supplies, secretarial and support services, computer system expenses (including online legal research), overtime expenses, local telephone service and other similar expenses, shall be considered part of the Outside Counsel's hourly rate.

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4. **Invoices.** Unless otherwise expressly directed by the court, Outside Counsel shall submit invoices for work performed on a periodic basis, no more frequently than monthly and no less frequently than quarterly. If the accumulated charges for the period are less than five hundred dollars (\$500.00), the charges shall be included in the next periodic invoice. The time spent performing the chargeable services shall be recorded on a daily basis to the nearest 1/10th of an hour and shall be broken down in detail, describing the work performed by each individual during that time period. Invoices shall contain the amount charged for each attorney and paraprofessional, including the time, the hourly rate and summary total for each. Invoices shall itemize expenses according to categories including the following: photocopying, messenger service, ~~computerized research~~, experts and travel. Invoices shall be paid subject to the approval of the Litigation Subcommittee and the District Board of Commissioners. For Non-Contested Matters, invoices totaling less than five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) per such matter may be approved at the discretion of the Chief Attorney.

**Effective date:** This ordinance amendment shall be in effect January 1, 2024

**A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to refer 23-0553 to the Finance Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (17)

**COMMISSIONERS**

**OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT**

[23-0570](#)

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

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**APPROVAL OF A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT EXTENDING THE TERM OF A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT NEGOTIATED BETWEEN THE FOREST PRESERVES OF COOK COUNTY AND TEAMSTERS, LOCAL 700**

**WHEREAS**, the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act (5 ILCS 315/1 et seq.) has established regulations regarding collective bargaining with a union; and

**WHEREAS**, a Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Forest Preserves of Cook County (“Forest Preserves”) and Teamsters, Local 700 (“Local 700”) is currently in effect for a term of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2024 covering various employees in the Landscape Maintenance, Facilities and Fleet, Law Enforcement, Conservation and Experiential Programming, and Resource Management Departments of the Forest Preserves (Board Item No. 22-0118); and

**WHEREAS**, the Forest Preserves and Local 700 have entered into a Memorandum of Agreement subject to approval by the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners, and such Memorandum of Agreement makes the following adjustment to the term of the Collective Bargaining Agreement negotiated between the Forest Preserves of Cook County and Teamsters, Local 700:

- a) January 1, 2021 to December 31, ~~2024~~ 2025;

**WHEREAS**, the Memorandum of Agreement makes the adjustments below to the previously agreed upon salary adjustments and general wage increases included in the Collective Bargaining Agreement negotiated between the Forest Preserves of Cook County and Teamsters, Local 700, provided, however, that retroactive pay continues to not apply for seasonal employees:

- a) Effective the first full payroll period on or after July 1, 2021, the pay rates for all job classifications shall be increased by 1.5%;
- b) Effective the first full payroll period on or after January 1, 2022, the pay rates for all job

classifications shall be increased by 3.5%;

c) Effective the first full payroll period on or after July 1, 2022, the pay rates for all job classifications shall be increased by 2.5%;

d) Effective the first full payroll period on or after July 1, 2023, the pay rates for all job classifications shall be increased by 2.5%;

e) Effective the first full payroll period on or after July 1, 2024, the pay rates for all job classifications shall be increased by 2%;

f) Effective the first full payroll period on or after July 1, 2025, the pay rates for all job classifications shall be increased by 5%;

**WHEREAS**, the Memorandum of Agreement allows Forest Preserves employees who are members of Local 700 to be eligible for paid Parental Leave pursuant to the Cook County Bureau of Human Resources Parental Leave Policy, and addresses grievance related matters.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the terms of the Memorandum of Agreement as negotiated between the Forest Preserves of Cook County and Teamsters, Local 700.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Quezada, to refer 23-0570 to the Labor Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (17)

[23-0561](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

## **PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT**

**Department:** Department of Resource Management

**Other Part(ies):** University of Illinois, Champaign, Illinois

**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") to enter into an intergovernmental services agreement

**Goods or Services:** Interdisciplinary scientific research, data, and outreach services related to the implementation of the Natural and Cultural Resources Master Plan and Sustainability & Climate

Resiliency Plan.

**Agreement Number(s):** N/A

**Agreement Period:** 1/1/2024 - 12/31/2028, with one (1) five-year extension option to be exercised at the discretion of the General Superintendent

**Fiscal Impact:** Not to exceed \$300,000.00 per calendar year and a total of \$3,000,000.00 including any optional extensions. FY 2024 \$300,000.00; FY 2025 \$300,000.00; FY 2026 \$300,000.00; FY 2027 \$300,000.00; FY 2028 \$300,000.00; FY 2029 \$300,000.00 (Optional); FY 2030 \$300,000.00 (Optional); FY 2031 \$300,000.00 (Optional); FY 2032 \$300,000.00 (Optional); FY 2033 \$300,000.00 (Optional)

**Accounts:** Professional Services 51033.520840; Grant and Mitigation 51010.521444 and 51010.520840; and all future Professional Services and Grant and Mitigation accounts

**District(s):** Districtwide

**Summary:** Since 2014, the Forest Preserves has partnered with the Prairie Research Institute of the University of Illinois for the purpose of developing a Natural and Cultural Resources Master Plan, a landmark document that has helped guide the allocation of resources and informed strategies to pursue and meet the ambitious goals set forth in the Forest Preserves' Next Century Conservation Plan. A number of milestone projects have been achieved pursuant to implementation of the plan, including comprehensive field assessments of natural and archaeological resources within the preserves, the subsequent prioritization of Forest Preserves lands for restoration, development of a seed sourcing policy, and the development of standardized protocols for long-term assessment of conservation success.

The Forest Preserves seeks to continue its collaboration with the Prairie Research Institute in order to further our natural and cultural resource protection goals over the next five (5) years. Tasks include, but are not limited to:

- 1) Advanced LiDAR-based land cover and cultural resource mapping;
- 2) Classification and prioritization of streams and waterbodies for future restoration;
- 3) Advanced population surveys and analysis of high-priority species restoration targets;
- 4) Targeted ecological site assessments based on Illinois Natural Areas Inventory (INAI) criteria, which may further inform the selection and potential designation of additional Illinois Nature Preserves sites;
- 5) Ongoing archaeological field assessments to further identify and preserve cultural resource sites;



- 6) Engagement of staff and constituents through the development of interpretive materials, demonstrations, and presentations sharing the value of Cook County’s cultural resources; and
- 7) Technical expertise and assistance supporting sustainability initiatives, including a Climate Resiliency and Adaptation Progress Report.

The Prairie Research Institute comprises five (5) state scientific surveys: the Illinois Natural History Survey, Illinois State Archaeological Survey, Illinois State Geological Survey, Illinois State Water Survey, and Illinois Sustainable Technology Center. This agreement enables the Forest Preserves to consult with and engage the technical expertise of each of these scientific institutions, based on annual tasks assigned by the Forest Preserves.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Britton, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to refer 23-0561 to the Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (17)

[23-0524](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

#### **PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT AMENDMENT**

**Department:** Department of Resource Management

**Other Part(ies):** Northbrook Park District, Northbrook, Illinois

**Request:** Authorization to extend an existing Intergovernmental Agreement

**Goods or Services:** Use and maintenance of a chain link fence between Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) property at Somme Prairie Nature Preserve and Coast Guard Park in the Village of Northbrook, Illinois

**Agreement Number:** N/A

**Agreement Period:** Original contract period 12/11/2013 - 12/10/2018; Board Approved Extension 12/11/2018 - 12/31/2023

**Proposed Agreement Extension:** 1/1/2024 - 12/31/2028, with one (1) five-year extension option to be exercised at the discretion of the General Superintendent

**Fiscal Impact:** N/A. All license fees, license application fees, and YELAR fees will be waived.

**Tree Mitigation:** N/A

**Accounts:** N/A

**District(s):** 14

**Summary:** The Forest Preserves has been party to an Intergovernmental Agreement (“IGA”) since 2013 granting the Northbrook Park District use of a chain link fence owned by the Forest Preserves located at the southwest corner of Somme Prairie Nature Preserve for the purpose of operating an off-leash dog area at Coast Guard Park. In exchange for shared use of the fence, the Northbrook Park District is responsible for routine maintenance in order to keep the fence secure and in good condition, at no cost to the Forest Preserves. The Forest Preserves is allowed reasonable access to the service gates at the park for easier maintenance of adjacent Forest Preserves properties.

The original IGA was approved in 2013 and an amendment was approved on 10/16/2018 (Board Item No. 18-0339) to renew the agreement through 2023. The Forest Preserves is requesting to renew said agreement with the Northbrook Park District for another five (5) years, with an additional five-year extension option subject to the approval of the General Superintendent.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 23-0524. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (17)

[23-0535](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

#### **PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT AMENDMENT**

**Department:** Department of Finance and Administration

**Other Part(ies):** Cook County Government, Chicago, Illinois

**Request:** Authorization to enter into the Twelfth Amended and Restated Intergovernmental Agreement between the County of Cook (the “County”) and the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) for the reimbursement or payment for certain services rendered by various County departments and by the Forest Preserves.

**Goods or Services:** The County and the Forest Preserves wish to amend and restate the Eleventh Amended and Restated Intergovernmental Agreement (approved by their respective Boards of Commissioners on 10/18/2022 and 10/20/2022 for FY 2023) whereby they provide various services for each other.

**Agreement Number:** N/A

**Agreement Period:** 1/1/2024 - 12/31/2024

**Fiscal Impact:** Not to Exceed \$2,209,655.00 in expenditures and \$2,051,750.00 in revenue

**Accounts:** Various districtwide corporate expenditure and revenue accounts

**District(s):** Districtwide

**Summary:** The County and the Forest Preserves entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement on 8/21/2012 authorizing the parties to perform various services for the other, in accordance with the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act. The parties agreed to provide various services and to provide reimbursement or payment for said services. The Intergovernmental Agreement was further amended around or about 4/25/2013, 6/18/2014, 9/8/2015, 11/15/2016, 6/6/2017, 4/25/2018, 9/26/2018, 2/21/2019, 10/22/2020, 1/28/2021, 10/5/2021, and 10/18/2022 to allow for additional cooperation. The Twelfth Amended and Restated Intergovernmental Agreement consolidates the prior agreements into one Intergovernmental Agreement, so the parties can refer to one agreement, and this document also contains additional services and reimbursements for FY 2024. This is a one-year agreement covering services and reimbursements from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 23-0535. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (17)

[23-0562](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT**

**Request:** Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to enter into a Partnership Agreement with the Poplar Creek Prairie Stewards, Sleepy Hollow, Illinois.

**Reason:** The Poplar Creek Prairie Stewards, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, have received a \$27,000.00 grant through the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation’s Community Stewardship Challenge Grant program supporting 10 acres of habitat restoration at Schaumburg Road Grasslands in Streamwood. The project consists of invasive shrub clearing and the coordination of at least twenty (20) volunteer workdays, which will engage local communities in stewardship through hand removal of herbaceous plants and the collection and dispersion of native seeds. The project will be implemented at no direct cost to the Forest Preserves.

The Poplar Creek Prairie Stewards are a group of devoted volunteers working to restore native plant communities and foster community support for conservation since 1989.

**Contract Period:** Date of execution - 10/31/2025

**Fiscal Impact:** N/A. The project will be conducted at no direct cost to the Forest Preserves, which may provide in-kind staff support for the planning, implementation, and monitoring of the project.

**Account(s):** N/A

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

**District(s):** 15

**A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 23-0562. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (17)

[23-0528](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED CONTRACT**

**Department(s):** Department of Resource Management

**Vendor:** Northwest Wood Products, Inc., Harvard, Illinois

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

and execute

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Professional services agreement for woody debris removal and reclamation services

**Contract Value:** N/A

**Contract Period:** 11/14/2023 - 12/31/2028

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** N/A. The vendor will perform the detailed services at no cost to the Forest Preserves.

**Accounts:** N/A

**Contract Number(s):** #74000013145 issued under RFP #23-31-102

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

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

**District(s):** Districtwide

**Summary:** The Forest Preserves issued a Request for Proposals (RFP #23-31-102) for the disposal of woody debris such as logs and woodchips generated through the Forest Preserves' vegetation maintenance and ecological restoration operations. This contract would serve to reduce the amount of debris stockpiled at Forest Preserves properties and facilities, promoting safety and ease-of-access for the public and personnel. Northwest Wood Products proposes to remove up to two hundred (200) loads of logs per year for milling into pallet lumber and hardwood landscaping mulch. Logs will be removed at no cost to the Forest Preserves.

Three (3) firms submitted proposals in response to a qualification-based selection process (RFP #23-31-102), two (2) of which are being recommended for award following review by an evaluation committee. The Forest Preserves is seeking approval of the other qualified firm through Board Item No. 23-0530. Proposals were evaluated based on cost efficiency, removal capacity, and potential for the materials to be repurposed for productive end use in alignment with the Forest Preserves' sustainability goals. The RFP may be re-posted periodically to allow additional firms to join the pre-qualified vendor pool, depending on disposal needs.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 23-0528. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (17)

[23-0539](#)

#### **INVOICES RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL**

1. Invoices submitted for legal services 08/01/2023 through 08/31/2023 by Ancel Glink, P.C. for various litigated matters.
2. Invoice submitted for legal services 06/01/2023 through 08/31/2023 by the Cook County State's Attorney Office for ordinance enforcement matters.
3. Invoice submitted for legal services 08/01/2023 through 08/31/2023 by Franczek, P.C. for a litigated matter.
4. Invoices submitted for legal services 08/01/2023 through 08/31/2023 by Gildea, Coghlan & Regan, Ltd. for various litigated matters.
5. Invoice submitted for legal services 07/01/2023 through 08/31/2023 by Henderson Parks for Horizon Farms post-acquisition issues.
6. Invoice submitted for legal services 08/01/2023 through 08/31/2023 by Hinshaw & Culbertson for a disputed license fee matter.
7. Invoice submitted for legal services 08/01/2023 through 08/31/2023 by Klein, Thorpe and Jenkins, Ltd. for a litigated matter.
8. Invoices submitted for legal services 07/21/2023 through 09/20/2023 by Laner Muchin for a labor related matter.
9. Invoices submitted for legal services 08/01/2023 through 08/31/2023 by Neal & Leroy, LLC for real estate related matters.
10. Invoices submitted for legal services 08/01/2023 through 08/31/2023 by Odelson, Murphey, Frazier & McGrath, Ltd. for various litigated matters and a real estate matter.
11. Invoices submitted for legal services 07/01/2023 through 08/31/2023 by Tristan & Cervantes for various litigated matters.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 23-0539. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (17)

[23-0544](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

## **PROPOSED CONTRACT**

**Department(s):** Legal Department

**Vendor:** Ancel Glink, PC, Chicago, Illinois  
Burke, Burns & Pinelli, Chicago, Illinois  
Burke, Warren, & MacKay, Chicago, Illinois  
Caminer Law, LLC, Chicago, Illinois  
Chapman & Cutler, LLC, Chicago Illinois  
Del Galdo Law Group, LLC, Berwyn, Illinois  
Foley and Lardner, LLP, Chicago, Illinois  
Franczek, PC, Chicago, Illinois  
Golden, Holley, James, LLP, Chicago, Illinois  
Hardwick Firm, LLC, Chicago, Illinois  
Hinshaw & Culbertson, LLP, Chicago, Illinois  
Jackson Lewis, PC, Chicago, Illinois  
Katten, Muchin, Roseman, LLP, Chicago, Illinois  
Klein, Thorpe, & Jenkins, Ltd., Chicago, Illinois  
Miner, Barnhill, and Galland, PC, Chicago, Illinois  
Neal & Leroy, LLC, Chicago, Illinois  
Odelson, Murphey, Frazier, & McGrath, LLC, Evergreen Park, Illinois  
Sanchez, Daniels, & Hoffman, LLP, Chicago, Illinois  
Schain, Banks, Kenney, & Schwartz, Ltd., Chicago, Illinois  
Tristan & Cervantes, LLC, Chicago, Illinois

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Legal services from outside legal counsel to be performed within the following categories of matters: Litigation, Labor & Employment, Land Use, Workers’ Compensation, General Local Government Law, Municipal Finance, and Workplace Investigations.

**Contract Value:** Not to Exceed \$3,450,000.00

**Contract Period:** 1/1/2024 - 12/31/2026 with two (2) optional one-year extensions

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** FY 2024 \$1,150,000.00; FY 2025 \$1,150,000.00; FY 2026 \$1,150,000.00

**Accounts:** Corporate 51001.521055; Self-Insurance 51011.580011; and Real Estate 51006.521055

**Contract Number(s):** 23-60-009615

**Concurrences:** The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

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

**District(s):** Districtwide

**Summary:** The specified law firms have been selected through the Forest Preserves' Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process in response to RFQ No. 23-60-009615.

Contracts for legal services are to be performed upon request of the Forest Preserves on an engagement-by-engagement basis, subject to the negotiation and execution of a retention letter and engagement agreement by the Forest Preserves' Legal Department. Legal fees for authorized work are subject to Title 1, Chapter 19 of the Forest Preserves of Cook County Code of Ordinances and approval by the Forest Preserves' Finance Subcommittee on Litigation and Board of Commissioners.

Although the MWBE goal was set to zero, at least four (4) of the responding firms are certified Minority-Owned Business Enterprises or Women-Owned Business Enterprises via the City of Chicago or the County of Cook: Burke, Burnes, & Pinelli; Caminer Law; Sanchez, Daniels, & Hoffman; and Tristan & Cervantes, LLC. Also, several respondents noted that they have programs designed to include minority and women representation on matters.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 23-0544. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (15)

**Present:** Anaya and Morrison (2)

[23-0565](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED CONTRACT**



**Department(s):** Department of Finance and Administration

**Vendor:** Silk Screen Express, Inc., Tinley Park, Illinois

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Wearing apparel/uniforms for Forest Preserves Staff

**Contract Value:** \$250,000.00

**Contract Period:** 1/1/2024 - 12/31/2028

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** FY 2024 \$50,000.00, FY 2025 \$50,000.00, FY 2026 \$50,000.00, FY 2027 \$50,000.00, FY 2028 \$50,000.00

**Accounts:** Wearing Apparel 51001.530100

**Contract Number(s):** #74000013290

**Concurrences:** The Chief Financial Officer has approved this item. Final contract is subject to legal review and approval.

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

**District(s):** Districtwide

**Summary:** To provide, produce and distribute Forest Preserves branded apparel for employees through an online ordering system. Silk Screen Express, Inc. was chosen by a selection committee in response to RFP #23-20-009626. Two (2) firms submitted proposals in response to the RFP.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 23-0565. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (17)

[23-0452](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

**Department(s):** Department of Facilities and Fleet

**Vendor:** Ameresco, Inc., Framingham, Massachusetts

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Energy Consultant Services for Natural Gas and Electricity for Forest Preserves-Owned & Leased Facilities

**Original Contract Period:** 11/1/2020 - 9/30/2023, with one (1) two-year renewal option, Administrative Extension (10/1/2023 - 12/31/2023)

**Proposed Contract Period Extension:** 1/1/2024 - 9/30/2025

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$210,000.00

**Original Approval:** 10/20/2020, \$210,000.00

**Previous Increase(s):** N/A

**This Increase Requested:** \$96,298.00

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** FY 2024 \$55,028.00, FY 2025 \$41,270.00

**Accounts:** Electricity and Natural Gas 51001.540024

**Contract Number(s):** #74000008390 (Cook County Contract No. 1923-18043)

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

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

**District(s):** Districtwide

**Summary:** Ameresco, Inc. will continue to provide energy consultant, procurement, bill payment, and

data management services for the procurement of and budgeting for electricity, natural gas, and renewable energy for Forest Preserves facilities. Due to deregulated energy markets, the Forest Preserves can seek energy supply from multiple sources, which may result in operational savings. Due to the complexity and number of Forest Preserves accounts, it is in the best interests of the Forest Preserves to use a subject matter expert to assist the Forest Preserves. This contract is also crucial for the continued data aggregation with respect to utilities to assess their impact on the Forest Preserves' goal of reducing greenhouse gases.

Ameresco's fee for the services provided is assessed as a percentage of the amount of energy procured for the Forest Preserves. In addition, the data management and bill consolidation/validation process are flat annual fees per account. This contract was awarded through a publicly advertised Request for Proposals (RFP) issued on behalf of both Cook County and the Forest Preserves. On 9/24/2020, the Cook County Board of Commissioners awarded a contract to Ameresco for similar services (Cook County Agenda No. 20-3981). On 9/21/2023, the Cook County Board of Commissioners authorized the exercise of a two-year renewal option (Cook County Agenda No. 23-4536). The Forest Preserves now also seeks to exercise a two-year renewal option and increase the contract amount.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 23-0452. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (17)

[23-0566](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

#### **PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

**Department(s):** Department of Finance and Administration

**Vendor:** SMG Security Holdings, Elk Grove Village, Illinois

**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County to increase and amend contract

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Genetec Licensing Software and Support

**Original Contract Period:** 6/14/2023 - 6/13/2026

**Proposed Contract Period Extension:** N/A

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$135,000.00

**Original Approval:** 6/14/2023, \$135,000.00

**Previous Increase(s):** N/A

**This Increase Requested:** \$24,983.00

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** FY 2023 \$24,983.00

**Accounts:** Professional Services 51001.520835

**Contract Number(s):** #74000012780

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

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

**District(s):** Districtwide

**Summary:** The recently awarded contract with SMG Security Holdings for camera repair and maintenance was silent on the Genetec licensing that facilitates the Forest Preserves use of the cameras. SMG Security Holdings is Genetec's channel partner and employs specialists that are trained to design, install, and maintain Genetec systems. The addition of the licensing support on a sole source basis will allow time to complete an RFP proposal package that would include upgraded hardware, software, maintenance, and licensing support which would be posted in the fall of FY 2024 with implementation pending the FY 2025 budget.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 23-0566. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (17)

[23-0559](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

## PROPOSED LICENSE REQUEST

**Request:** Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves"), as Licensor to grant a License to the Village of Morton Grove, Grantee, to locate, operate and maintain a 1,290 linear foot 12" water main in Linne Woods. The line would be directionally bored underground, but

construction of the east bore pit would impact the roots of five (5) living trees, resulting in tree mitigation fees. In practice, more trees may need to be removed than originally estimated. Any increase in the tree mitigation fee will be in accordance with the Tree Mitigation Plan (see Board Item No. 20-0279), and if such increase is more than 20% of the original estimate, then approval will be sought from the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners. Construction will also require intermittent closures of the North Branch Bicycle Trail during the winter months. The Village of Morton Grove will provide Forest Preserves staff with advanced notice of trail closures and post advanced warning signs.

**Term:** Ten (10) years

**License Fee:** \$41,754.80

**License Application Fee:** \$500.00

**Review Fee:** \$3,000.00

**YELAR Fee:** \$7,050.00

Total one-time upfront fee of \$52,304.80 for the term of the License  
(Sec. 5-2A-4 and 5-2B-4)

**Tree Mitigation Fee:** \$129,363.80

**The area of the License is:** 0.4442 acre

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

Grantee will be required to meet the insurance requirements under the License Agreement.

The Forest Preserves staff have reviewed this license application and plans and have found them to be acceptable; therefore, it is recommended that the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners approve the issuance of this license.

**District(s):** 13

**A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Morita, to refer 23-0559 to the Real Estate Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (17)

[23-0554](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED MISCELLANEOUS ITEM OF BUSINESS****Department:** Department of Law Enforcement**Good(s) or Service(s):** Law Enforcement Training**Fiscal Impact:** Not to Exceed \$450,000.00, not to exceed \$150,000.00 per year from 1/1/2024 through 12/31/2026**Accounts:** Law Enforcement 51001.520840

**Summary:** The Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) request authorization for the General Superintendent or a designee to have discretionary spending up to \$450,000.00 not to exceed \$150,000.00 per year from 1/1/2024 through 12/31/2026 for law enforcement training including compliance with training proscribed in the SAFE-T Act (the “Act”), police recruit training, or other training as required by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board (“ILETSB”) pursuant to the Police Training Act.

Additional training in the Act encompass in-servicing training requirements, including, training on the following topics: emergency medical response; crisis intervention; officer wellness and mental health; use of force techniques and law; de-escalation techniques; stops and searches; officer safety techniques; implicit bias; and racial and ethnic sensitivity. Only instructors certified by the ILETSB will be used for such training. The funds are necessary to train existing police personnel and ensure compliance with ILETSB standards.

Additionally, to fill existing law enforcement vacancies, the Forest Preserves anticipates an increase in the number of new recruits requiring training. Police academies approved by ILETSB have had limited available enrollment in recent years. The requested funding provides the Forest Preserves flexibility in selecting from multiple ILETSB approved police academies or mobile training units to train recruits and sworn personnel.

**District(s):** Districtwide

**A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 23-0554. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (17)

[23-0469](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**REPORT**

**Department:** Department of Law Enforcement

**Request:** Refer to Law Enforcement Committee

**Report Title:** Model Policing

**Report Period:** July 1, 2023 through September 30, 2023

**Summary:** Report on the status to achieve the goal of a Model Forest Preserves Police Department.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Aguilar, to refer 23-0469 to the Law Enforcement Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (17)

[23-0564](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**REPORT**

**Department:** Department of Planning and Development

**Request:** Refer to Capital Development & Ecological Restoration Committee

**Report Title:** 2024 Update to the 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan

**Report Period:** Five (5) Years, 2024-2028

**Summary:** This report is an update of capital improvement projects and funding needs for the next five (5) years (2024-2028). Capital improvement needs were identified by Forest Preserves' staff, partner organizations and members of the public. The draft report can be downloaded from the Forest Preserves' website. Comments can be submitted on that web page. A final report will be issued in January.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Gordon, to refer 23-0564 to the Capital Development and Ecological Restoration. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (17)

[23-0411](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**REPORT**

**Department:** Department of Finance and Administration

**Request:** Receive and File

**Report Title:** Procurement and Disbursement Report

**Report Period:** 9/1/2023 - 9/30/2023

**Summary:** Submitting the Procurement and Disbursement Report for the period of September 2023. The report is to be received and filed in compliance with Section 1-8-2 (BB) of the District's Code of Ordinances.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to receive and file 23-0411. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (17)

[23-0555](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**REPORT**

**Department:** Departments of Legal and Finance

**Request:** Receive and File

**Report Title:** Workers' Compensation Report - September 2023



**Report Period:** 9/1/2023 - 9/30/2023

**Summary:** The Forest Preserves of Cook County Departments of Legal and Finance are submitting Workers' Compensation Claim Payments for the month of September 2023. Payments total \$106,507.83 for September 2023.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to receive and file 23-0555. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (17)

[23-0560](#)

**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 11/14/2023 - 12/12/2023

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

**Thursday, 11/14 through Tuesday, 12/12; 4:30pm - 9:15pm**

**Lightscape, Chicago Botanic Gardens, Glencoe**

Bask in the glow of thousands of twinkling lights in favorites like the Winter Cathedral and new delights you have never seen before. Lightscape is reinvented each year. *Please check the website for cost.*

**Wednesday, 11/15; 5pm - 7pm**

**Knitting in Nature: Teen Exploration Day, Thatcher Woods, River Forest**

Learn about the basics of knitting and simple techniques through a tutorial led by staff. *Supplies provided. Ages 13 and up.*

**Thursday, 11/16; 5pm**

**Woodworking with Invasives, Camp Reinberg, Palatine**

Repurpose the common European buckthorn into something new. *Registration required. Equipment provided. Ages 10 and up. Participants under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.*

**Friday, 11/17; 6:30pm - 8:30pm**

**Thankful for the Dark, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

Enjoy a nocturnal walk followed by relaxing time by a fire.

**Friday, 11/17; 4pm**

**National Take a Hike Day, Sauk Trail Woods, Chicago Heights**

Celebrate National Take a Hike Day with an evening stroll. Walk is 3.4 miles on a paved loop.

**Friday, 11/17; 10am**

**National Take a Hike Day, Country Lane Woods, Willow Springs**

Celebrate National Take a Hike Day by hitting the trail with a naturalist on a 5-mile hike.

**Saturday, 11/18; 10am - 2pm**

**Sand Ridge Heritage Day, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Join us as we explore the heritage of the Calumet Region with guided walks, regional activities and displays.

**Saturday, 11/18; 9am - 1pm**

**Geology of the Sag Valley, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Come along for a tour of the Sag Valley to observe and interpret its geologic formations. *Registration required. Participants will drive their own vehicles to each location. Ages 16 and up.*

**Sunday, 11/19; 1:30pm**

**Nocturnal Hunters - Owls, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Learn about the different attributes that make owls unique and fascinating.

**Sunday, 11/19; 1pm - 3pm**

**Teen Volunteer Stewardship Day, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington**

Earn your service hours while helping the environment. *Registration required. Ages 13-17 must be accompanied by an adult.*

**Sunday, 11/19; 1pm**

**The Smokey Bear Effect, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Come learn about America's history of wildfire management and how a little bear influenced the whole nation. *Registration required. Call (630)257-2045.*

**Monday, 11/20; 4pm**

**Deer at Dusk, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington**

Find out more about whitetail deer and what unique survival adaptations they have on a guided walk.

*Registration required. 8 years and up.*

**Tuesday, 11/21; 1pm - 3pm**

**Archery, Brookfield Woods, Brookfield**

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

**Friday, 11/24; 1:30pm**

**Annual Turkey Trot Hike, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Walk off that extra helping of turkey and stuffing on this annual post-holiday hike. *Registration required. Call (708) 366-6530.*

**Friday, 11/24; 1pm - 2pm**

**Walk Off That Turkey, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Rustle through the fallen leaves on a guided 1-mile fitness walk. *Registration required.*

**Friday, 11/24-26 & 30; continuing 12/1-3, 7-10, 14-17, 21-23, 26-31; 3pm - 9pm**

**Holiday Magic, Brookfield Zoo, Brookfield**

This holiday season, get ready to visit Chicagoland's longest-running lights festival featuring over two million twinkling LED lights! *Please check the website for cost. Separate fees may apply.*

**Saturday, 11/25; 10am**

**Nature Lens, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

Use your camera to observe nature on a guided photography walk. *All levels and camera types. Ages 13 and up.*

**Sunday, 11/26; 1:30pm**

**Winter Bird Feeding, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Learn some basic winter bird feeding tips including which birds will visit your feeders this winter.

**Saturday, 12/2; 10am**

**Winter Wellness Walk, Sauk Trail Woods, Chicago Heights**

Experience the health benefits that nature provides on a crisp winter walk. 3.4-mile distance with a slow walking pace. *Registration required. Ages 13 and up.*

**Saturday, 12/2; 1pm**

**Fire Basics, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

Learn the basics of starting a fire and explore the different types of campfires. *S'mores and hot cocoa provided. All ages.*

**Saturday, 12/2; 1pm****Cross-Country Ski Seminar, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Learn the basics of cross-country ski equipment and how to prepare for your first cross-country skiing experience.

*Registration required. Call (630)257-2045.*

**Saturday, 12/2; 1:30pm****History Hike: Isabel Bassett Wasson, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Explore Thatcher Woods while learning about the inspiring life of a local pioneering environmental educator.

*Registration required. Ages 13 and up. Call (708) 366-6530.*

**Saturday, 12/2; 4pm - 8pm****Winter Bonfire, Camp Dan Beard, Northbrook**

Celebrate the start of the winter season with a giant bonfire under the night sky. Enjoy S'mores, winter craft, and star gazing (weather permitting). *Food will be available for purchase onsite. All event attendees will park at Potawatomi Woods and will take a shuttle to and from the event.*

**Sunday, 12/3; 2pm****Teens Behind the Scenes, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

Join a naturalist and learn how we care for our animals at the nature center. *Ages 13-19.*

**Sunday, 12/3; 1pm****Conservation@Home: Promoting Pollinators In Your Winter Garden, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington**

An introduction to some practices that benefit overwintering pollinators in your garden.

**Sunday, 12/3; 11am - 3pm****Holiday Past, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Visit our pioneer cabins as we celebrate winter holiday traditions. Play with handmade toys, make a craft, and see what's cooking on the open fire.

**Sunday, 12/3; 11am - 2pm****Bird Feeding, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Drop in to learn the basics about winter bird feeding and pick up a do-it-yourself pinecone bird feeder craft.

**Wednesday, 12/6; 10am - 12pm****Nature Treasure Hunt, Bemis Woods-South, Western Springs**

Kids and families are invited to search for various natural items on a short-looped trail. Find all the treasure and

win a prize!

**Thursday, 12/7; 1pm - 3pm**

**Winter Workshop: Phone-tography 101 Walk, Harms Woods, Glenview**

Enjoy an afternoon in the Preserves and learn the basics of photography using a smartphone. *Registration required.*

**Friday, 12/8; 7pm**

**Owl Prowl, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington**

Join us for a short presentation to learn about our local owls and observe them on the trail. *Registration required. Ages 12 and up.*

**Friday, 12/8; 6pm - 8pm**

**Candle Lantern Walk, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Walk the trails with a candle lantern as you discover signs of nighttime forest activity.

**Saturday, 12/9; 11am - 2pm**

**Stairs, Stories & S'mores, Swallow Cliff Woods -North, Palos Park**

Families, drop in and challenge yourself by climbing to the top of Swallow Cliff stairs. Then, try the story trail, sledding, snowshoeing, s'more making and more. *Sledding/snowshoeing weather permitting.*

**Saturday, 12/9; 1pm**

**DIY Holiday Bird Feeder Wreath, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Make a festive birdseed wreath to help our feathered friends this winter! *Registration required. Materials provided. Ages 13 and up. Call (708) 366-6530.*

**Sunday, 12/10; 1pm**

**Cross-Country Ski Seminar, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Learn the basics of cross-country ski equipment and how to prepare for your first cross-country skiing experience.

*Registration required. Call (630)257-2045.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner S. Morrison, seconded by Commissioner Stamps, to receive and file 23-0560. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (17)

**COMMITTEE ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION**

**AUDIT COMMITTEE**

[23-0461](#)

**Presented by:** MARY MODELSKI, County Auditor

**REPORT**

**Department:** Office of the County Auditor

**Request:** Refer to Audit Committee

**Report Title:** OCA - FPD FY23 2nd Quarter Open Recommendations

**Report Period:** June 2023

**Summary:** Status Report on Open Recommendations regarding the Cook County Forest Preserve District

**A motion was made by Commissioner Degnen, seconded by Commissioner S. Morrison, to receive and file 23-0461. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (17)

[23-0449](#)

**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 12/31/2022

**Summary:** The ACFR has been prepared by the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest

Preserves”) for the fiscal year ending 12/31/2022. 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.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Degnen, seconded by Commissioner S. Morrison, to receive and file 23-0449. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (17)

#### **ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE**

[23-0481](#)

**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), BRIDGET DEGNEN, FRANK J. AGUILAR, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, MAGGIE TREVOR, DONNA MILLER, JOSINA MORITA, JOHN P. DALEY and MONICA GORDON, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

#### **PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

##### **WATER CONTAINERS**

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Title 1 - Administrative, Chapter 12 - Bottled Water Ban of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code of Ordinances is hereby repealed in its entirety and the following code provision is substituted in its place:

##### **1-12-1: - BOTTLED WATER BAN.**

No Forest Preserve District department shall purchase single-serving bottles of water using District funds. This prohibition shall not apply in the following instances:

1. Supplemental bottled water purchased for the health and safety of District patrons and/or employees; and
2. Water in containers made from plant-based materials or recyclable aluminum cans.

**Effective date:** This ordinance shall be in effect on January 1, 2024.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Degnen, seconded by Commissioner Morita, to approve 23-0481. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (17)

**RULES COMMITTEE**

[23-0586](#)

**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 10/17/2023.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to approve 23-0586. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (17)

[23-0587](#)

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

SECRETARY TO THE BOARD, Lynne M. Turner, presented in printed form a record of the Journal of Proceedings of the special meeting held on 10/17/2023.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to approve 23-0587. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (17)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

[23-0534](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE**

**ORDINANCE for the Levy of Taxes for the Year 2023**

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County:

**Section 1.** That this Ordinance is and the same is hereby termed the “Ordinance for the Levy of Taxes for the Year 2023.”

**Section 2.** That the Committee on Finance of the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve



District of Cook County, Illinois has considered the subject of the Annual Tax Levy for the year 2023 and the several sums necessary to be levied to meet the needs and requirements of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County for said year and has recommended that this ordinance for the levy of taxes be adopted.

**Section 3.** That the Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, heretofore having approved and adopted the Annual Appropriation Ordinance for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County for the year commencing January 1, 2023 at its meeting held November 30, 2022, which ordinance was published by authority of said Board as provided by law and which portion of said Appropriation Ordinance pertaining to Fund and Departmental Appropriations (together with marginal columns captioned “Payable from the Tax Levy” and “Payable from sources other than the Tax Levy” where applicable) is set forth hereinafter.

**Section 4.** That the sum of One Hundred and Forty-Six Million, Nine Hundred and Twenty-Eight Thousand, Six Hundred and Seven Dollars and No Cents (\$146,928,607), being the sum of Appropriations heretofore legally made which are to be paid from the collection of the Annual Tax Levy of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois for the Levy Year 2023 A.D. for the corporate purposes, for the construction of improvements and development of the forests and lands, for payment for principal and interest on bonded debt, for payment for contributions to Employees’ Annuity and Benefit Fund, and for the payment of amounts to the Chicago Zoological Society and the Chicago Horticultural Society, all as adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County at its meeting held November 30, 2022 and published by the authority of said Board according to law, is hereby levied on all the taxable property within said Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois for the Levy Year 2023 being composed of the specific amounts for the various purposes herein before named.

**Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois**

**ANNUAL TAX LEVY ORDINANCE FOR THE YEAR COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2023**

**SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND SOURCES THEREOF ALL FUNDS**

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Amount of Appropriation</b>	<b>Payable From The Tax Levy</b>	<b>Payable From Sources Other Than The Tax Levy</b>
Corporate	75,206,728	69,529,376	5,677,352
Self-Insurance	8,530,000	0	8,530,000
Const. & Development	30,675,431	31,556,431	(881,000)

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Bond & Interest	16,144,411	12,582,674	3,561,737
Employee Annuity & Benefit	4,030,143	3,627,129	403,014
Real Estate Acquisition	12,300,000	0	12,300,000
Capital Improvement	5,500,000	0	5,500,000
Resident Watchmen	223,000	0	223,000
Chicago Zoological	18,322,818	18,284,927	37,891
Chicago Horticultural	11,286,093	11,348,070	(61,977)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$182,218,624</b>	<b>\$146,928,607</b>	<b>\$35,290,017</b>

**Effective date:** This ordinance shall be in effect from and after its passage and approval.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 23-0534. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (17)

**Having voted on the prevailing side, a motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to reconsider 23-0534. The motion failed by the following vote:**

**Nayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (17)

[23-0416](#)

**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:** 1/1/2023 - 9/30/2023

**Summary:** Detailed Fund Analysis of Revenue and Expenditures for September 2023.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to receive and file 23-0416. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (17)

[23-0556](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

#### **RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (LITIGATION)**

Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Litigation - 11/14/2023

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

Proposed Settlements Approved Fiscal Year 2023 to Present: \$55,000.00

Proposed Settlements to Be Approved: \$0.00

Legal Fees Approved Fiscal Year 2023 to Present: \$710,248.70

Legal Fees for 11/14/2023 to Be Approved: \$48,689.15

**A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 23-0556. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (17)

[23-0557](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

#### **RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (WORKERS' COMPENSATION)**

Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Workers' Compensation - 11/14/2023

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

Workers' Compensation Claims approved Fiscal Year 2023 to present: \$464,955.96

Workers' Compensation Claims to Be Approved: \$1.00 plus waiver of lien

Workers' Compensation Lien Recovery approved Fiscal Year 2023 to present: \$47,000.00

Workers' Compensation Lien Recovery to be Approved: \$0.00

**A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 23-0557. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (17)

## REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE

[23-0520](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

## PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

**Department:** Department of Planning and Development

**Other Part(ies):** Chicago Transit Authority ("CTA"), Chicago, Illinois

**Request:** Authority to execute agreement and accept donation of land

**Goods or Services:** Donation of land and fulfillment of other agreed mitigation measures to offset environmental impacts and closure of an access road relating to proposed new Red Line Extension 130th Street station adjacent to Beaubien Woods

**Agreement Number(s):** N/A

**Agreement Period:** Date of Execution to December 31, 2033 or four (4) years after the beginning of Revenue Service on the Red Line Extension, whichever date is later

**Fiscal Impact:** N/A. Revenue Generating

CTA to provide the following to the Forest Preserves under the proposed Intergovernmental Agreement:

1. Donation of 7.6 acres of land immediately adjacent to Beaubien Woods (the “Property”), at no cost;
2. Payment of \$250,000.00 for ecological restoration within one-hundred eighty (180) days of the effective date of the Intergovernmental Agreement or CTA’s acquisition of the Property, whichever date is later;
3. Reimbursement of trail construction costs in an amount Not to Exceed \$315,000.00; and
4. Subsidized Forest Preserves signage and advertising at or near the proposed CTA Red Line station and on other buses and trains per the terms of the Intergovernmental Agreement.

**Accounts:** Grant Revenue to Professional Services 51010.520830; Special or Cooperative Programs 51010.521313; and Land Improvements 51010.560019

**District(s):** 5

**Summary:** On August 15, 2021, the CTA confirmed its concurrence with certain mitigation measures outlined by the Forest Preserves of Cook County to offset diminished access to, and noise and vibration impacts to approximately seven acres of Forest Preserves land at Beaubien Woods Boat Launch property. The mitigation measures were negotiated as part of an environmental assessment of the impact of the proposed federally funded transit project on public recreation and wildlife resources.

The land parcels to be donated are currently owned by the City of Chicago but are anticipated to be conveyed to the CTA under a separate agreement to be approved by the Chicago City Council in November 2023. An Ordinance regarding the subject parcels is the subject of a separate Board Item No. 23-0515. The \$250,000.00 payment to the Forest Preserves for ecological restoration for habitat enhancement and beautification of expanded Beaubien Woods Boat Launch land will encourage use and enjoyment by community residents and visitors arriving by public transit. The trail connection to be constructed by the Forest Preserves and reimbursed by the CTA will connect other public open space and recreation facilities on 133rd Street serving the Altgeld Gardens community with a new river-edge public gathering space completed by partner organizations. Final intergovernmental agreement is subject to legal review and approval.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Moore, to approve 23-0520. Commissioner Anaya requested a roll vote. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (17)

[23-0515](#)

**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), FRANK J. AGUILAR, ALMA E. ANAYA, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, MONICA GORDON, BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, JOSINA MORITA, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, ANTHONY J. QUEZADA, TARA S. STAMPS and MAGGIE TREVOR, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

## **PROPOSED ORDINANCE**

### **AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE A FOREST PRESERVE NEAR BEAUBIEN WOODS**

**AN ORDINANCE CREATING A FOREST PRESERVE** in part of Section 35, Township 37 North, Range 14, East of the Third Principal Meridian, all in Cook County, Illinois near Beaubien Woods in District 5.

**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.

**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 hereof, 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:

500 E 134th Street & 1108 E 133rd Street, Chicago, Cook County, Illinois

PARCEL RLE-131-PA

THE EAST 5 ACRES OF THE SOUTH ONE HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST  $\frac{1}{4}$  OF THE NORTHWEST  $\frac{1}{4}$  OF SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 37 NORTH, RANGE 14, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

PARCEL RLE-132-PA

THE EAST 170 FEET OF THE WEST 15 ACRES (EXCEPT STREETS) IN THE SOUTH  $\frac{1}{2}$  OF THE SOUTHWEST  $\frac{1}{4}$  OF THE NORTHWEST  $\frac{1}{4}$  OF SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 37 NORTH, RANGE 14, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, LYING NORTH OF THE NORTH LINE OF 134TH STREET AS ORIGINALLY LAID OUT, ALL IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

PINs: 25-35-100-010-0000 & 25-35-100-016-0000

SAID PARCELS CONTAINING 330,687 SQUARE FEET, OR 7.591 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.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Moore, to approve 23-0515. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (17)

[23-0491](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

### **PROPOSED LICENSE REQUEST**

**Request:** Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”), as Licensor to grant a License to Wireless Edge Towers II, LLC, Grantee, to locate, operate and maintain a cell tower in Meadowlark Golf Course pursuant to a master agreement approved by the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners on November 2, 2021 (Board Item No. 21-0002). The license area includes two (2) alternative access route options that overlaps with an existing access easement previously granted to the Illinois Tollway. Three (3) trees would need to be removed, resulting in tree mitigation fees. In practice, more trees may need to be removed than originally estimated. Any increase in the tree mitigation fee will be in accordance with the Tree Mitigation Plan (See Board Item No. 20-0279), and if such increase is more than 20% of original estimate, then approval will be sought from the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners.

**Term:** Ten (10) years with option to renew for three (3) additional 5-year terms

**License Fee:** One-time \$25,000.00 fee plus annual fees of \$31,914.00 (increased annually by 3%) or 50% of revenue, whichever is greater, per master agreement

**License Application Fee:** N/A

**YELAR Fee:** N/A

Total one-time upfront fee of \$25,000.00 plus annual fees as described above.

**Tree Mitigation Fee:** \$12,964.86

**The area of the License is:** approximately 0.49 acre or 21,550 square feet

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

Grantee will be required to meet the insurance requirements under the License Agreement.

The Forest Preserves staff have reviewed this license application and plans and have found them to be acceptable; therefore, it is recommended that the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners approve the issuance of this License Agreement.



**District(s):** 17

**A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Moore, to approve 23-0491. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (17)

[23-0527](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

### **PROPOSED LICENSE REQUEST**

**Request:** Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”), as Licensor to grant a License to CrossTown Fiber, Grantee, to locate, operate and maintain a fiber optic line on the east side of Cumberland Avenue, all within the road right-of-way, from Belmont Avenue to Addison Street (approximate length 2,550 linear feet).

**Term:** Ten (10) years

**License Fee:** \$82,541.32

**License Application Fee:** \$1,500.00

**Review Fee:** \$3,000.00

**YELAR Fee:** \$7,050.00

Total one-time upfront fee of \$94,091.32 for the term of the License  
(Sec. 5-2A-4 and 5-2B-4)

**Tree Mitigation Fee:** N/A

**The area of the License is:** 0.8781 acre

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

Grantee will be required to meet the insurance requirements under the License Agreement.

The Forest Preserves staff have reviewed this license application and plans and have found them to be acceptable; therefore, it is recommended that the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners approve the issuance of this License Agreement.

District(s): 8

**A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Moore, to approve 23-0527. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (17)

**LABOR COMMITTEE**

[23-0523](#)

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

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**PROPOSED COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT, SALARY SCHEDULE, WAGE ADJUSTMENTS AND HEALTHCARE PLAN RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act (5 ILCS 315/1 et seq.) has established regulations regarding collective bargaining with a union; and

**WHEREAS**, the Collective Bargaining Agreement Salary Schedule and wage adjustments, as well as healthcare plan revisions, and other terms and conditions of employment, for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2024, covering employees in the classification of Police Officer in the Law Enforcement Department of the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”), have been negotiated between the Forest Preserves and the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council (Police Officer Unit); and

**WHEREAS**, the general increases and wage adjustments that have been negotiated are reflected in the Salary Schedule and are included in the Collective Bargaining Agreement negotiated between the Forest Preserves and the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council (Police Officer Unit); and

**WHEREAS**, the revisions to the current healthcare plan that have been negotiated are included in the Collective Bargaining Agreement negotiated between the Forest Preserves and the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council (Police Officer Unit).

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserves of Cook County do hereby approve the proposed Collective Bargaining Agreement including, but not limited to, the Salary Schedule, wage adjustments, and one-time payments negotiated between the Forest Preserves and Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council (Police Officer Unit) for employees in the classification of Police Officer who are in active payroll status with the Forest Preserves on the date of approval of this Resolution, as follows:

- (a) Effective upon June 30, 2021, employees will be moved into the NEW Wage Schedule at the pay rates in accordance with the rules set forth herein and attached as Appendix A.
- (b) Effective upon Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserves of Cook County approval of the Collective Bargaining Agreement, a \$3,000 one-time payment will be paid on the payroll closest to forty-five (45) days after Board approval to bargaining unit members in active status.
- (c) Effective upon Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserves of Cook County approval of the Collective Bargaining Agreement, a \$1,000 one-time pandemic payment will be paid on payroll closest to forty-five (45) days after Board approval to bargaining unit members in active status.
- (d) Effective the first full payroll period on or after July 1, 2021, the pay rates for the classification of Police Officer shall be increased by 1.5%.
- (e) Effective the first full payroll period on or after July 1, 2022, the pay rates for the classification of Police Officer shall be increased by 2.5%.
- (f) Effective the first full payroll period on or after July 1, 2023, the pay rates for the classification of Police Officer shall be increased by 2.5%.
- (g) Effective the first full payroll period on or after July 1, 2024, the pay rates for the classification of Police Officer shall be increased by 2%.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Healthcare Plan (Appendix C) shall be revised as follows:

<b><u>Upon Approval of the Forest Preserves Board</u></b>				
	<b><u>Current HMO</u></b>	<b><u>12/1/21</u></b>	<b><u>12/1/22</u></b>	<b><u>12/1/23</u></b>
Employee (EE) Only	1.50%	1.50%	+ .25%	+ .50%
EE + Spouse	2.00%	2.00%	+ .50%	+ .75%
EE + Child(ren)	1.75%	1.75%	+ .50%	+ .50%
EE + Family	2.25%	2.25%	+ .75%	+ 1.0%
	<b><u>Current PPO</u></b>	<b><u>12/1/21</u></b>	<b><u>12/1/22</u></b>	<b><u>12/1/23</u></b>
Employee (EE) Only	2.50%	2.50%	+ .25%	+ .50%
EE + Spouse	3.00%	3.00%	+ .50%	+ .75%
EE + Child(ren)	2.75%	2.75%	+ .50%	+ .50%
EE + Family	3.25%	3.25%	+ .75%	+ 1.0%

**Out of Pocket Maximum**

*Current:* \$1,600/\$3,200 (single/family; in network); \$3,200/\$6,400 (single/family; out of network)

12/1/22: \$2,000/\$4,000 (single/family; in network); \$4,000/\$8,000 (single/family; out of network)

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council (Police Officer Unit) members who retired from the Forest Preserves after July 1, 2021 are eligible for retroactive pay from July 1, 2021 for hours worked in the Police Officer position included in the Collective Bargaining Agreement negotiated between the Forest Preserves and Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council (Police Officer Unit); but shall not be eligible to receive any one-time payments that this Board authorizes to be paid to active collective bargaining unit employees.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Forest Preserves' Director of Human Resources, Chief Financial Officer, and Director of Budget & Management are hereby authorized to implement the Salary Schedule, wage adjustments and healthcare provisions as negotiated and otherwise outlined above.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Forest Preserves' Director of Budget & Management is hereby directed to make all payments consistent with this resolution.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Quezada, to approve 23-0523. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (17)

**ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to adjourn. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (17)

Respectfully submitted,

*Lynne M. Turner*

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Secretary

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