



Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

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Tuesday, December 12, 2023

10:00 AM

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

ATTENDANCE

Present: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: Daley (1) excused

REMOTE PARTICIPATION

A motion was made by Commissioner BILL LOWRY, seconded by Commissioner SCOTT R. BRITTON, to approve remote participation. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Present: Miller (1)

Absent: Daley (1)

CONSENT CALENDAR

A motion was made by Commissioner BILL LOWRY, seconded by Commissioner DENNIS DEER, to approve the consent calendar. The motion carried by the following vote:

[23-0522](#)

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 RESOLUTION

HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF GERALD W. ADELMANN TO THE FOREST PRESERVES OF COOK COUNTY AND CONGRATULATING HIM ON HIS RETIREMENT

WHEREAS, as President and CEO of Openlands, Gerald (Jerry) W. Adelmann has dedicated his career to advancing the mission of protecting natural and open spaces to ensure cleaner air and water, safeguard natural habitats and wildlife, and help balance and enrich the lives of the people in our region; and

WHEREAS, Jerry joined Openlands in 1980 to coordinate a special program that led to the creation of the Illinois and Michigan Canal National Heritage Corridor, the first federal land designation of its kind, and today, there are 62 National Heritage Areas based on this model throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, Jerry’s influence inspired the creation of Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie, in Wilmington, Illinois and the protection of the rare and scenic landscape at the Openlands Lakeshore Preserve located at Fort Sheridan in Highwood, Illinois. These initiatives, along with many other conservation accomplishments have earned him numerous honors and awards; and

WHEREAS, Openlands is a founding member of Chicago Wilderness and Jerry has worked with the Forest Preserves through this regional alliance to improve the quality of life of the individuals and the many other species living in both Cook County and throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, Jerry is a firm believer in the Forest Preserves mission that everyone should have access to nature, which he has demonstrated through the many programs Openlands administers, including promoting outdoor recreation opportunities, increasing and improving Chicagoland’s tree canopy and providing environmental education opportunities to schools; and

WHEREAS, Jerry, through his leadership at Openlands, has advocated tirelessly for nature by leading campaigns to ensure locally, regionally and nationally elected officials continue to support, protect and provide access to nature; and

WHEREAS, Jerry worked with the Forest Preserves of Cook County and helped lead the effort to develop the Next Century Conservation Plan-an ambitious vision created by civic leaders, conservation advocates, and Forest Preserves staff that guides the Forest Preserves’ efforts to ensure nature thrives for the next 100-years; and

WHEREAS, upon adoption of the Next Century Conservation Plan by the Board of Commissioners on February 18, 2014, Jerry continued to share his knowledge, insight, expertise, and provided Openlands' staff support to operationalize the Next Century Conservation Plan; and

WHEREAS, Jerry is a committed advocate dedicated to protecting nature, he raised funds and helped build a coalition of non-profit groups and individuals to promote and ultimately pass the Forest Preserves' historic 2022 tax referendum, contributing to the Forest Preserves' long-term sustainability for people and nature.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that President Toni Preckwinkle along with the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners, General Superintendent Arnold L. Randall, and on behalf of all residents of Cook County, do hereby extend appreciation to Mr. Gerald W. Adelman for his dedication and leadership in conserving natural and cultural spaces, and wish him all the best in his retirement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be tendered to Jerry in recognition of his significant contributions to the Forest Preserves of Cook County.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 23-0522. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: Daley and Gainer (2)

[23-0625](#)

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 RESOLUTION

HONORING NANCY JOSEPH FOR RECEIVING A BEST OF THE BEST OUTSTANDING CITIZEN VOLUNTEER AWARD FROM THE ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF PARK DISTRICTS

WHEREAS, on October 20, 2023, Nancy Joseph was honored with a Best of the Best Award from the Illinois Association of Park Districts during its annual gala, receiving the Outstanding Citizen Volunteer Award for her service as a Site Steward at Sand Ridge Nature Center in south Cook County where she has been volunteering since 2013, dedicating over 1,700 hours of service to the Forest Preserves in the past decade; and

WHEREAS, Sand Ridge Nature Center is surrounded by globally rare dune and swale topography which includes 308-acres of marsh, sand prairie, oak savanna, and woodland. Nancy helps care for the site, which includes pockets of remnant-quality vegetation, by hosting large-scale volunteer habitat restoration events, as well as maintaining the interpretive native gardens and bioswales; and

WHEREAS, Nancy has developed strong collaborations with other organizations working in the area including Friends of the Forest Preserves, the Field Museum, and Calumet Is My Backyard (CIMBY) to bring people and nature together including hosting stewardship days for Chicago Public Schools high school students; and

WHEREAS, Nancy is exceptionally organized and thoughtful in leading stewardship days and goes above and beyond to make sure volunteers are safe and comfortable, especially if it is their first time volunteering, and she encourages community building among volunteers; and

WHEREAS, Nancy is a cherished member of the environmental community and her leadership is vital to the restoration and maintenance of rare and important habitats in the Calumet region.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Toni Preckwinkle, President and the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners congratulate Nancy Joseph for receiving an Illinois Association of Park Districts Best of the Best Award and thank her for her dedication and commitment to the mission of the Forest Preserves; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to Nancy Joseph

as a token of appreciation for her service to the Forest Preserves of Cook County and the residents of Cook County.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 23-0625. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: Daley and Gainer (2)

[23-0589](#)

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 RESOLUTION

HONORING THE FOREST PRESERVES OF COOK COUNTY, CHICAGO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY, AND THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE FOR RECEIVING A BEST OF THE BEST PARTNERSHIP AWARD FROM THE ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF PARK DISTRICTS

WHEREAS, on October 20, 2023, the Forest Preserves of Cook County (“Forest Preserves”), Chicago Zoological Society, and the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine were honored with a Best of the Best Award from the Illinois Association of Park Districts during its annual gala, receiving the Partnership Award for the Illinois Zoological and Wildlife Health Management Residency Program which focuses on the health of wild animal populations in urban and suburban settings in Cook County, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the program is the nation’s first wildlife residency program that meets the rigorous standards of the American College of Zoological Medicine and supports a new level of specialty care and professional veterinary medical services that are focused on establishing a baseline of wildlife health; and

WHEREAS, the program is a three-year term and once completed, participating residents earn their Master of Veterinary Science supplementing their Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine, through the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine; and

WHEREAS, each participating resident receives mentorship with all three partner organizations working directly with Forest Preserves’ wildlife biologists through hands-on experiences both monitoring and managing the health of a variety of native species populations in Cook County and receiving clinical experience with animals at Brookfield Zoo and at the Wildlife Epidemiology Lab at the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign; and

WHEREAS, while conservation efforts have helped to ensure that population numbers of several local species are stable or increasing, changes in landscape features and species composition, emerging diseases, habitat fragmentation from increasing development and impacts from a changing climate continue to threaten the health and

populations of many other local species which is why this collaborative program is extremely important to the future survival of this region’s wildlife; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Toni Preckwinkle, President and the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners congratulate the Forest Preserves of Cook County, Chicago Zoological Society, and the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine for receiving an Illinois Association of Park Districts’ Best of the Best Award and thank them for their commitment to the mission of the Forest Preserves; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to the awardees as a token of appreciation for their service to the Forest Preserves of Cook County and the residents of Cook County.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 23-0589. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: Daley and Gainer (2)

[23-0622](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

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 RESOLUTION

HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER ADNAN NAMMARI

WHEREAS, Adnan Nammari will retire from public service to the Forest Preserves of Cook County on December 29, 2023, after a 43-year career in various civil engineering posts, including 28 years of service to the Forest Preserves; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Nammari graduated from the Illinois Institute of Technology with bachelor’s and master’s degrees in civil engineering and started work as a senior civil engineer for the Forest Preserves in December 1995, after serving for 15 years in private-sector engineering consultant positions; and

WHEREAS, for the past 20 years, Mr. Nammari served as Chief Construction Engineer, succeeding Paul Pearson, Harry Barrett and others, in this prestigious Forest Preserves’ position; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as Chief Construction Engineer, Mr. Nammari managed the Civil Engineering section of the Department of Planning & Development and introduced new technology-based

systems and tools for performing engineering design and administration of capital funds, in addition to maintaining standards and procedures for Forest Preserves' construction contracts; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Nammari also oversaw many significant Forest Preserves' construction programs and challenging construction contracts for new or improved bridges, dams, parking lots, picnic shelters, canoe and kayak launches, and other outdoor recreation amenities; and

WHEREAS, notable outdoor recreation projects managed by Mr. Nammari included the expansion of the fitness stairs at Swallow Cliff, a new nature play area and fitness stairs at Dan Ryan Woods, new picnic and program shelter prototypes, new accessible canoe and kayak facilities, and repairs to many bridges and dams at fishing lakes throughout Cook County; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Nammari was responsible for oversight of the \$25 million Motor Fuel Tax agreement with Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways which has resulted in transportation-related infrastructure improvements to numerous trails, bridges, access roads and adjacent parking areas; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Nammari was responsible for regular inspections and improvements to dams and other drainage and water-control structures and oversight of water and stormwater infrastructure projects on Forest Preserves' land; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Nammari is a devoted husband and father of three adult children who enjoys traveling to visit family in the U.S. and Middle East and spending time outdoors walking and biking in the Forest Preserves and along Chicago's lakefront.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that President Toni Preckwinkle along with the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners, General Superintendent Arnold L. Randall, and on behalf of all citizens of Cook County, do hereby extend thanks to Adnan Nammari for his dedication, leadership and outstanding service and wish him continued success in all his future endeavors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be tendered to Adnan Nammari in recognition of his significant contributions to the Forest Preserves of Cook County.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 23-0622. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: Daley and Gainer (2)

[23-0623](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

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 RESOLUTION

HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF BUILDING ARCHITECT JAMES HAVLAT

WHEREAS, James Havlat will retire from public service to the Forest Preserves of Cook County on December 28, 2023, after a 38-year career, and for the past 32 years, Mr. Havlat was only the second head building architect employed by the Forest Preserves since 1962, succeeding Edward P. Koster, who served in this prestigious Forest Preserves' position from 1962 to 1990; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Havlat graduated from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign with a Bachelor of Science degree in Architectural Studies, and the University of Texas at Austin with a Master of Architecture degree in 1985, and began his employment with the Forest Preserves in 1991; and

WHEREAS, during his 32 years of service to the Forest Preserves, Mr. Havlat managed the building architecture section of the Forest Preserves' Department of Planning & Development and was responsible for the planning, design and oversight of the construction or renovation of hundreds of buildings and shelters throughout the Preserves; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Havlat oversaw many significant public building programs for the Forest Preserves under several major capital funding initiatives, including the Illinois First program in 2005 and SB 83 program in 2007-2008 and Forest Preserve general obligation bonds issued in 2012; and

WHEREAS, significant public building projects completed during Mr. Havlat's tenure include the Forest Preserves' first green LEED-certified buildings, a new Little Red Schoolhouse, new Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, historic cabins at Sand Ridge Nature Center, renovation of historically significant pavilions at Dan Ryan Woods and Thatcher Woods, conversion of the Forest Preserves' General Headquarters to all-electric heating and cooling systems, and many other building and picnic shelter improvement projects; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Havlat was a member of various interdepartmental Forest Preserves' committees relating to green buildings, dark skies, and sustainability, and was the project lead for the Forest Preserves' 2023 Clean Energy Action Plan for Buildings to guide the Forest Preserves to a more resilient and sustainable future for decades to come; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Havlat was responsible for building inspections and record keeping for Forest Preserves' buildings, maintaining standards and procedures for building improvement construction contracts, and serving as an unofficial archivist of historical documents collected over the course of his service; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Havlat is a devoted husband and father of two adult children and a new granddaughter who enjoys spending time traveling to visit family and friends, exploring new cultures, and is looking forward to spending time outdoors at his new residence in Tucson, Arizona.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that President Toni Preckwinkle, along with the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners, General Superintendent, Arnold L. Randall, and on behalf of all citizens of Cook County, do hereby extend thanks to James Havlat for his dedication, leadership and outstanding service and wish him continued success in all his future endeavors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be tendered to James Havlat in recognition of his significant contributions to the Forest Preserves of Cook County.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 23-0623. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: Daley and Gainer (2)

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Lisa Sowa-Downs - Cub Scout Pack 773

Stephen DeFalco - Village of Palos Park

Jodie Wiederkehr - Chicago Alliance for Animals (CAA)

Michele Miedlar

Mark Templeton

George Blakemore

PRESIDENT

[23-0596](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED SALE OR PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE

Department(s): Legal Department

Other Part(ies): Parkway Bank and Trust Company, as Trustee under Trust Agreement Dated October 1, 2017 and known as Trust Number 15761 (Owner of Record)

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

Description of Real Estate: 340 Old Sutton Road, Barrington Hills, Cook County, Illinois 60010

Section: N/A

Parcel(s): PIN: 01-09-102-015-0000

THAT PART OF THE EAST HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 42 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT A POINT ON THE WEST LINE OF SAID EAST HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER, 1038.00 FEET NORTH FROM THE SOUTHWEST CORNER THEREOF, FOR A POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH ALONG SAID WEST LINE OF THE EAST HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER, 564.17 FEET TO A POINT LYING 363.94 FEET SOUTH (AS MEASURED ON SAID WEST LINE) FROM THE NORTH LINE OF THE SOUTH HALF OF THE EAST HALF OF THE NORTH HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 9; THENCE EAST 812.10 FEET TO A POINT ON THE CENTERLINE OF SUTTON ROAD LYING 560.04 FEET SOUTHEASTERLY (AS MEASURED ON SAID CENTERLINE) FROM THE AFORESAID NORTH LINE THEREOF; THENCE SOUTH 49 DEGREES 31 MINUTES 40 SECONDS EAST, ALONG SAID CENTERLINE OF SUTTON ROAD, 124.37 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 37 DEGREES 6 MINUTES 40 SECONDS EAST, ALONG SAID CENTERLINE, 290.80 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 22 DEGREES 19 MINUTES 20 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID CENTERLINE 119.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 02 DEGREES 09 MINUTES 40 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID CENTERLINE, 168.57 FEET; THENCE NORTH 86 DEGREES 03 MINUTES WEST, 297.82 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 34 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST, 838.20 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

SAID PARCEL CONTAINING 589,898 SQUARE FEET, OR 13.54 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

Fiscal Impact: \$885,000.00 purchase price plus closing costs up to \$10,000.00 (up to \$895,000.00 in total).

Accounts: Real Estate and Land Acquisition Fund 51006.560010; and Grant Fund 51010.560010

District(s): 15

Summary: The Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) has identified a parcel of land for acquisition that would add to the Forest Preserves’ current holdings near Spring Lake (the “Property”). The Property, commonly known as 340 Old Sutton Road, Barrington Hills, Cook County, Illinois, consists of approximately 13.54 ± acres. The Property is adjacent to Spring Lake Forest Preserve system which totals close to 4,000 acres. Adding the Property will expand Forest Preserve holdings to Old Sutton Road, making it easier for management and access to the preserve, further bolstering the connection from Spring Lake to Horizon Farms to the east. The Property includes some large oak trees, wetlands, and drainages, adding to the diverse Spring Lake habitat.

Through negotiations, the Owner of Record (the “Seller”), has agreed to sell the Property to the Forest Preserves for the sum of EIGHT HUNDRED EIGHTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00/100 (\$885,000.00) plus closing costs up to \$10,000.00 (up to \$895,000.00 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 has applied for grant assistance for this acquisition through the Illinois Department of Natural Resources for an Open Space Land Acquisition and Development grant, as well as a Land and Water Conservation Fund grant, and would be reimbursed up to 50% of the purchase price if awarded.

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 Forest Preserves’ Next Century Conservation Plan, and Acquisition and Disposition of Land Position Paper.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Moore, to refer 23-0596 to the Real Estate Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: Daley and Gainer (2)

[23-0595](#)

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

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 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 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:

340 OLD SUTTON ROAD, BARRINGTON HILLS, ILLINOIS 60010

THAT PART OF THE EAST HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 42 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT A POINT ON THE WEST LINE OF SAID EAST HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER, 1038.00 FEET NORTH FROM THE SOUTHWEST CORNER THEREOF, FOR A POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH ALONG SAID WEST LINE OF THE EAST HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER, 564.17 FEET TO A POINT LYING 363.94 FEET SOUTH (AS MEASURED ON SAID WEST LINE) FROM THE NORTH LINE OF THE SOUTH HALF OF THE EAST HALF OF THE NORTH HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 9; THENCE EAST 812.10 FEET TO A POINT ON THE CENTERLINE OF SUTTON ROAD LYING 560.04 FEET SOUTHEASTERLY (AS MEASURED ON SAID CENTERLINE) FROM THE AFORESAID NORTH LINE THEREOF; THENCE SOUTH 49 DEGREES 31 MINUTES 40 SECONDS EAST, ALONG SAID CENTERLINE OF SUTTON ROAD, 124.37 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 37 DEGREES 6 MINUTES 40 SECONDS EAST, ALONG SAID CENTERLINE, 290.80 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 22 DEGREES 19 MINUTES 20 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID CENTERLINE 119.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 02 DEGREES 09 MINUTES 40 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID CENTERLINE, 168.57 FEET; THENCE NORTH 86 DEGREES 03 MINUTES WEST, 297.82 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 34 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST, 838.20 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

PIN: 01-09-102-015-0000

SAID PARCEL CONTAINING 589,898 SQUARE FEET, OR 13.54 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 purchase, 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

A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Moore, to refer 23-0595 to the Real Estate Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: Daley (1)

[23-0598](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED SALE OR PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE

Department(s): Legal Department

Other Part(ies): Gilda Jafari, Robert Jafari and Sam Jafari, As Co-Trustees Of The Kianoosh And Soussan Jafari Irrevocable Trust Dated February 8, 1999, as to an Undivided ½ Interest; Soussan Jafari, Gilda Jafari, Robert Jafari, And Sam Jafari, as Co-Trustees Of The Kianoosh Jafari 2010 Family Trust Dated October 14, 2010, as to an Undivided ½ Interest. (Owners of Record)

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

Description of Real Estate: 339 Old Sutton Road, Barrington Hills, Illinois 60010

Section: N/A

Parcel(s): PINs: 01-09-102-013-0000 & 01-09-102-016-0000

PARCEL 1:

THAT PART OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 42 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE CENTER LINE OF SUTTON ROAD 646.77 FEET NORTH OF (AS MEASURED ALONG SAID CENTER LINE) THE SOUTH LINE OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 9 THENCE NORTH 29 DEGREES 17 MINUTES 40 SECONDS WEST ALONG A LINE MAKING AN ANGLE WITH THE CENTER LINE OF SUTTON ROAD OF 48 DEGREES 41 MINUTES (AS MEASURED FROM THE NORTHEAST TO NORTHWEST) A DISTANCE OF 345.55 FEET THENCE NORTH 81 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 40 SECONDS WEST 173.95 FEET THENCE SOUTH 52 DEGREES 12 MINUTES WEST A DISTANCE OF 604.64 FEET TO A LINE 240 FEET (MEASURED AT RIGHT ANGLES) EAST OF AND PARALLEL WITH THE WEST LINE OF SAID SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 13 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST PARALLEL WITH THE WEST LINE OF SAID SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 255.0 FEET TO A LINE 813.0 FEET (AS MEASURED ALONG SAID PARALLEL LINE) NORTH OF THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 46 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST PARALLEL WITH THE SOUTH LINE OF THE SOUTH EAST 1/4

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PARCEL 2:

THAT PART OF THE EAST 1/2 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 42 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE CENTER LINE OF SUTTON ROAD, 673.4 FEET (AS MEASURED ALONG SAID CENTER LINE) NORTHERLY FROM THE SOUTH LINE OF THE EAST 1/2 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 9; THENCE NORTH 29 DEGREES 17 MINUTES 40 SECONDS WEST ALONG A LINE MAKING AN ANGLE WITH THE CENTER LINE OF SUTTON ROAD OF 48 DEGREES 41 MINUTES (AS MEASURED FROM THE NORTHEAST TO NORTH TO NORTHWEST) A DISTANCE OF 465.75 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 86 DEGREES 03 MINUTES EAST, 297.82 FEET TO A POINT IN SUTTON ROAD; THENCE SOUTH 2 DEGREES 09 MINUTES 40 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID SUTTON ROAD, 170.78 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 19 DEGREES 23 MINUTES 20 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE CENTER LINE OF SAID SUTTON ROAD, 227.95 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, IN BARRINGTON TOWNSHIP, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

SAID PARCELS CONTAINING 283,297 SQUARE FEET, OR 6.5 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

Fiscal Impact: \$744,500.00 purchase price plus closing costs up to \$10,000.00 (up to \$754,500.00 in total).

Accounts: Real Estate and Land Acquisition Fund 51006.560010; and Grant Fund 51010.560010

District(s): 15

Summary: The Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) has identified two parcels of land for acquisition that would add to the Forest Preserves’ current holdings near Spring Lake (the “Property”). The Property, commonly known as 339 Old Sutton Road, Barrington Hills, Cook County, Illinois, consists of approximately 6.5 ± acres. The Property is adjacent to Spring Lake Forest Preserve system which totals close to 4,000 acres. Adding the Property will expand Forest Preserve holdings to Old Sutton Road, making it easier for management and access to the preserve, further bolstering the

connection from Spring Lake to Horizon Farms to the east. The Property includes some large oak trees, wetlands, and drainages, adding to the diverse Spring Lake habitat.

Through negotiations, the Owner of Record (the “Seller”), has agreed to sell the Property to the Forest Preserves for the sum of SEVEN HUNDRED FORTY-FOUR THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS AND 00/100 (\$744,500.00) plus closing costs up to \$10,000.00 (up to \$754,500.00 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 has applied for grant assistance for this acquisition through the Illinois Department of Natural Resources for an Open Space Land Acquisition and Development grant, as well as a Land and Water Conservation Fund grant, and would be reimbursed up to 50% of the purchase price if awarded.

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 Forest Preserves’ Next Century Conservation Plan, and Acquisition and Disposition of Land Position Paper.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Moore, to refer 23-0598 to the Real Estate Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: Daley and Gainer (2)

[23-0597](#)

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

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 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 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:

339 OLD SUTTON ROAD, BARRINGTON HILLS, ILLINOIS 60010

PARCEL 1:

THAT PART OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 42 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE CENTER LINE OF SUTTON ROAD 646.77 FEET NORTH OF (AS MEASURED ALONG SAID CENTER LINE) THE SOUTH LINE OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 9 THENCE NORTH 29 DEGREES 17 MINUTES 40 SECONDS WEST ALONG A LINE MAKING AN ANGLE WITH THE CENTER LINE OF SUTTON ROAD OF 48 DEGREES 41 MINUTES (AS MEASURED FROM THE NORTHEAST TO NORTHWEST) A DISTANCE OF 345.55 FEET THENCE NORTH 81 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 40 SECONDS WEST 173.95 FEET THENCE SOUTH 52 DEGREES 12 MINUTES WEST A DISTANCE OF 604.64 FEET TO A LINE 240 FEET (MEASURED AT RIGHT ANGLES) EAST OF AND PARALLEL WITH THE WEST LINE OF SAID SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 13 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST PARALLEL WITH THE WEST LINE OF SAID SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 255.0 FEET TO A LINE 813.0 FEET (AS MEASURED ALONG SAID PARALLEL LINE) NORTH OF THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 46 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST PARALLEL WITH THE SOUTH LINE OF THE SOUTH EAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 240.0 FEET TO THE WEST LINE OF SAID SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 13 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID WEST LINE 225.0 FEET THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 34 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST 838.20 FEET THENCE SOUTH 29 DEGREES 17 MINUTES 40 SECONDS EAST 465.75 FEET TO A POINT ON THE CENTER LINE OF SUTTON ROAD 26.63 FEET (AS MEASURED ALONG SAID CENTER LINE) NORTH OF THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, SOUTH 19 DEGREES 23 MINUTES 20 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID CENTER LINE 26.63 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, ALL IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

PARCEL 2:

THAT PART OF THE EAST 1/2 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 42 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE CENTER LINE OF SUTTON ROAD, 673.4 FEET (AS

MEASURED ALONG SAID CENTER LINE) NORTHERLY FROM THE SOUTH LINE OF THE EAST 1/2 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 9; THENCE NORTH 29 DEGREES 17 MINUTES 40 SECONDS WEST ALONG A LINE MAKING AN ANGLE WITH THE CENTER LINE OF SUTTON ROAD OF 48 DEGREES 41 MINUTES (AS MEASURED FROM THE NORTHEAST TO NORTH TO NORTHWEST) A DISTANCE OF 465.75 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 86 DEGREES 03 MINUTES EAST, 297.82 FEET TO A POINT IN SUTTON ROAD; THENCE SOUTH 2 DEGREES 09 MINUTES 40 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID SUTTON ROAD, 170.78 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 19 DEGREES 23 MINUTES 20 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE CENTER LINE OF SAID SUTTON ROAD, 227.95 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, IN BARRINGTON TOWNSHIP, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

PINs: 01-09-102-013-0000 & 01-09-102-016-0000

SAID PARCELS CONTAINING 283,297 SQUARE FEET, OR 6.5 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 purchase, 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

A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Moore, to refer 23-0597 to the Real Estate Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: Daley and Gainer (2)

[23-0600](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED SALE OR PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE

Department(s): Legal Department

Other Part(ies): Gilda Jafari, Robert Jafari and Sam Jafari, as Co-Trustees of The Kianoosh And

Soussan Jafari Irrevocable Trust Dated February 8, 1999, as to an Undivided ½ Interest; Soussan Jafari, Gilda Jafari, Robert Jafari, and Sam Jafari, as Co-Trustees of The Kianoosh Jafari 2010 Family Trust Dated October 14, 2010, as to an Undivided ½ Interest. (Owners of Record)

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

Description of Real Estate: 338 Old Sutton Road, Barrington Hills, Illinois, 60010

Section: N/A

Parcel(s): PIN: 01-09-102-014-0000

THAT PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 42 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING ON THE CENTER LINE OF SUTTON ROAD 646.77 FEET NORTH OF (MEASURED ALONG SAID CENTER LINE) THE SOUTH LINE OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 9; THENCE NORTH 29 DEGREES 17 MINUTES 40 SECONDS WEST ALONG A LINE MAKING AN ANGLE WITH THE CENTER LINE OF SUTTON ROAD OF 48 DEGREES 41 MINUTES (AS MEASURED FROM NORTHEAST TO NORTHWEST) A DISTANCE OF 345.55 FEET; THENCE NORTH 81 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 40 SECONDS WEST 173.95 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 52 DEGREES 12 MINUTES WEST A DISTANCE OF 604.64 FEET TO A LINE 240.0 FEET (MEASURED AT RIGHT ANGLES) EAST OF AND PARALLEL WITH THE WEST LINE OF SAID SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER; THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 13 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST PARALLEL WITH THE WEST LINE OF SAID SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER A DISTANCE OF 95.0 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 68 DEGREES 08 MINUTES 20 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 100.61 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 37 DEGREES 52 MINUTES 45 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 188.86 FEET; THENCE NORTH 46 DEGREES 23 MINUTES 20 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 545.0 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 70 DEGREES 36 MINUTES 40 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 220 FEET TO A POINT ON THE CENTER LINE OF SUTTON ROAD 23.37 FEET (AS MEASURED ALONG SAID CENTER LINE) SOUTH OF THE PLACE OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 19 DEGREES 23 MINUTES 20 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID CENTER LINE 23.37 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, ALL IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

SAID PARCEL CONTAINING 242,141 SQUARE FEET, OR 5.56 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

Fiscal Impact: \$634,000.00 purchase price plus closing costs up to \$10,000.00 (up to \$644,000.00 in total).

Accounts: Real Estate and Land Acquisition Fund 51006.560010; and Grant Fund 51010.560010

District(s): 15

Summary: The Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) has identified a parcel of land for acquisition that would add to the Forest Preserves’ current holdings near Spring Lake (the “Property”). The Property, commonly known as 338 Old Sutton Road, Barrington Hills, Cook County, Illinois, consists of approximately 5.56± acres. The Property is adjacent to Spring Lake Forest Preserve system which totals close to 4,000 acres. Adding the Property will expand Forest Preserve holdings to Old Sutton Road, making it easier for management and access to the preserve, further bolstering the connection from Spring Lake to Horizon Farms to the east. The Property includes some large oak trees, wetlands, and drainages, adding to the diverse Spring Lake habitat.

Through negotiations, the Owner of Record (the “Seller”), has agreed to sell the Property to the Forest Preserves for the sum of SIX HUNDRED THIRTY-FOUR THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00/100 (\$634,000.00) plus closing costs up to \$10,000.00 (up to \$644,000.00 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 has applied for grant assistance for this acquisition through the Illinois Department of Natural Resources for an Open Space Land Acquisition and Development grant, as well as a Land and Water Conservation Fund grant, and would be reimbursed up to 50% of the purchase price if awarded.

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 Forest Preserves’ Next Century Conservation Plan, and Acquisition and Disposition of Land Position Paper.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Moore, to refer 23-0600 to the Real Estate Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: Daley and Gainer (2)

[23-0599](#)

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

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 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 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:

338 OLD SUTTON ROAD, BARRINGTON HILLS, ILLINOIS 60010

THAT PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 42 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING ON THE CENTER LINE OF SUTTON ROAD 646.77 FEET NORTH OF (MEASURED ALONG SAID CENTER LINE) THE SOUTH LINE OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 9; THENCE NORTH 29 DEGREES 17 MINUTES 40 SECONDS WEST ALONG A LINE MAKING AN ANGLE WITH THE CENTER LINE OF SUTTON ROAD OF 48 DEGREES 41 MINUTES (AS MEASURED FROM NORTHEAST TO NORTHWEST) A DISTANCE OF 345.55 FEET; THENCE NORTH 81 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 40 SECONDS WEST 173.95 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 52 DEGREES 12 MINUTES WEST A DISTANCE OF 604.64 FEET TO A LINE 240.0 FEET (MEASURED AT RIGHT ANGLES) EAST OF AND PARALLEL WITH THE WEST LINE OF SAID SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER; THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 13 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST PARALLEL WITH THE WEST LINE OF SAID SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER A DISTANCE OF 95.0 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 68 DEGREES 08 MINUTES 20 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 100.61 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 37 DEGREES 52 MINUTES 45 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 188.86 FEET; THENCE NORTH 46 DEGREES 23 MINUTES 20 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 545.0 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 70 DEGREES 36 MINUTES 40 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 220 FEET TO A POINT ON THE CENTER LINE OF SUTTON ROAD 23.37 FEET (AS MEASURED ALONG SAID CENTER LINE) SOUTH OF THE PLACE OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 19 DEGREES 23 MINUTES 20 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID CENTER LINE 23.37 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, ALL IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

PIN: 01-09-102-014-0000

SAID PARCEL CONTAINING 242,141 SQUARE FEET, OR 5.56 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 purchase, 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

A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Moore, to refer 23-0599 to the Real Estate Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: Daley and Gainer (2)

[23-0613](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED SALE OR PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE

Department(s): Legal Department

Other Part(ies): Feras Alhaj (Owner of Record)

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

Description of Real Estate: 15701 151st Street, Orland Park, Cook County, Illinois 60462

Section: N/A

Parcel(s): PIN: 28-18-100-001-0000

THE NORTH 12 ACRES OF THE WEST ½ OF THE NORTHWEST ¼ OF SECTION 18, TOWNSHIP 36 NORTH, RANGE 13 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN (EXCEPT THE WEST 70 FEET), IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

SAID PARCEL CONTAINING 490,050 SQUARE FEET, OR 11.25 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

Fiscal Impact: \$475,000.00 purchase price plus closing costs up to \$10,000.00 (up to \$485,000.00 in total).

Accounts: Real Estate and Land Acquisition Fund 51006.560010

District(s): 6

Summary: The Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) has identified a parcel of land for acquisition that would add to the Forest Preserves’ current holdings near Camp Sullivan Woods (the “Property”). The Property, commonly known as 15701 151st Street, Orland Park, Cook County, Illinois, consists of approximately 11.25 ± acres. The Property is adjacent to, and expands, the Camp Sullivan Woods property which currently totals over 300 acres. Adding the Property will protect open space in a densely populated region, allow for alternative access to Camp Sullivan Woods, protect wetlands, and increase habitat for wildlife.

Through negotiations, the Owner of Record (the “Seller”), has agreed to sell the Property to the Forest Preserves for the sum of FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00/100 (\$475,000.00) plus closing costs up to \$10,000.00 (up to \$485,000.00 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.

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 Forest Preserves’ Next Century Conservation Plan, and Acquisition and Disposition of Land Position Paper.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Moore, to refer 23-0613 to the Real Estate Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: Daley and Gainer (2)

[23-0612](#)

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

PROPOSED ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE A FOREST PRESERVE NEAR CAMP SULLIVAN WOODS

AN ORDINANCE CREATING A FOREST PRESERVE in part of Section 18, Township 36 North,

Range 13, East of the Third Principal Meridian, all in Cook County, Illinois near Camp Sullivan in District 6.

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 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:

15701 151ST STREET, ORLAND PARK, ILLINOIS 60462

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TOWNSHIP 36 NORTH, RANGE 13 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN (EXCEPT THE WEST 70 FEET), IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

PINs: 28-18-100-001-0000

SAID PARCEL CONTAINING 490,050 SQUARE FEET, OR 11.25 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 purchase, 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 6

A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Moore, to refer 23-0612 to the Real Estate Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: Daley and Gainer (2)

[23-0568](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

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

PROPOSED REAPPOINTMENT

Appointee(s): Laurel Ross, Henrietta Saunders, Mark Templeton

Position: Council Members

Department/Board/Commission: Conservation and Policy Council

Effective date: 1/1/2024

Expiration date: 12/31/2026

Summary: The Nominating Committee for the Conservation and Policy Council is committed to nominating candidates from across Cook County who bring diverse perspectives to the Council, reflect the diversity of Cook County, and provide a broad range of expertise. This commitment has led to a diverse council which includes members from northeast, northwest, south, and central Cook County.

The Nominating Committee recommends re-appointment of Laurel Ross, Henrietta Saunders, and Mark Templeton to an additional term on the Conservation and Policy Council. President Preckwinkle concurs with the committee's recommendation and seeks the Board's advice and consent related to the re-appointments.

The Conservation and Policy Council advises the President, Board of Commissioners, and General Superintendent and develops and annually updates a strategic plan to operationalize the Next Century Conservation Plan. The Council also reviews and makes recommendations for the annual budget, conservation policies and practices, and long-term strategic issues.

Laurel Ross has served in numerous leadership positions within the conservation community of Chicago, demonstrating a tremendous commitment to conserving the native environment of Illinois. Laurel was the Director of Urban Conservation for the Field Museum from 2004 to 2014. In this role, she developed and oversaw programs that connected people to nature through environmental education, habitat restoration and collaboration among environmental and cultural organizations. She has also served as Chair of Chicago Wilderness, Director of Conservation Programs for the Illinois Chapter of The Nature Conservancy and Director of the North Park Village Nature Center. Laurel has many years of experience as a committed volunteer and leader in environmental stewardship through the Volunteer Stewardship Network of Illinois.

Henrietta Saunders is Chairperson of the Natural Resources Commission for the Village of Glenview and a long-time volunteer with the Friends of the Forest Preserves and the North Branch Restoration Project. She currently serves on the boards of Community Organizing and Family Issues ("COFI") and Family Promise Chicago North Shore. She previously has served on local, state and national boards of the League of Women Voters as well as the Delta Institute and Faith in Place. She worked in commercial banking, in a small family business, at the UFCW Midwest Health and Benefits Fund and in various nonprofits before retiring. Henrietta has a BA from Brown University, an MBA in Finance from University of Chicago, an MS in Learning Sciences from Northwestern, and is fluent in Spanish.

Mark Templeton has an extensive background in government, finance and strategic planning with a

demonstrated focus on environmental and energy issues. He currently serves as Clinical Professor of Law and Director of the Abrams Environmental Law Clinic at the University of Chicago. Prior to this role, Mark was Executive Director of the Office of Independent Trustees for the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Trust, where he helped ensure that the \$20 billion pledged by BP was available to address claims of affected individuals. He also served in the cabinet of Missouri Governor Jay Nixon as Director of the Department of Natural Resources, where he managed approximately 1,750 employees, supervised an approximately \$300 million annual budget, and oversaw Missouri State Parks. Mark was Associate Dean and COO at Yale Law School, developed strategies for environmental sustainability at McKinsey & Company and was a senior adviser to the U.S. Delegation to the U.N. Commission on Human Rights. He is also a board member of the Gaylord and Dorothy Donnelley Foundation and the Environmental Law Institute, among other volunteer positions in the community and legal profession.

A motion was made by Commissioner Britton, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to suspend the rules for immediate consideration of 23-0568. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: Daley (1)

A motion was made by Commissioner Britton, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to approve 23-0568. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: Daley (1)

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

[23-0610](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED GRANT AWARD

Department: Department of Resource Management

Grantee: Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”)

Grantor: Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (“DCEO”), Springfield, Illinois

Request: Authorization to accept grant and permit the General Superintendent authority to execute the grant agreement on behalf of the President of the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners.

Purpose: Authorization is sought for the Forest Preserves to accept and enter into a grant agreement with the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for comprehensive infrastructure upgrades and restoration of the Palos and Sag Valley trail systems in southwest Cook County.

Grant Amount: \$10,000,000.00

Grant Period: 10/1/2023 (retroactive) - 9/30/2025

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.

Accounts: N/A

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

District(s): 17

Summary: The Forest Preserves has been awarded \$10,000,000.00 in grant funding from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity as part of the 2019 Rebuild Illinois Capital Plan (as reappropriated) to design and reconstruct portions of the Palos and Sag Valley unpaved trail systems. The proposed improvements include erosion mitigation and accessibility upgrades, installation of sustainable drainage structures, and improved wayfinding markers. The improved trail system will enhance public

safety and navigability from key destinations near the Swallow Cliff Woods and Red Gate Woods priority areas, connecting to recreational amenities such as the Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Camp Bullfrog, the Swallow Cliff stairs, and area lakes.

The project will also feature approximately 1,100 acres of ecological restoration to bolster the sustainability of the rehabilitated trails, open sight lines, and improve the quality of the nature experience for trail users. The Palos area is a major regional outdoor recreational hub and serves as one of the top hiking and mountain-biking destinations in northern Illinois. This project advances the goals of the Next Century Conservation Plan and the Natural and Cultural Resources Master Plan, which identified Palos as the Forest Preserves’ highest priority landscape for conservation and ecological restoration.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 23-0610. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: Daley (1)

[23-0601](#)

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 Amend an existing Intergovernmental Agreement (“IGA”) with Cook County

Goods or Services: Request to have the Cook County Department of Revenue collect fines, costs, and restitution on behalf of the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) related to violations of Forest Preserves Ordinances pre- and post-adjudication

Agreement Number: N/A

Agreement Period: Current: 3/3/2010 - Ongoing; Proposed Extension: 1/1/2024 - 12/31/2028, with one (1) five-year optional extension to be exercised at the discretion of the General Superintendent

Total Current Contract Amount: \$16,778.42 (estimated from 2017)

This Increase Requested: Not to Exceed \$150,000.00

Fiscal Impact: FY 2024 \$15,000.00, FY 2025 \$15,000.00, FY 2026 \$15,000.00, FY 2027 \$15,000.00, FY 2028 \$15,000.00, FY 2029 \$15,000.00 (optional), FY 2030 \$15,000.00 (optional), FY 2031 \$15,000.00 (optional), FY 2032 \$15,000.00 (optional), FY 2033 \$15,000.00 (optional)

Accounts: Professional Services 51001.520840

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: Cook County (the “County”) has handled Administrative Hearings for Forest Preserves ordinance citations pursuant to an IGA since March 3, 2010. Currently, the County is responsible for collecting post-adjudication fines and related costs on behalf of the Forest Preserves. The Forest Preserves would like to expand the services provided by the County to include the collection of pre-adjudication fines and related costs. The current IGA authorizes collection and audit costs but does not establish a set administration fee rate. This Amendment will establish a rate of 10%, an increase from the 5% currently charged. This rate increase will cover the expansion of services to be provided by the County and will include credit card processing fees currently paid by the Forest Preserves for pre-adjudication fines and related costs.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 23-0601. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: Daley (1)

[23-0563](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT AMENDMENT

Department: Department of Planning and Development

Other Part(ies): Village of Schiller Park, Illinois (the “Village”)

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to provide supplemental funds to the Village of Schiller Park for engineering services under an existing

intergovernmental agreement (“IGA”) and to extend IGA.

Goods or Services: Supplemental Engineering Services for trail improvements and new trail connections on the Des Plaines River Trail between Lawrence Avenue and Irving Park Road near Schiller Park, Illinois.

Agreement Number: N/A

Agreement Period: Original: Date of Execution (2/25/2022) to 12/31/2023; Proposed Extension: 1/1/2024 - 2/25/2025

Fiscal Impact: Current: \$32,225.00; Proposed Increase: \$60,000.00

Accounts: Professional Services 51009.520830 and 51033.520830

District(s): 9

Summary: Phase II Engineering design for reconstruction of a segment of the Des Plaines River Trail between Lawrence Avenue and Irving Park Road (Segment 4) is sponsored by the Village of Schiller Park under an existing IGA approved by the Forest Preserves Board of Commissioners on September 21, 2021 (Board Item No. 21-0354). The Village has an existing contract with Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd., to perform these services. In the course of trail design, Forest Preserves staff requested a change in the trail alignment to minimize impacts on nearby trees and wetland areas. Because of this change, the Village’s engineering consultant will need to perform additional work that includes surveying the new alignment; creating a new plan and profile sheets, geometric coordination, Wetland Impact Evaluation forms and environmental coordination; and preparing an addendum to the Village’s engineering report. In order to proceed with supplemental engineering and keep the project on track under the existing IGA, the Forest Preserves has agreed to reimburse the Village for the required additional engineering services to be conducted by their consultant up to a not-to-exceed amount of \$60,000.00.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 23-0563. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: Daley (1)

[23-0552](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Department of Facilities and Fleet

Vendor: R.N.O.W., Inc., West Allis, Wisconsin

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Two (2) Loadmaster electric refuse trucks

Contract Value: \$1,108,315.02

Contract Period: One-time purchase

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2024 \$1,108,315.02

Accounts: Clean Air and Clean Water 51033.560266

Contract Number(s): #74000013422 issued under Project #23-52-229 (agreement based on Sourcewell Contract No. 060920-CRN with Battle Motors, Inc. (formerly Crane Carrier Company, LLC))

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

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

Piggyback contract based on the Sourcewell Contract #060920-CRN with no MWBE participation goals.

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: The Department of Facilities and Fleet received permission from the Vehicle Steering Committee on 11/20/2023 to decommission two (2) vehicles due to age, high mileage, and condition; and purchase two (2) new vehicles. The Forest Preserves is requesting the purchase of two (2) Loadmaster Enviromaster 18-cubic yard split body EV refuse garbage trucks with dual tailgate and cart lifters. These trucks are part of the refuse modernization program, as well as the first in the Department of Landscape Maintenance’s refuse fleet to run on EV with split body. The split body will allow us to collect both the landfill and recycling garbage saving time, staff resources, and fuel; as well as improve customer services out in our preserves. The vendor is an authorized dealer of referenced vehicles.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 23-0552. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: Daley (1)

[23-0569](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Department of Facilities and Fleet

Vendor: Stenstrom Petroleum Services Group, Rockford, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Fuel Station Services

Contract Value: \$175,000.00

Contract Period: 12/12/2023 - 7/31/2030

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2023 \$2,000.00, FY 2024 \$25,000.00, FY 2025 \$25,000.00, FY 2026 \$25,000.00, FY 2027 \$25,000.00, FY 2028 \$25,000.00, FY 2029 \$25,000.00, FY 2030 \$23,000.00

Accounts: Professional Services 51001.520840

Contract Number(s): #74000013433 (agreement based on State of Illinois Contract #22-416CMS-BOSS4-P-39072)

Concurrences: The Chief Financial Officer has approved this item. Final contract 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 is requesting to enter into an agreement with the vendor to service our fuel management system and twenty (20) fueling dispensers throughout the Forest Preserves. Stenstrom Petroleum Services Group currently holds a contract for fuel station services with the State of Illinois effective until July 31, 2030.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 23-0569. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: Daley (1)

[23-0594](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Legal Department

Vendor: LexisNexis, a division of RELX Inc., Miamisburg, Ohio

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Online Legal Research Services

Contract Value: \$75,000.00

Contract Period: 1/1/2024 - 12/31/2024, with two (2) optional one-year renewals to be exercised at the discretion of the General Superintendent.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2024 \$25,000.00, FY 2025 \$25,000.00 (optional), FY 2026 \$25,000.00 (optional)

Accounts: Legal Services 51001.521055; and Dues and Subscriptions 51001.501795

Contract Number(s): #74000013449

Concurrences: The Chief Financial Officer has approved this item. Final contract 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): N/A

Summary: Attorneys and paralegals in the Forest Preserves’ Legal Department use LexisNexis site for comprehensive web-based, online legal research and related services that are essential to their operations and provides access to primary and secondary legal documents, rules and regulations, case law and court documents. The Forest Preserves seeks authorization to continue to use LexisNexis on a sole source basis. Agreements for online services are often form agreements that apply to a general class of customer, which is the case here as well. Thus, the proposed new contract includes some non-standard provisions for the Forest Preserves. On 9/24/2020, the Cook County Board of Commissioners approved a contract with LexisNexis for use by its State’s Attorney’s Office and other agencies (Board Item No.

20-4183). On 9/21/2023, the Cook County Board of Commissioners approved a one-year extension to this contract (Board Item No. 23-3277). The Forest Preserves’ Legal Department has used LexisNexis since 2021.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 23-0594. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Britton, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Stamps and Trevor (13)

Present: Aguilar, Anaya and Quezada (3)

Absent: Daley (1)

[23-0603](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Department of Resource Management

Vendor: Various vendors establishing a Conservation Corps vendor pool, listed below:

<u>Contract No.</u>	<u>Vendor Name</u>
74000013406	National Audubon Society, Inc. (Audubon Great Lakes), Chicago, Illinois
74000013407	Friends of the Forest Preserves, Inc. Chicago, Illinois
74000013408	Openlands, Chicago, Illinois
74000013409	City of Chicago Department of Transportation, Chicago, Illinois
74000013410	The Student Conservation Association, Inc., 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 services agreements for Conservation Corps programs

Contract Value: Not to exceed a combined total of \$4,000,000.00 per twelve-month period (or \$24,000,000.00 over the six (6) year term) across all contract numbers listed above. The General Superintendent, or their designee, may adjust via contract amendment funding amounts allocated to each vendor at their discretion within the total \$24,000,000.00 not-to-exceed amount.

Contract Period: 1/1/2024 - 12/31/2029

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2024 \$4,000,000.00, FY 2025 \$4,000,000.00, FY 2026 \$4,000,000.00, FY 2027 \$4,000,000.00, FY 2028 \$4,000,000.00, FY 2029 \$4,000,000.00

Accounts: ARPA Conservation Corps 51032.521444; Professional Services 51033.520840 and 51001.520830; Special or Co-op Programs 51001.521313; Grant and Mitigation 51010.521444 and 51010.520840; and all future Professional Services and Grant and Mitigation accounts

Contract Number(s): #74000013406, #74000013407, #74000013408, #74000013409, and #74000013410 issued under RFP #23-31-105

Concurrences: The Chief Financial Officer has approved this item. Final agreements are subject to legal review and approval.

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

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: The Forest Preserves issued a Request for Proposals (RFP #23-31-105) seeking firms or organizations to co-facilitate job training and employment programs that utilize a Conservation Corps or Youth Community Internship model. Conservation Corps programs provide paid employment for youth and adult participants who reflect the diversity of Cook County, as well as benefit people who have barriers to employment, have suffered from historical disenfranchisement, or whose communities are disproportionately impacted by environmental justice issues. Programs feature environmental education and soft skills training within the conservation field that engage participants with nature and prepare them for future employment, with a focus on ecological restoration in the Forest Preserves.

A total of twelve (12) program proposals were received for this project from five (5) different firms and organizations, all of whom were found to be responsive. Proposals were evaluated based on experience and expertise with similar projects, proposed approach, cost, and capacity to perform all aspects of the work. The proposed Conservation Corps programs are as follows:

- 1) **Audubon Great Lakes Habitat Restoration Internship** - The Audubon Great Lakes Habitat Restoration Internship will engage one (1) Field Leader, one (1) Assistant Field Leader and six (6) adult interns in a 24-week ecological restoration program that benefits bird species and their habitats. Participants will conduct invasive plant control and native seed collection at preserves in the south and southwest regions, while also receiving job training and professional networking experiences to prepare participants for careers in land management, ecology, and related fields.

- 2) **Advanced Adult Crews (Friends of the Forest Preserves)** -- The Advanced Adult Crews, administered by Friends of the Forest Preserves, will engage two crews consisting of one (1) Crew Manager, one (1) Assistant Crew Manager, and four (4) adult crew members each, or up to twelve (12) participants annually. The crews will operate year-round with cohort turnover occurring every two years. The program will cultivate the next generation of environmental professionals through job and conservation skills training, while providing

tangible and meaningful on-the-ground experiences for members of the beginner crews who have graduated out of entry-level programs and are seeking advanced skills training in forestry, land management, and ecological restoration.

- 3) **Calumet Corps (Friends of the Forest Preserves)** -- The Calumet Corps, administered by Friends of the Forest Preserves, will engage one (1) Crew Manager, one (1) Assistant Crew Manager, and four (4) adult participants annually in hands-on conservation activities such as invasive species control, prescribed burning, and native seed collection and dispersal. Worksites will focus on the Calumet region, primarily within the Sand Ridge and Jurgensen Woods complexes. The program will operate year-round with cohort turnover occurring every two (2) years.
- 4) **Des Plaines River Corps (Friends of the Forest Preserves)** -- The Des Plaines River Corps, administered by Friends of the Forest Preserves, will engage one (1) Crew Manager, one (1) Assistant Crew Manager, and four (4) adult participants annually in hands-on conservation activities such as invasive species control, prescribed burning, and native seed collection and dispersal. Worksites will focus on areas adjacent to the Des Plaines River corridor, primarily within the Salt Creek and Thatcher Woods complexes. The program will operate year-round with cohort turnover occurring every two (2) years.
- 5) **North Branch Corps (Friends of the Forest Preserves)** -- The North Branch Corps, administered by Friends of the Forest Preserves, will engage one (1) Crew Manager, one (1) Assistant Crew Manager, and four (4) adult participants annually in hands-on conservation activities such as invasive species control, prescribed burning, and native seed collection and dispersal. Worksites will focus on areas adjacent to the North Branch river corridor, primarily within the Somme and Harms Woods complexes. The program will operate year-round with cohort turnover occurring every two (2) years.
- 6) **Palos Corps (Friends of the Forest Preserves)** -- The Palos Corps, administered by Friends of the Forest Preserves, will engage two (2) crews consisting of one (1) Crew Manager, one (1) Assistant Crew Manager, and four (4) adult participants, each or up to twelve (12) participants annually. The crews will conduct hands-on conservation activities such as invasive species control, prescribed burning, and native seed collection and dispersal at worksites within the Palos region. The program will operate year-round with cohort turnover occurring every two (2) years.
- 7) **Forest Preserves Experience (Friends of the Forest Preserves)** - The Forest Preserves Experience program, administered by Friends of the Forest Preserves, provides conservation and job skills training to high-school youth, ages 15 to 19, whose families are clients of the Housing Authority of Cook County. The five (5) week program will engage up to ninety (90) youth participants, eight (8) Assistant Field Leaders, and eighteen (18) adult Crew Leaders annually in hands-on ecological restoration activities supplemented with job readiness skills and nature-based enrichment activities which promote forest preserve awareness and teach

participants how healthy forest preserves contribute to their community and the quality of life. Worksites will primarily be in the Thorn Creek, Calumet, and Tinley Creek regions in south and west suburban Cook County.

- 8) **Beaubien Youth Outdoor Ambassador Program (Friends of the Forest Preserves)** - The Beaubien Youth Outdoor Ambassador Program, administered by Friends of the Forest Preserves, will engage ten (10) youth participants (ages 14 - 19), two (2) Crew Leaders, and one (1) Program Assistant annually for six (6) weeks of hands-on conservation work, education in local ecology, and public engagement activities. The program offers an opportunity for community members who reside near Beaubien Woods to gain skills in leadership, job-readiness, and professional development, while learning about important local environmental topics. This program will be operated in collaboration with the Forest Preserves' Department of Conservation and Experiential Programming.
- 9) **Arborist Registered Apprenticeship Program (Openlands)** -- The Arborist Apprenticeship Program, administered by Openlands, will engage six (6) apprentices and up to two (2) Field Supervisors for up to twelve (12) weeks annually to conduct tree and invasive brush removal projects in the Salt Creek and Palos regions. The program is recognized by the Illinois Department of Labor and provides an accessible career pathway for individuals seeking an entry-level experience to facilitate becoming a certified arborist and to work in urban forestry.
- 10) **Greencorps Chicago (Chicago Department of Transportation)** - Greencorps Chicago is the City of Chicago's green-industry employment program with on-the-job training for individuals with barriers to employment. The program promotes environmental stewardship in the Forest Preserves by maintaining and restoring the land through hands-on involvement on a range of conservation projects including invasive plant removal, native plant installation and seeding, prescribed burning, and more. Participants also receive industry-recognized credentials including pesticide licensure and regional prescribed burn certifications. The program will engage approximately six (6) Crew Supervisors and thirty (30) adult participants annually.
- 11) **Gap Year Internship (Student Conservation Association)** - The Gap Year Internship, administered by the Student Conservation Association, serves as a bridge between adult Conservation Corps programs and youth summer programs by exposing participants to advanced restoration skillsets while also supporting career exploration and job readiness training. Over the 6-month program, five (5) young adults and two (2) adult Crew Leaders will conduct conservation projects including invasive plant removal, nature gardening, trail and fence maintenance in addition to seeking environmental education and professional certifications that will make participants desirable candidates for full time employment in ecological restoration upon graduation from the program. Worksites will primarily occur in the Salt Creek and Palos regions, as well as at Forest Preserves nature center facilities.

- 12) **Chicago Conservation Leadership Corps (Student Conservation Association)** - The Chicago Conservation Leadership Corps program, administered by the Student Conservation Association, will engage at least forty (40) high school-aged youth, four (4) young adult Assistant Leaders, and eight (8) adult Crew Leaders annually in hands-on conservation work such as invasive plant removal, nature gardening, trail and fence maintenance supplemented by nature-based recreational activities. The 5-week summer program includes job readiness training and career exploration with an emphasis on engaging youth of color to increase diversity in the conservation field. Work will occur at Forest Preserves nature center facilities, including but not limited to Little Red Schoolhouse, Sand Ridge, and Trailside Museum of Natural History.

Programs will be implemented and scaled based on budget availability, including potential future grant opportunities and annual levels of matching fund contributions secured by each firm or organization. Conservation Corps programs advance the goals of the Next Century Conservation Plan by mobilizing people to heal and nurture the land.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 23-0603. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: Daley (1)

[23-0607](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Department of Facilities and Fleet

Vendor: Clark Equipment Company D/B/A Bobcat Company, West Fargo, North Dakota

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Nine (9) 3612HD Bobcat trailers

Contract Value: \$139,257.00

Contract Period: One-time purchase

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2024, \$139,257.00

Accounts: Vehicles and Trucks 51033.540260; Vehicles and Trucks 51031.540260; and all future Vehicle accounts

Contract Number(s): #74000013425 issued under Project #23-54-239 (agreement based on Sourcewell Contract No. 040319-CEC)

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

Piggyback contract based on the Sourcewell Contract No. 040319-CEC with Clark Equipment Company D/B/A Bobcat Company with no MWBE participation goals.

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: The Forest Preserves of Cook County is requesting the purchase of nine (9) 3612HD Bobcat trailers. Trailers will be issued to the Department of Resource Management for transporting equipment that will be used for land management.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to defer 23-0607. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: Daley (1)

[23-0614](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Department of Facilities and Fleet

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): Twenty-eight (28) Ford Explorer Hybrid vehicles

Contract Value: \$1,225,644.00

Contract Period: One-time purchase

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2024, \$1,225,644.00

Accounts: Vehicle Purchase 51009.560266; Vehicle Purchase 51033.560266; and Vehicle Purchase 51001.560266

Contract Number(s): #74000013424 issued under Project #23-54-237 (agreement based on Cook County Contract #1945-18111 expiring 3/31/2024)

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

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

Piggyback contract based on the Cook County Contract #1945-18111 with Sutton Ford Inc. with no MWBE participation goals.

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: The Department of Facilities and Fleet received permission from the Vehicle Steering Committee on 11/20/2023 to decommission twenty-eight (28) Forest Preserves vehicles due to age, high mileage, and condition and purchase twenty-eight (28) new hybrid vehicles. Fourteen (14) of these units are for the Law Enforcement Department. Five (5) of these units are for the Facilities and Fleet Department. Five (5) of these units are for the Resource Management Department. Two (2) of these units are for the Department of Conservation and Experiential Programming. Two (2) of these units are for the Department of Planning and Development.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 23-0614. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: Daley (1)

[23-0611](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Department of Landscape Maintenance

Vendor: Service Sanitation, Inc., Homewood, Illinois

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

and amend Region 1 (Northwest - Poplar Creek, Indian Boundary, and Des Plaines Divisions) Placement and Servicing of Portable Toilets contract

Good(s) or Service(s): Placement and Servicing of Portable Toilets in Region 1 (Northwest Region)

Original Contract Period: 11/1/2021 - 10/31/2024; three (3) year contract with two (2) one-year renewal options

Proposed Contract Period Extension: N/A

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$401,420.00

Original Approval: 9/21/2021, \$312,420.00

Previous Increase(s): 4/25/2023, \$89,000.00

This Increase Requested: \$241,000.00

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2023 \$65,000.00, FY 2024 \$176,000.00

Accounts: Professional Services 51001.520840; Operations and Maintenance 51001.540380; Supplies and Materials 51001.530267; Special or Co-op Programs 51001.521448; Grant and Mitigation 51010.521444; Resource Ecology 51001.521449; Special Events 51001.520635; and Property Maintenance and Operations 51051.560105

Contract Number(s): #74000009626 issued under Project #21-52-101 (Rebid)

Concurrences: The Chief Financial Officer has approved this item. Final contract 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): 1, 9, 14, 15, 16, 17

Summary: Due to an increase in Permitted Picnics, Public Programming, Special Events, and other projects related to Restroom Remodeling and Repairs throughout the Forest Preserves, the Forest Preserves is asking to increase the contract authority amount associated with renting both Standard and ADA Portable Toilets which are a requirement for accommodating the general public.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 23-0611. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: Daley (1)

[23-0616](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Department of Landscape Maintenance

Vendor: Service Sanitation, Inc., Homewood, Illinois

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to increase and amend Region 2 (North - North Branch, Skokie, and Salt Creek Divisions) Placement and Servicing of Portable Toilets contract

Good(s) or Service(s): Placement and Servicing of Portable Toilets in Region 2 (North Region)

Original Contract Period: 11/1/2021 - 10/31/2024; three (3) year contract with two (2) one-year renewal options

Proposed Contract Period Extension: N/A

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$369,100.00

Original Approval: 9/21/2021, \$281,100.00

Previous Increase(s): 4/25/2023, \$88,000.00

This Increase Requested: \$78,000.00

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2023 \$10,000.00, FY 2024 \$68,000.00

Accounts: Professional Services 51001.520840; Operations and Maintenance 51001.540380; Supplies

and Materials 51001.530267; Special or Co-op Programs 51001.521448; Grant and Mitigation 51010.521444; Resource Ecology 51001.521449; Special Events 51001.520635; and Property Maintenance and Operations 51051.560105

Contract Number(s): #74000009627 issued under Project #21-52-102 (Rebid)

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): 1, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17

Summary: Due to an increase in Permitted Picnics, Public Programming, Special Events, and other projects related to Restroom Remodeling and Repairs throughout the Forest Preserves, the Forest Preserves is asking to increase the contract authority amount associated with renting both Standard and ADA Portable Toilets which are a requirement for accommodating the general public.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 23-0616. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: Daley (1)

[23-0617](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Department of Landscape Maintenance

Vendor: Service Sanitation, Inc., Homewood, Illinois.

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to increase and amend Region 3 (Southwest Region - Palos, Sag Valley, Tinley Creek Divisions) Placement and Servicing of Portable Toilets contract

Good(s) or Service(s): Placement and Servicing of Portable Toilets in Region 3 (Southwest Region)

Original Contract Period: 11/1/2021 - 10/31/2024; three (3) year contract with two (2) one-year renewal options

Proposed Contract Period Extension: N/A

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$430,900.00

Original Approval: 9/21/2021, \$300,900.00

Previous Increase(s): 4/25/2023, \$130,000.00

This Increase Requested: \$105,000.00

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2023 \$20,000.00, FY 2024 \$85,000.00

Accounts: Professional Services 51001.520840; Operations and Maintenance 51001.540380; Supplies and Materials 51001.530267; Special or Co-op Programs 51001.521448; Grant and Mitigation 51010.521444; Resource Ecology 51001.521449; Special Events 51001.520635; and Property Maintenance and Operations 51051.560105

Contract Number(s): #74000009628 issued under Project #21-52-103 (Rebid)

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): 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 11, 16, 17

Summary: Due to an increase in Permitted Picnics, Public Programming, Special Events, and other projects related to Restroom Remodeling and Repairs throughout the Forest Preserves, the Forest Preserves is asking to increase the contract authority amount associated with renting both Standard and ADA Portable Toilets which are a requirement for accommodating the general public.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 23-0617. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: Daley (1)

[23-0618](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Department of Landscape Maintenance

Vendor: Service Sanitation, Inc., Homewood, Illinois

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to increase and amend, Region 4 (Southeast - Thorn Creek and Calumet Divisions) Placement and Servicing of Portable Toilets contract

Good(s) or Service(s): Placement and Servicing of Portable Toilets in Region 4 (Southeast Region)

Original Contract Period: 11/1/2021 - 10/31/2024; three (3) year contract with two (2) one-year renewal options

Proposed Contract Period Extension: N/A

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$314,780.00

Original Approval: 9/21/2021, \$222,780.00

Previous Increase(s): 4/25/2023, \$92,000.00

This Increase Requested: \$88,000.00

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2023 \$15,000.00, FY 2024 \$73,000.00

Accounts: Professional Services 51001.520840; Operations and Maintenance 51001.540380; Supplies and Materials 51001.530267; Special or Co-op Programs 51001.521448; Grant and Mitigation 51010.521444; Resource Ecology 51001.521449; Special Events 51001.520635; and Property Maintenance and Operations 51051.560105

Contract Number(s): #74000009629 issued under Project #21-52-104 (Rebid)

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): 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 11

Summary: Due to an increase in Permitted Picnics, Public Programming, Special Events, and other projects related to Restroom Remodeling and Repairs throughout the Forest Preserves, the Forest Preserves is asking to increase the contract authority amount associated with renting both Standard and ADA Portable Toilets which are a requirement for accommodating the general public.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 23-0618. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: Daley (1)

[23-0615](#)

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 Nicor, Grantee, to locate, operate and maintain 4,785 linear feet of a 20-inch gas main in Oak Forest along Crawford Avenue north of 159th Street at the eastern edge of the Midlothian Meadows forest preserve. Construction would require removal of approximately three hundred thirty-one (331) non-invasive trees (264 live and 67 dead), resulting in tree mitigation fees and restoration of the license area. 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 not require closure of the loop trail at Midlothian Meadows.

Term: Ten (10) years

License Fee: \$154,886.36

License Application Fee: \$1,500.00

YELAR Fee: \$7,050.00

Review Fee: \$3,000.00

Benefit Restoration Fee: \$250,000.00

Total one-time upfront fee of \$416,436.36 for the term of the License
(Sec. 5-2A-4 and 5-2B-4)

Tree Mitigation Fee: \$1,973,043.91

The area of the License is: 1.65 acres

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): 5

A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Moore, to refer 23-0615 to the Real Estate Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: Daley (1)

[23-0608](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED MISCELLANEOUS ITEM OF BUSINESS

Department: Department of Conservation and Experiential Programming

Summary: The Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) requests authorization for the General Superintendent or a designee to have discretionary spending up to \$100,000.00 through 2024 to support educational, recreational and community engagement program services with a variety of program partners, including, but not limited to, artists, arts groups, youth development groups, program trainers,

curriculum development facilitators, and cultural groups. These program partners would be selected through a variety of processes including the Forest Preserves' Event and Program Partnership application process. This Event and Program Partnership application is listed on the Forest Preserves' website on the Doing Business and Partnership page and will be marketed through various Forest Preserves avenues. Program Partnerships may extend into the 2025 fiscal year depending on the program proposal but would not exceed twelve (12) consecutive months. Individual contracts would not exceed \$5,000.00. The program partnerships would be proposed or vetted by the Forest Preserves' Conservation and Experiential Programming team and selected based on community involvement; ability to provide the service; ability to bring a unique program concept to the Forest Preserves; ability and interest to connect with the Forest Preserves' mission and vision; ability to serve a community impacted by racial and other inequities; ability to support Forest Preserves' grant programs; price; and ability to bring a new audience to the Forest Preserves. This program strategy complements the goals of the Next Century Conservation Plan, to connect more people with nature and to make the Forest Preserves more welcoming and accessible. A report on partnership contracts and activities funded through this process in 2023 is attached.

Programming Good(s) or Service(s): Programming Partnerships

Fiscal Impact: FY 2024 \$90,000.00, FY 2025 \$10,000.00

Accounts: Professional Services 51001.520830; Special or Coop Programs 51001.521313; and various other grant funds

District(s): Districtwide

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 23-0608. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: Daley (1)

[23-0588](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Department of Permits, Rentals and Concessions

Request: Refer to Recreation and Engagement Committee

Report Title: Event and Permit Application Survey

Report Period: 2023

Summary: The Department of Permits, Rentals and Concessions (“PRC”) contracts with a third-party consultant, Penn and Associates, to survey customers who hold picnics or special events in our groves on a weekly basis throughout the summer months. This year, one thousand, three hundred and eighty-seven (1,387) patrons completed questionnaires, a 26.5% response rate. Overall, customer satisfaction increased in 2023 compared to a year ago and the results showed continuous month-by-month improvement throughout the 2023 season. PRC, Department of Landscape Maintenance, and Department of Law Enforcement staff who interacted with customers all received extremely high ratings. The full report and presentation include detailed findings. Results of the survey are reviewed by all relevant staff on a weekly basis during the summer months to gauge and improve areas of operations within the Forest Preserves of Cook County.

A motion was made by Commissioner Morrison, seconded by Stamps, to refer 23-0588 to the Recreation and Engagement Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Trevor and Stamps (16)

Absent: Daley (1)

[23-0593](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Department of Finance and Administration

Request: Refer to Finance Committee

Report Title: American Rescue Plan Act Sub-Award Annual Report

Report Period: 7/26/2022 - 9/30/2023

Summary: This report serves as an annual update on the Forest Preserves of Cook County’s (the “Forest Preserves”) American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA”) sub-award funds pursuant to Board Resolution No. 22-0289. This report covers the period of July 26, 2022 through September 30, 2023 and includes Forest Preserves’ expenditures and activities for ARPA projects. ARPA funds seek to address the negative health and economic impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic on communities nationwide. The Forest Preserves remained open throughout the pandemic and saw firsthand how important nature is to the residents of Cook County, with visitor numbers jumping from an estimated 62 million visits per year to 100 million during this time. ARPA funds support the Forest Preserves mission in providing access to nature to all residents of Cook County.

A motion was made by Commissioner Britton, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to refer 23-0593 to the Finance Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: Daley (1)

[23-0412](#)

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: 10/1/2023 - 10/31/2023

Summary: Submitting the Procurement and Disbursement Report for the period of October 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 Britton, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to receive and filed 23-0412. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: Daley (1)

[23-0592](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Departments of Legal and Finance

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Workers’ Compensation Report - October 2023

Report Period: 10/1/2023 - 10/31/2023

Summary: The Forest Preserves of Cook County Departments of Legal and Finance are submitting Workers’ Compensation Claim Payments for the month of October 2023. Payments total \$106,601.48 for October 2023.

A motion was made by Commissioner Britton, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to receive and filed 23-0592. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: Daley (1)

[23-0620](#)

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 12/12/2023 - 1/22/2024

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

Tuesday, 12/12; 6pm

Dark Sky Walk, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs

Walk in the world’s largest Urban Night Sky Place during the darkest night of the month.

Thursday, 12/14; 6pm

Winter Fire Building Workshop, Camp Dan Beard, Northbrook

Learn fire building skills and stick around for a story and s’mores around the fire *Registration required. Please visit the website for more information.*

Thursday, 12/14; 1pm

Forest Therapy Walk, Rolling Knolls, Elgin

A Certified Forest Therapy guide will help you awaken your senses and renew your bond with nature. *Registration required. Ages 18 and up. Please call (773) 758-8899.*

Friday, 12/15; 7pm

Evening Owl Prowl, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

A guided walk on our trails to search for local owls. *Registration required by 12/13. Please call (847) 824-8360. Ages 8 and up.*

Saturday, 12/16; 1pm

Owl Program, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington

Join us for an indoor presentation to learn about unique adaptations of owls that make them silent, skilled nocturnal hunters.

Saturday, 12/16; 10am - 12:30pm

Winter Pop-Up Fun, Evans Field, River Grove

Borrow a pair of our snowshoes, help with litter pickup, warm up by a fire and play in the snow!

Sunday, 12/17; 5:30am

Dawn Owl Prowl, Trailside Museum, River Forest

Listen for owls as part of the annual Christmas Bird Count with John Elliott of the Chicago Bird Alliance. *Registration required. Ages 10 and up. Please call (708) 366-6530.*

Saturday, 12/16; 3:30pm - 7pm

Winter Bonfire, Camp Shabbona, South Holland

Join us as we celebrate the beginning of winter with a large bonfire, artmaking, nature walks and more.

Thursday, 12/21; 10:30am - 1:30pm

Winter Break-Out Adventure, Thatcher Woods, River Forest

School is out! Join us for fun and adventure during winter break. Snowshoeing hikes, tracking, shelter building and other winter activities.

Thursday, 12/21; 6:30pm - 9pm

Winter Solstice Night of Lights Walk, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs

A self-guided candlelit walk through our woods will delight visitors as we celebrate the shortest night of the year.

Thursday, 12/21; 7pm

Winter Solstice Lantern Walk, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington

Celebrate the longest night of the year with an evening lantern walk. *All ages.*

Saturday, 12/23; 10am

Experience Winter: Winter Resident, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

Bring the family and enjoy a trail hike with a naturalist. *Registration required. Please call (630)257-2045.*

Tuesday, 12/26 through Monday, 1/1; 11am - 1pm

Kwanzaa Celebration, Dan Ryan Woods Visitor Center, Chicago

Seven days of music and nature-based activities following the seven principles:

Day 1: Dec 26 - Umoja (Unity)

Day 2: Dec 27 - Kujichagulia (Self-Determination)

Day 3: Dec 28 - Ujima (Collective Work & Responsibility)

Day 4: Dec 29 - Ujamaa (Cooperative Economics)

Day 5: Dec 30 - Nia (Purpose)

Day 6: Dec 31- Kuumba (Creativity)

Day 7: Jan 1 - Imani (Unity)

Wednesday, 12/27 through Thursday, 12/28; 9am - 3pm

Winter Break Craft Camp, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Get creative and learn some new skills. Projects will include woodburning, painting and fiber arts. *Registration required. Ages 9-13 and families. Please visit the website for more information.*

Wednesday, 12/27; 10am**Experience Winter: Nature Hike, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Bring the family and enjoy a trail hike with a naturalist. *Registration required. Please call (630)257-2045.*

Wednesday, 12/27; 1pm - 3:30pm**Teen Exploration Day: Snowshoeing and Fire Building, Camp Bullfrog Lake, Willow Springs**

Enjoy the Preserves on snowshoes then learn different methods for fire building outdoors and make s'mores! Snowshoes provided; 4" of snow required. *Registration required. Please visit the website for more information.*

Wednesday, 12/27; 1:30pm**Winter Secrets Hike, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Bring the family on a walk to see what is happening above, within, and beneath the snow. *Registration required. Please call (708) 366-6530.*

Saturday, 12/30 through Sunday 12/31; 9:30am - 11:30am**Restoration Workday, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Join a naturalist as we help restore our ecosystems by removing invasive species. *Registration required. Ages 10 and up. Please call (630)257-2045.*

Saturday, 12/30; 1pm - 3pm**Winter Play Day, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington**

Drop by for outdoor and indoor family fun. Visit the self-directed activity stations and discover seasonal nature through play and exploration.

Tuesday, 1/2; 10am**New Year's Resolution Walk, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Fulfill your resolution of being more active by taking a brisk guided walk on our trails at Trailside. *Registration required. Ages 18 and up. Please call (708) 366-6530.*

Tuesday, 1/2 through Thursday, 1/4; 10am - 12pm**Winter Break Camp, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

Children will enjoy three fun filled days with outdoor activities, art making and s'mores at the fire. *Cost: \$35 per child. Ages 9-12.*

Tuesday, 1/2; 11am**Resolution Walk, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Take steps towards your health goals during this light, 1-mile nature walk. *Registration required. Please visit the website for more information.*

Wednesday, 1/3; 11am - 2pm**Winter Exploration Day, Dan Ryan Woods, Chicago**

Bring the whole family and enjoy winter in the Preserves with snowshoeing, nature hikes, art, campfires and more!

Thursday, 1/4 through Saturday, 1/6; 10am - 12pm**Winter Camp, Rolling Knolls, Elgin**

Explore activities while learning the significance of the winter season in Native American culture. Presented by Trickster Cultural Center. *Registration required. Please call (773) 758-8899.*

Tuesday, 1/4; 1pm - 2:30pm**Family Winter Scavenger Hunt and Campfire, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Enjoy a winter afternoon on a self-guided scavenger hunt. Afterwards, enjoy refreshments around the campfire.

Saturdays, 1/6 through Sundays 1/21; 9am**Beginner Cross-Country Ski Lessons, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Learn to ski with a certified Professional Ski Instructor of America. *Registration required. Cost: \$20 per person. Please call (630)257-2045. Ages 12 and up.*

Saturday, 1/6; 1pm - 3pm**Birding & Board Games, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

Watch and learn about winter birds at our feeders while playing nature-themed board games. *Ages 14 and up.*

Sunday, 1/7; 1pm**The Science of Snow, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington**

Learn about the winter season, how snowflakes form and how snow can keep you warm through hands-on indoor and outdoor activities.

Wednesday, 1/10; 10am - 12pm**Animal Olympics Trail; Bemis Woods-South, Western Springs**

Kids and families can walk a short, looped trail in a fun test of human versus animal abilities! Prize

awarded after completion.

Thursday, 1/11; 10am - 12pm

Winter Workshop: Printmaking, Matthew Bieszczat Volunteer Resource Center, Chicago

Calling all creatives! Join us for our themed sessions as we explore printmaking. *Registration required. Please visit the website for more information.*

Thursday, 1/11; 6pm

Dark Sky Walk, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs

Walk in the world's largest Urban Night Sky Place during the darkest night of the month.

Friday, 1/12; 6pm - 8pm

Teen S'mores Night, Dan Ryan Woods Visitor Center, Chicago

Hang out by the fire with friends and enjoy a sweet treat. *S'mores and supplies provided.*

Saturday, 1/13; 10am - 12pm

Teen Exploration Day: Day of Service; Miller Meadow-North, Western Springs

Teens and families, give back this MLK day. Join us for a litter clean-up in celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr. *Grove 2.*

Saturday, 1/13; 10am - 12pm

MLK Service Day Celebration, Rolling Knolls, Elgin

Participate in restoration, celebrate the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr., and warm up with hot beverages. *Registration required. Ages 10 and up. Please call (773) 758-8899.*

Monday, 1/15; 10am - 2pm

MLK Day of Service & Brush Pile Burn, Eggers Grove, Chicago

Learn what it takes to keep our forest healthy and participate in a day of service. *S'mores provided.*

Monday, 1/15; 10am - 1pm

MLK Day of Service & Brush Pile Burn, Dan Ryan Woods Pavilion, Chicago

Celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with a day of service. Join us for an afternoon of litter clean-up, crafts and cocoa! *Registration required. For groups of 10 or more. Please visit the website for more information.*

Monday, 1/15; 9am - 2pm

MLK Day of Service, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Stop by the nature center to participate in a self-led litter pick-up. *Garbage bags and disposable gloves are available. Registration required. Please visit the website for more information.*

Monday, 1/15; 1pm

MLK Day Restoration, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington

Put on some gloves and join us in removing invasive species. *Teens can earn service hours. Tools and eye protection provided. Ages 8 and up with adult.*

Thursday, 1/18; 9:30am - 11:30am

Creative Sustainability Workshop, Swallow Cliff Pavilion, Palos Park

Give items a second life by turning them into an ornament, decoration, or bird feeder. Learn to extend the life of clothing with simple mending techniques. *Registration required. Supplies provided or bring your own. Please visit the website for more information.*

Saturday, 1/20; 8:30am

Bird and Bagel Bird Walk, Trailside Museum, River Forest

Nosh on bagels and coffee inside, then head outdoors for a guided bird walk with John Elliott of the Chicago Bird Alliance. *Registration required. Please call (708) 366-6530.*

Saturday, 1/20; 1pm

Skier 101, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

Come with all your cross-country ski questions! Find your answers by attending this crash course before hitting the snow. *Registration required. Please call (630)257-2045.*

Saturday, 1/20; 7pm

A “Winters” Night, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Join us for a guided walk in the dark woods and learn about nocturnal animals. *Registration required by 1/18. Cost: \$3 per person. Please call (847) 824-8360.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Morrison, seconded by Stamps, to receive and filed 23-0620. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: Daley (1)

COMMITTEE ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

LEGISLATION AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

[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 approve 23-0561. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: Daley (1)

RULES COMMITTEE

[23-0626](#)

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 11/14/2023.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to approve

23-0626. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: Daley (1)

[23-0627](#)

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 11/14/2023.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to approve 23-0627. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: Daley (1)

FINANCE COMMITTEE

[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.~~ *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).
- ~~e.~~ *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 approve 23-0553. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: Daley (1)

[23-0590](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (LITIGATION)

Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Litigation - 12/12/2023

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: \$758,937.85

Legal Fees for 12/12/2023 to Be Approved: \$61,526.86

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 23-0590. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Trevor and Stamps (16)

Absent: Daley (1)

[23-0591](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (WORKERS'

COMPENSATION)

Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Workers' Compensation - 12/12/2023

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:	\$464,956.96
Workers' Compensation Claims to Be Approved:	\$8,366.90
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 23-0591. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: Daley (1)

[23-0417](#)

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 - 10/31/2023

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to receive and filed 23-0417. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: Daley (1)

LABOR COMMITTEE

[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 approve 23-0570. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: Daley (1)

REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE

[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 Moore, to approve 23-0559. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Trevor and Stamps (16)

Absent: Daley (1)

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE

[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 receive and filed 23-0469. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Trevor and Stamps (16)

Absent: Daley (1)

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner BILL LOWRY, seconded by Commissioner DENNIS DEER, that this was adjourn.. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: Daley (1) excused

Respectfully submitted,

Lynne M. Turner

Secretary

A complete record of this meeting is available at <https://fpdcc.legistar.com>.

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