



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

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**Tuesday, July 23, 2024**

**10:00 AM**

**Thatcher Woods Pavilion, 8030 Chicago  
Avenue, River Forest, Illinois**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Present:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita,  
K. Morrison, Quezada and Trevor (14)

**Absent:** S. Morrison (excused) and Stamps (excused) (2)

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**There are no Consent items for this meeting**

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

**Jeffrey Kash**

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT TO TAKE SAFETY MEASURES**

**WHEREAS**, During the week of August 19, 2024, Cook County is expected to receive roughly 50,000 visitors from across the country due to the Democratic National Convention; and

**WHEREAS**, The Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners does not meet in the month of August; and

**WHEREAS**, Many of these visitors will be notable public officials, which can invite a considerable amount of attention requiring robust safety and security measures and intergovernmental coordination; and

**WHEREAS**, One of the primary functions of local government is to maintain public safety; and

**WHEREAS**, Government entities across Cook County have made preparations to safely accommodate these visitors; and

**WHEREAS**, The Forest Preserves of Cook County may be called upon to assist other government entities in Cook County to effectively handle this influx of visitors; and

**WHEREAS**, Per Article VII, Section 10 of the Illinois Constitution, units of local government may contract or otherwise associate with other units of local government to obtain or share services and exercise, combine, or transfer any power or function in any manner not prohibited by law. Under the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act, 5 ILCS 220/1 et. seq, any power, privilege, function, or authority exercised by a public agency may be exercised, combined, transferred, and enjoyed jointly with any other public agency of the state.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, The Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserves of Cook County hereby authorizes the Interim General Superintendent to enter into intergovernmental agreements with other local governmental agencies, for a term within August 5, 2024 to August 26, 2024, to allow other government entities to temporarily store equipment, vehicles or animals at Forest Preserves facilities; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, Any government entity who enters into such an agreement with the Forest Preserves under the authority granted by this resolution must compensate the Forest Preserves of Cook County at fair market value, which would be determined at a date no later than October 22, 2024 and paid by December 31, 2024; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, The Forest Preserves of Cook County must produce a report to the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserves of Cook County detailing any actions authorized under this resolution by December 17, 2024.

**Attachments:**     [Intergovernmental Cooperation Act](#)  
                          [Article VII of the Illinois Constitution](#)

**approve**

**Ayes:**             Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita,  
                          Morrison, Quezada and Trevor (14)

**Absent:**           Morrison and Stamps (2)

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

**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 THE ILLINOIS FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE LABOR COUNCIL (POLICE OFFICER UNIT)**

**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 the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council (Police Officer Unit) is currently in effect for a term of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2024 covering Police Officers in the Law Enforcement Department of the Forest Preserves (Board Item No. 23-0523); and

**WHEREAS**, the Forest Preserves and the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council (Police Officer Unit) 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 the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council (Police Officer Unit):

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

**WHEREAS**, the Memorandum of Agreement makes the underlined adjustment 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 the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council (Police Officer Unit):

- a) Effective the first full payroll period on or after July 1, 2021, the pay rates for the classification of Police Officer shall be increased by 1.5%;
- b) Effective the first full payroll period on or after July 1, 2022, the pay rates for the classification of Police Officer shall be increased by 2.5%;
- c) Effective the first full payroll period on or after July 1, 2023, the pay rates for the classification of Police Officer shall be increased by 2.5%;
- d) Effective the first full payroll period on or after July 1, 2024, the pay rates for the classification of Police Officer shall be increased by 2%;
- e) Effective the first full payroll period on or after July 1, 2025, the pay rates for the classification of Police Officer shall be increased by 5%;

**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 the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council (Police Officer Unit).

**Attachments:** 2024.6.20\_FINAL One Year CBA Extension MOA\_FOP  
Police Officers

**refer**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Quezada and Trevor (14)

**Absent:** Morrison and Stamps (2)

**Presented by:** EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

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

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

**WHEREAS**, the Collective Bargaining Agreement Salary Schedule and wage adjustments, as well as healthcare plan revisions, and other terms and conditions of employment, for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2025, covering employees in the classification of Sergeant in the Law Enforcement Department of the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”), have been negotiated between the Forest Preserves and the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council (Sergeant Unit); and

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

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

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

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

Sergeant shall be increased by 1.5%.

- e) Effective the first full payroll period on or after July 1, 2022, the pay rates for the classification of Sergeant shall be increased by 2.5%.
- f) Effective the first full payroll period on or after July 1, 2023, the pay rates for the classification of Sergeant shall be increased by 2.5%.
- g) Effective the first full payroll period on or after July 1, 2024, the pay rates for the classification of Sergeant shall be increased by 2%.
- h) Effective the first full payroll period on or after July 1, 2025, the pay rates for the classification of Sergeant shall be increased by 5%.

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

**Upon Approval of the Forest Preserves Board**

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

**Out of Pocket Maximum**

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

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

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

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Forest Preserves’ Director of Human Resources, Chief

Financial Officer, and Comptroller are hereby authorized to implement the Salary Schedule, wage adjustments and healthcare provisions as negotiated and otherwise outlined above.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Forest Preserves' Comptroller is hereby directed to make all payments consistent with this resolution.

**Attachments:** Comprehensive Tentative Agreement\_FOP Sergeant Unit  
and FPCC CBA\_1.1.2021--12.31.2025  
Cook County Health Plan Design Appendix C Version  
August 2021 FINAL no date

**refer**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Quezada and Trevor (14)

**Absent:** Morrison and Stamps (2)



**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**APPROVAL OF SALARY ADJUSTMENTS FOR NON-UNION EMPLOYEES**

**WHEREAS**, the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners passed a resolution to approve salary schedule, wage adjustments and healthcare plan revisions for non-union employees on June 14, 2022 (Agenda Item No. 22-0132);

**WHEREAS**, the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners approved salary schedule, wage adjustments and healthcare plan revisions for union employee members of Teamsters, Local 700, including an extension of the Teamsters, Local 700 collective bargaining agreement that included adjustments and general increases (Agenda Item Nos. 22-0118 & 23-0570);

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer, Comptroller and Director of Human Resources recommend the underlined adjustments below to the previously approved salary adjustments and general wage increases approved for non-union employees on June 14, 2022 (Agenda Item No. 22-0132);

- a) Effective the first full pay period on or after July 1, 2021, the pay rates for non-union employees shall be increased 1.5% for all classifications, except that seasonal employees shall not be entitled to retroactive pay; and
- b) Effective the first full pay period on or after January 1, 2022, the pay rates for non-union employees shall be increased 3.5% for all classifications, except that seasonal employees shall not be entitled to retroactive pay; and
- c) Effective the first full pay period on or after July 1, 2022, the pay rates for non-union employees shall be increased 2.5% for all classifications, except that seasonal employees shall not be entitled to retroactive pay; and
- d) Effective the first full pay period on or after July 1, 2023, the pay rates for non-union employees shall be increased 2.5% for all classifications, except that seasonal employees shall not be entitled to retroactive pay; and
- e) Effective the first full pay period on or after July 1, 2024, the pay rates for non-union employees shall be increased 2.0% for all classifications, except that seasonal employees shall not be entitled to retroactive pay; and
- f) Effective the first full pay period on or after July 1, 2025, the pay rates for non-union employees shall be increased 5.0% for all classifications, except that seasonal employees shall not be entitled to retroactive pay; and

**WHEREAS**, the above-referenced salary adjustments and general wage increases for non-union

employees are reflected in the proposed amended Schedule 1 Non-Union Salary Schedule and proposed amended Schedule 5 Non-Union Hourly Rate Schedule.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby support and approve the salary adjustments and general wage increases for the Forest Preserves non-union workforce as provided herein.

**Attachments:** [Schedule 5 Non Union Rate Schedule Part time and Seasonal FY2021 - 2025 \(Amended\)](#)  
[Schedule 1 Non Union 2021-2025 \(Amended\)](#)

**refer**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Quezada and Trevor (14)

**Absent:** Morrison and Stamps (2)

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

**FEE SUNSET DATE**

**BE IT ORDAINED,** by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Title 7 - Fees, Chapter 1 - Fee Schedule of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as Follows:

**7-1-1: FEES.**

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**REVIEW AND SUNSET:**

This Ordinance shall sunset on December 31, ~~2024~~ 2028. Prior to that sunset date, the District shall review its fee increase process for items covered by this Title 7, Chapter 1 to determine if modifications are advised.

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

**Attachments:** [2024 Sample Fee Sheet](#)  
[2024 Annual Appropriations Ordinance](#)  
[Title 7 - Fees](#)

**refer**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Quezada and Trevor (14)

**Absent:** Morrison and Stamps (2)

**Presented by:** EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

**PROPOSED SALE OF REAL ESTATE**

**Department(s):** Legal Department

**Other Part(ies):** Sargon Zaya (“Purchaser”)

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

**Description of Real Estate:** Surplus Parcel 14

4834 Kirk Street, Skokie, Cook County, Illinois

LOT 12 AND 13 IN BLOCK 4, IN SUPERIOR COURT COMMISSIONERS SUBDIVISION OF THE EAST 10 ½ ACRES (EXCEPT R.R.) OF LOT 1 IN COUNTY CLERKS DIVISION OF THE NORTHEAST ¼ OF SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 41 NORTH, RANGE 13 EAST OF THE 3RD PRIME MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

PIN: 10-28-209-037

SAID PARCEL CONTAINING 7,446 SQUARE FEET, OR 0.17103 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

**Section:** N/A

**Parcel(s):** Surplus Parcel 14

**Fiscal Impact:** \$310,000.00 in revenue (minus closing costs not to exceed \$10,000.00)

**Accounts:** Anticipated Land Sales/Surplus 51006.411466

**District(s):** 13

**Summary:** The Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) recently concluded a bidding process for the sale of a surplus parcel that has been approved for sale by the State Legislature, Surplus Parcel 14, consisting of approximately 0.17103 acres (the “Surplus Parcel”) commonly known as 4834 Kirk Street, Skokie, Cook County, Illinois. The Surplus Parcel is not contiguous with or connected to any other Forest Preserves property.

During the mid-1980s, Forest Preserves staff undertook a comprehensive study of all Forest Preserves holdings, resulting in a list of 30 parcels being considered for disposal. Subsequently, the Forest Preserves

sought and obtained permission from the State Legislature via Public Act 84-867 (9/23/1985) to offer 28 of the 30 aforementioned parcels for sale, including Surplus Parcel 14, with the monies to accrue to the Forest Preserves Real Estate Acquisition Fund.

The Forest Preserves marketed the Surplus Parcel for sale through local government outreach, on-site signage, and online. The Forest Preserves requested “best offers” from interested parties in the form of a standardized Letter of Intent (“LOI”), setting a minimum bid price of \$195,000.00, which was based upon M.A.I. certified appraisals obtained by the Forest Preserves. Three (3) bids were received, and Purchaser was the best responsive bidder. The Purchaser has agreed to purchase the Surplus Parcel from the Forest Preserves for the sum of THREE HUNDRED TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00/100 (\$310,000.00) (the “Purchase Price”).

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 accept the aforementioned Purchase Price, less any customary closing costs, as full compensation for the sale of the Surplus Parcel and to convey by quitclaim deed all of the Forest Preserves’ right, title and interest in the Surplus Parcel.

- Attachments:** [4834Kirk\\_Disposition\\_aerial\\_zoom](#)
- [4834Kirk\\_Disposition\\_plat](#)
- [4834 Kirk St Surplus Parcel 14 Survey](#)
- [RFP 4834 Kirk Street Surplus Parcel 14 Purchase Offer](#)
- [LOI 06 26 24](#)
- [LOI 4834 Kirk St - SARGON ZAYA](#)
- LOI 4834 Kirk St - Shamiran Sarkis
- LOI 4834 Kirk St - Anthony Youseph
- [Surplus Parcels Approval Legislation](#)
- 10-28-209-037 4834 Kirk St 2023, N1Appraisal
- 23-549 4834 Kirk St. Skokie---Appraisal Report as of 11-30-2023

**refer**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Quezada and Trevor (14)

**Absent:** Morrison and Stamps (2)

**COMMISSIONERS**

**OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT**

**Presented by:** EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

**PROPOSED PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT**

**Request:** Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to enter into a Partnership Agreement with the Chicago Zoological Society (“CZS”), Brookfield, Illinois.

**Reason:** The Forest Preserves and the Chicago Zoological Society, which operates the Brookfield Zoo Chicago, seek to partner to facilitate a variety of activities to advance regional wildlife field research initiatives, including: 1) support for a post-residency veterinary PhD program, 2) purchase and shared use of veterinary diagnostic equipment, and 3) participation in emerging research projects.

The PhD fellowship program will allow a graduate of the Illinois Zoological and Wildlife Health Management Residency (Board Item Nos. #22-0108 and #24-0192) to continue working under contract with or as an employee of CZS for a period of up to four (4) years beginning in 2025. Building upon the successes and new areas of investigation launched during the residency program, this partnership will engage a professional veterinarian with expertise in urban wildlife to further research initiatives that both agencies have a shared interest in bringing to completion.

Similarly, this partnership will also leverage the CZS’s expertise and relationships in the field of wildlife husbandry to allow for the procurement of specialized veterinary diagnostic equipment. This equipment would be owned by the Forest Preserves and utilized by both the Forest Preserves and the CZS to support shared research operations, including the aforementioned veterinary residency and PhD fellowship programs, to greatly expand the capacity and speed of sample analysis.

Finally, this partnership will also provide a mechanism for the Forest Preserves to selectively participate in research programs emerging from shared collaborations with partners such as the University of Illinois and other visiting field researchers engaged by the CZS. These programs are often opportunistic in nature or involve research interests that the Forest Preserves lack capacity to pursue independently. Support for said research programs will be solely at the Forest Preserves’ discretion, based on task orders issued in response to detailed research proposals defining the objectives, methodology, and budget for each project and approved by the Director of the Department of Resource Management.

**Contract Period:** Sixty (60) months from date of execution

**Fiscal Impact:** Not to exceed \$1,100,000.00 (up to \$375,000.00 for PhD program, \$625,000.00 for research collaborations, and \$100,000.00 for equipment).

**Account(s):** Professional Services 51034.520840; Grant and Mitigation 51010.521444 and 51010.520840; and all future Professional Services and Grant and Mitigation accounts

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

**District(s):** Districtwide

**Attachments:** Vet Residency Program

**approve**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Quezada and Trevor (14)

**Absent:** Morrison and Stamps (2)

**Presented by:** EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

**PROPOSED GRANT AWARD**

**Department:** Department of Conservation and Experiential Programming

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

**Grantor:** Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity

**Request:** Authorization to accept grant

**Purpose:** Authorization is sought for the Forest Preserves to accept a grant of up to \$43,945.00 and to enter into a grant agreement with the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) under the Tourism Attraction Grant Program for the purchase of Global Research Innovation and Technology (GRIT) Freedom Chairs (all terrain manual wheelchairs) and disability awareness training.

**Grant Amount:** Up to \$43,945.00

**Grant Period:** 7/1/2024 (retroactive) - 6/30/2025

**Fiscal Impact:** Not to Exceed \$45,600.00 in direct match (FY 2024 \$34,600.00, FY 2025, \$11,000.00)

**Accounts:** Training Program Staff 51001.501905; Institutional Supplies 51001.530170; Professional Services 51001.520830; and grant accounts

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

**District(s):** Districtwide

**Summary:** The Forest Preserves recently received a Notice of Award for grant funding from the DCEO through its Tourism Attraction Grant Program to purchase specialized equipment to improve accessibility and inclusion at nature centers and campgrounds (i.e. purchase GRIT wheelchairs), fund accessibility programming for staff, and fund special accessibility events. The proposed grant award will support the purchase of a minimum of eleven (11) GRIT Freedom Chairs, all-terrain manual wheelchairs, that are a combination of manual wheelchair and mountain bike (See Board Item No. 24-0322) and provide Forest Preserves staff with disability awareness training to ensure that employees understand the accessibility challenges faced by people with disabilities. The GRIT wheelchairs will be distributed to the Forest

Preserves’ six (6) nature centers and three (3) year-round campgrounds, increasing patron accessibility for outdoor recreation and nature programs. This equipment will become part of the Forest Preserves’ Outdoor Gear Library, an initiative that ensures that people do not face financial barriers participating in outdoor recreation and nature-based activities.

The total project costs are estimated to be \$89,545.00, with the Forest Preserves contributing a direct match of up to \$45,600.00 and the DCEO grant funds covering the rest of the costs. This DCEO Tourism Attraction Grant would therefore cover 100% of the cost of the GRIT Freedom Chairs up to \$43,945.00. The rest of the matching Forest Preserve funds would be used for shipping costs of the wheelchairs, the purchase of a trailer to transport the GRIT Freedom Chairs, and staff programming and accessibility training. The proposed project was originally set to start January 1, 2024. However, due to a delay in awarding this grant, the Forest Preserves did not receive a Notice of Award from the DCEO until June 1, 2024. Due to this initial delay, the DCEO will not be able to provide and execute a final grant agreement with the Forest Preserves until at least August of 2024. However, the DCEO has informed the Forest Preserves that the initial grant dates are expected to be July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 and that approved pre-award project costs beginning January 1, 2024 will be reimbursable. Because the DCEO has informed the Forest Preserves that no extensions for this grant will be permitted, the Forest Preserves is seeking authorization to accept the grant funds now to avoid further delays to the project.

- Attachments:**     [2168-51514 Notice of Award Tourism](#)  
                          [GRIT Freedom Chair Specifications](#)  
                          GRIT Freedom Chair Example Photos

**approve**

**Ayes:**             Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Quezada and Trevor (14)

**Absent:**           Morrison and Stamps (2)



**Presented by:** EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

**PROPOSED CONTRACT**

**Department(s):** Department of Conservation and Experiential Programming

**Vendor:** Global Research Innovation and Technology (GRIT), Inc., Medford, Massachusetts

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Purchase of a minimum of eleven (11) GRIT Freedom Chairs, all-terrain wheelchairs

**Contract Value:** \$44,820.00

**Contract Period:** One-time purchase

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** FY 2024: \$44,820.00 (with \$43,632.00 to be reimbursed via an Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) Tourism Attraction Grant)

**Accounts:** Training Program Staff 51001.501905; Institutional Supplies 51001.530170; Professional Services 51001.520830; and grant accounts

**Contract Number(s):** #74000014516

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

Sole Source contract with no MWBE goals.

**District(s):** Districtwide

**Summary:** The Forest Preserves recently received a Notice of Award for funding from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) through its Tourism Grant Program to purchase specialized equipment to improve patron accessibility and inclusion at nature centers and campgrounds (See Board Item No. 24-0288). The grant application specified the purchase of GRIT Freedom Chairs that would be distributed to the Forest Preserves’ six nature centers and three year-round campgrounds. The GRIT Freedom Chair is an all-terrain manual wheelchair designed, manufactured exclusively, and patented by Global Research Innovation and Technology in the United States and uses an easy-to-push, lever-driven design for its wheelchair which comes with mountain bike wheels and a sturdy front wheel.

Based on market analysis, the GRIT company’s GRIT Freedom Chair is the most appropriate and affordable specialized equipment that would fulfill the Forest Preserves’ accessibility goals. The sole source purchase of this specialized equipment would allow the Forest Preserves to positively contribute to this region’s tourism efforts by enhancing its ability to serve people with disabilities and their families and friends. The purchase of GRIT Freedom Chairs would eliminate some of the barriers that people with disabilities may experience when trying to recreate outdoors and would ensure that more than 300 miles of Forest Preserves’ trails become more accessible. The GRIT Freedom Chairs would be integrated into and available to the public through the Forest Preserves’ Outdoor Gear Library and utilized in public programming opportunities.

The DCEO Tourism Attraction Grant (referenced in Board Item No. 24-0288) would cover \$43,632.00 of this contract, 100% of the cost of the GRIT Freedom Chairs, while the Forest Preserves would be providing \$1,188.00 in match for shipping costs. More details on the grant can be found in companion Board Item No. 24-0288, which would authorize the Forest Preserves to accept the DCEO’s grant funds.

- Attachments:**     [2168-51514 Notice of Award Tourism](#)  
                          [GRIT Freedom Chair Specifications](#)  
                          [2024 Sole Source Justification Form GRIT Freedom](#)  
                          [Chair DH LL](#)  
                          GRIT Freedom Chair Example Photos

**approve**

**Ayes:**               Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Quezada and Trevor (14)

**Absent:**            Morrison and Stamps (2)

**Presented by:** EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

**PROPOSED GRANT AWARD AMENDMENT**

**Department:** Department of Planning and Development

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

**Grantor:** Illinois Department of Natural Resources (“IDNR”), Springfield, Illinois

**Request:** Authorization to extend grant agreement.

**Purpose:** To acquire three (3) parcels of land located near other recent acquisitions in Glenwood, Illinois.

**Supplemental Grant Amount:** N/A

**Grant Period:** 4/25/2023 - 3/31/2025

**Extension Period:** 4/1/2025 - 9/30/2025

**Fiscal Impact:** Up to \$946,000.00 in match. There is no additional cost associated with the extension.

**Accounts:** Real Estate and Land Acquisition Fund 51006.560010; and Grant Fund 51010.56010

**Date of Previous Board Authorization for Grant:** 4/25/2023

**Previous Grant Amount:** \$946,000.00

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

**District(s):** 5

**Summary:** On 4/25/2023, the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners approved the acceptance of grant funding from IDNR to support the acquisition of three (3) parcels comprising approximately 86 acres along the Deer Creek Corridor, in southeast Cook County, Illinois (Board Item No. 23-0289). The acquisition would serve as a buffer to Deer Creek, helping to improve water quality and habitat, reducing impacts from flooding, and providing much needed outdoor recreation opportunities.

Due to the long time period between grant application and approval to proceed from IDNR, several market conditions have changed including changes in parcel ownership requiring the Forest Preserves to identify and engage current ownership and initiate new negotiations. A time extension of the grant agreement until 9/30/2025 is being requested to allow for completion of the acquisitions.

**Attachments:**     [FPCC Land Acquisition Plans](#)  
                              [Next Century Conservation Plan](#)

**approve**

**Ayes:**                 Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Quezada and Trevor (14)

**Absent:**              Morrison and Stamps (2)

**Presented by:** EILEEN FIGEL, Interim 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 903 feet of gas main along Rand Road in Des Plaines. The new line will replace an existing gas line that needs to be relocated to accommodate road construction work by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT). The existing gas line was installed pursuant to License #837 issued in 1970. Conveyance of small easement areas to IDOT for road improvements was approved by the Board of Commissioners separately in 2021 (Board Item No. 21-0123). No trees will need to be removed for this project.

**Term:** Ten (10) years

**License Fee:** \$29,851.24

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

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

**YELAR Fee:** \$7,200.00

**Additional Fee:** \$3,000.00. This fee will be used to support restoration work in the Des Plaines River corridor.

Total one-time upfront fee of \$44,551.24 for the term of the License

**Tree Mitigation Fee:** N/A

**The area of the License is:** 0.31 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):** 17

- Attachments:**     [Location\\_map\\_Nicor\\_Rand\\_Rd](#)  
                          [Fee\\_calculation\\_Nicor\\_Rand\\_Rd\\_Des\\_Plaines](#)  
                          [LURSF - Nicor - Rand Road\\_final](#)  
                          New line configuration  
                          New line compare with old line

**refer**

**Ayes:**             Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Quezada and Trevor (14)

**Absent:**           Morrison and Stamps (2)

**Presented by:** EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

**PROPOSED LICENSE AMENDMENT REQUEST**

**Request:** Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”), as Licensor to amend a License to the Village of Crestwood, Grantee, to locate, operate and maintain a new underground drainpipe and related improvements on Forest Preserves land in Rubio Woods to address severe erosion at the base of an existing unauthorized earthen berm. Erosion has occurred in recent months after a new trunk storm sewer and flood control basin were completed in 2023 under the original license (#1782) to the Village of Crestwood (“Village”). The license amendment would expand the license area for the new drainpipe and defer the requirement to remove the unauthorized berm for another year after completion of the proposed new improvements, which are currently in the engineering design phase. Final amendment is subject to Forest Preserves review and approval of final plans and specifications. No trees will be removed for this project, and the original license term will not be changed. Additionally, with the exception of the Review Fee and a License Fee to accommodate the additional license area under the amendment, the other license fees have already been paid by the Village through the original license (See Board Item No. 21-0007).

**Term:** Seven (7) years

**Additional License Fee:** \$9,831.36

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

**License Application Fee:** N/A

**YELAR Fee:** N/A

Total one-time upfront fee of \$12,831.36 for the remaining term of the amended License (Sec. 5-2A-4 and 5-2B-4)

**Tree Mitigation Fee:** \$0.00

**The area of the License is:** 0.1463 acre(s)

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

Grantee will be required to meet any additional insurance requirements under the License Amendment.

The Forest Preserves staff recommend that the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners approve the issuance of this license amendment, subject to the Department of Planning and Development’s review and approval of final plans and specifications.

**District(s):** 6

**Attachments:**     [Location map zoomed out](#)  
                          [240711 LURSF Crestwood License Amendment](#)  
                          [Photo severe erosion 2024.04](#)  
                          Fees Calculation Crestwood amendment  
                          Exhibit A\_Additional License Area

**refer**

**Ayes:**             Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Quezada and Trevor (14)

**Absent:**           Morrison and Stamps (2)



**Presented by:** EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

**PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT**

**Department:** Department of Resource Management

**Other Part(ies):** United States Department of Agriculture (“USDA”), Springfield, Illinois

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

**Goods or Services:** Integrated wildlife management services related to wildlife research and disease surveillance.

**Agreement Number(s):** 25-7217-8011-RA issued under contract #74000014480

**Agreement Period:** 1/1/2025 - 12/31/2029

**Fiscal Impact:** Not to exceed \$1,500,000.00 per year, or \$7,500,000.00 over the five (5) year term (FY 2025 \$1,500,000.00, FY 2026 \$1,500,000.00, FY 2027 \$1,500,000.00, FY 2028 \$1,500,000.00, FY 2029 \$1,500,000.00)

**Accounts:** Wildlife Management 51001.521447; Professional Services 51034.520840; Grant and Mitigation 51010.521444 and 51010.520840; and all future Professional Services accounts

**District(s):** Districtwide

**Summary:** The Forest Preserves has partnered with USDA for over a decade to collaborate on extensive wildlife services programs focused on population management, sampling, and surveillance of zoonotic and other wildlife borne diseases across a variety of mammalian, avian, reptilian and amphibian species. This work allows Forest Preserves wildlife biologists to track changes in disease transmittal in wildlife communities and assess how those diseases may affect human populations. Additionally, these projects assist the Forest Preserves with implementing and meeting wildlife management objectives which enhance the native biodiversity of the Forest Preserves as well as reduce the risk of wildlife related hazards.

Information acquired through this partnership is dispersed throughout the health services community, including the Cook County Department of Public Health, Illinois Department of Public Health, and Centers

for Disease Control and Prevention to better inform them of potential risks of zoonotic disease transmission.

**approve**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Quezada and Trevor (14)

**Absent:** Morrison and Stamps (2)

**Presented by:** EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

**PROPOSED CONTRACT**

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

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

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Fire and Security Alarm Monitoring, Inspection and Maintenance Services

**Contract Value:** \$943,807.00

**Contract Period:** 8/1/2024 - 7/31/2027, plus two (2) one-year extension options to be exercised at the discretion of the General Superintendent.

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** \$943,807.00 (FY 2024, \$77,629.58, FY 2025, \$186,311.00, FY 2026, \$186,311.00, FY 2027, \$187,995.59, FY 2028 (optional), \$192,089.83, and FY 2029 (optional), \$113,470.00)

**Accounts:** Professional Services 51001.520840

**Contract Number(s):** #74000014361 issued under Project 24-53-010553

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

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

**District(s):** Districtwide

**Summary:** The Forest Preserves would like to engage SMG Security Holdings LLC (“SMG”) to monitor, inspect, and maintain security and fire alarm systems at various properties owned or leased by the Forest Preserves. The Forest Preserves issued a Request for Proposals and received two (2) responses. The Forest Preserves determined that SMG was the more responsive and qualified respondent to manage the Forest Preserves’ existing security and fire alarm systems, while delivering an improved level of service. Services include support for over one hundred (100) existing security and fire alarm systems dispersed throughout forty-two (42) preserve locations. Additional sites may be added as needed by the Forest Preserves.

**Attachments:** [Recommendation Letter Contract No. 74000014361.](#)

**approve**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Quezada and Trevor (14)

**Absent:** Morrison and Stamps (2)

**Presented by:** EILEEN FIGEL, Interim 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):** Project #24-54-117 for ten (10) 2024 Ford Explorer Police Interceptor Utility Vehicles based on State of Illinois Central Management Services (CMS) Contract #22-416CMS-BOSS4-P-41049.

**Contract Value:** \$407,370.00

**Contract Period:** One-time purchase

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** FY 2024, \$407,370.00

**Accounts:** Vehicle Purchase 51009.560266

**Contract Number(s):** #74000014475

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

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

Piggyback contract based on the State of Illinois CMS Contract #22-416CMS-BOSS4-P-41049 with no MWBE Participation goals. Vendor is a certified Minority-and Women-Owned Business Enterprise.

**District(s):** Districtwide

**Summary:** The Department of Facilities and Fleet received permission from the Vehicle Steering Committee on 6/24/2024 to decommission ten (10) Forest Preserves vehicles due to age, high mileage and condition and purchase ten (10) new Ford Police Interceptor Explorers. All ten (10) Ford Explorers will be assigned to the Law Enforcement Department.

**Attachments:** [State of IL CMS Contract P-41049](#)  
[Vehicle Steering Committee](#)

approve

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Quezada and Trevor (14)

**Absent:** Morrison and Stamps (2)

**Presented by:** EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

**PROPOSED CONTRACT**

**Department(s):** Office of the General Superintendent

**Vendor:** Eco-Counter, Inc, Montreal QC, Canada

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Twenty (20) permanent and six (6) temporary trail counters, data software subscription services, and spare/replacement batteries and parts

**Contract Value:** \$199,182.50

**Contract Period:** Sixty (60) months

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** FY 2024 \$157,062.50, FY 2025 \$0, FY 2026 \$14,040.00, FY 2027 \$14,040.00 and FY 2028 \$14,040.00

**Accounts:** Professional Services 51001.520840

**Contract Number(s):** #74000014453 issued under RFP #24-10-010920

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

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

**District(s):** Districtwide

**Summary:** The Forest Preserves of Cook County issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the purchase of trail counters and data software subscription services and received one response from Eco-Counter, Inc. for twenty (20) permanent counters, six (6) temporary counters, data software subscription services, and spare/replacement batteries and parts.

The Forest Preserves seeks to establish a robust trail user counting system by deploying a fleet of both permanent and temporary trail counters across its entire trail network. Permanent, or continuous counters, are intended to provide the Forest Preserves year over year, long-term data for developing travel demand models for major regional trails that serve both commuting and recreational use. Permanent counter locations will include the North Branch Trail, Des Plaines River Trail, Salt Creek Greenway Trail, I&M

Canal Trail, Centennial Trail, Cal-Sag Trail, Tinley Creek Trail, Major Taylor Trail, Thorn Creek Trail, Burnham Greenway Trail and trails at Deer Grove, Paul Douglas, and Poplar Creek preserves. Temporary, or short-duration, counters will be used to complete project-specific trail counts to study usage before and after capital improvements, including grant funded projects, as well as for augmenting travel demand models generated by the permanent counters.

The Forest Preserves currently has three (3) permanent counters (bought and serviced through this same vendor) installed at LaBagh Woods on the North Branch Trail, Busse Woods on the loop trail, and Turtlehead Lake on the Tinley Creek Trail. A future study is anticipated to analyze data collected by these proposed trail counters, as well as existing counters in the Forest Preserves' fleet. This data will also be shared with other regional planning and transportation development agencies, including the Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways.

**Attachments:**     [Ecocounter](#)

**approve**

**Ayes:**                 Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Quezada and Trevor (14)

**Absent:**                Morrison and Stamps (2)



**Presented by:** EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

**PROPOSED CONTRACT**

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

**Vendor:** Various vendors establishing a vendor pool for the supply and delivery of sand, gravel, stone, and related granular materials, listed below:

<u>Contract No.</u>	<u>Vendor Name</u>
74000014481	Franco Hauling, LLC, Bensenville, Illinois
74000014483	M.T. Transit, 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):** Supply and delivery of a variety of stone aggregate

**Contract Value:** Not to exceed a combined total of \$200,000.00 per twelve (12) month period (or \$1,000,000.00 over the entire term, including all option years) across all contract numbers listed above.

**Contract Period:** 8/1/2024 - 7/31/2026, with three (3) optional one-year renewals to be exercised at the discretion of the General Superintendent

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** FY 2024 \$100,000.00; FY 2025 \$200,000.00; FY 2026 \$200,000.00; FY 2027 \$200,000.00 (optional); FY 2028 \$200,000.00 (optional); FY 2029 \$100,000.00 (optional)

**Accounts:** Trail Amenities 51001.540360; Property Maintenance and Operations 51001.540350; Professional Services 51034.520840; Land Improvements 51033.560020; Grant and Mitigation 51010.521444 and 51010.520840; and all future Professional Services, Land Improvements, and Grant and Mitigation accounts

**Contract Number(s):** #74000014481 and #74000014483 issued under RFP #23-31-117

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

The vendors have met the Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Ordinance via direct participation.

**District(s):** Districtwide

**Summary:** The Forest Preserves issued a Request for Proposals (“RFP”) seeking firms to supply and

deliver sand, gravel, stone, and related granular materials to be used for the repair and upkeep of Forest Preserves trails, parking lots, and facilities. This material is also utilized in a variety of ecological restoration applications, such as to repair hydrologic impediments and prevent erosion. These contracts will be utilized by several Forest Preserves departments to consolidate and centralize districtwide procurement of granular materials.

A total of three (3) proposals were submitted in response to the publicly advertised RFP. Franco Hauling, LLC and M.T. Transit, Inc. were determined by an evaluation committee to be responsive based on their experience and expertise servicing similar projects, material cost per ton, and capacity to perform all aspects of the work. Material will be procured based on lowest overall cost by delivery region, and ability to mobilize promptly with the necessary quantities of material.

**Attachments:** [Recommendation Letters Solicitation No. 24-31-17](#)

**approve**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Quezada and Trevor (14)

**Absent:** Morrison and Stamps (2)

**Presented by:** EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

**PROPOSED CONTRACT**

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

**Vendor:** Nutrien Ag Solutions, Inc., Loveland, Colorado

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Purchase of herbicide based on the State of Illinois JPMC Herbicides Contract No. 24-416CMS-BOSS4-P-66227, expiring 1/15/2029

**Contract Value:** Not to exceed \$500,000.00

**Contract Period:** 7/23/2024 - 1/15/2029

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** FY 2024 \$70,000.00; FY 2025 \$100,000.00; FY 2026 \$100,000.00; FY 2027 \$100,000.00; FY 2028 \$100,000.00; and FY 2029 \$30,000.00

**Accounts:** Chemical 51001.530264; Professional Services 51034.520840; Land Improvements 51033.560020; Grant and Mitigation 51010.521444 and 51010.520840; and all future Professional Services, Land Improvements, and Grant and Mitigation accounts

**Contract Number(s):** #74000014484

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

Piggyback contract based on the State of Illinois Contract No. 24-416CMS-BOSS4-P-66227 with no MWBE Participation goals.

**District(s):** Districtwide

**Summary:** The Department of Resource Management proposes the purchase of herbicide under the State of Illinois JPMC Herbicides Contract No. 24-416CMS-BOSS4-P-66227, expiring 1/15/2029. This contract offers a range of competitively bid herbicide products negotiated and made available to other governmental units and qualified not-for-profit agencies under a Joint Purchase and Master Contract (“JPMC”).

The herbicide acquisition serves the dual purpose of maintaining the aesthetic and ecological integrity of the Forest Preserves and enhancing public safety. Specifically, the herbicide will be utilized for controlling

invasive plant species that threaten native vegetation and wildlife habitats across all Forest Preserves holdings. Herbicide is applied by staff, Conservation Corps participants, and volunteers who are appropriately trained and licensed by the Illinois Department of Agriculture. Additionally, it will support vegetation management along trails and recreational facilities, promoting safe and enjoyable public access.

Procuring herbicide through the State's JPMC contract leverages economy of scale benefits, allowing the Forest Preserves to access cost-effective pricing due to aggregated state-level purchasing power. This approach not only optimizes budgetary resources but also ensures consistent product quality and compliance with environmental standards stipulated by the state contract. The strategic deployment of herbicide under this contract will contribute to sustainable management practices, mitigating ecological risks posed by invasive plants while fostering the preservation of native flora.

**Attachments:**      [State of Illinois Contract](#)

**approve**

**Ayes:**                    Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Quezada and Trevor (14)

**Absent:**                  Morrison and Stamps (2)

**Presented by:** EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

**PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

**Department(s):** Department of Landscape Maintenance

**Vendor:** Allied Waste Transportation Inc., Chicago, Illinois

**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to extend and increase the Region 1 contract.

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Refuse and Recycling Disposal Sites

**Original Contract Period:** 9/1/2021 - 8/31/2024; with two (2) one-year extension options

**Proposed Contract Period Extension:** 9/1/2024 - 2/28/2026

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$101,200.00

**Original Approval:** 7/27/2021, \$92,000.00

**Previous Increase(s):** 6/25/2024, \$9,200.00 (Administrative Increase)

**This Increase Requested:** \$81,000.00

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** FY 2024 \$33,000.00, FY 2025 \$41,000.00, FY 2026 \$7,000.00

**Accounts:** Refuse Disposal 29250.520075

**Contract Number(s):** #74000009804 issued under Solicitation #21-52-006223 (R)

**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:** The Forest Preserves of Cook County would like to extend and increase its contract with Allied Waste Transportation, Inc., which provides Refuse and Recycling Disposal Sites for Region 1 by exercising the two (2) one-year extension options as provided in the original bid and initial Board Item (see Board Item No. 21-0324). The Forest Preserves intends to end this extension in February 2026 to coincide with a new request for proposals on waste contracts. Region 1 consists of the Palos, Tinley Creek, and Calumet Divisions.

**Attachments:** [Refuse and Recycling MWBE Commitment Report Sept 2021](#)  
[Map Region 1 Pal Tin Cr Cal](#)

**approve**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Quezada and Trevor (14)

**Absent:** Morrison and Stamps (2)

**Presented by:** EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

**PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

**Department(s):** Department of Landscape Maintenance

**Vendor:** Lakeshore Recycling Systems, Chicago, Illinois

**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to extend and increase the Region 2 contract

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Refuse and Recycling Disposal Sites

**Original Contract Period:** 9/1/2021 - 8/31/2024; with two (2) one-year extension options

**Proposed Contract Period Extension:** 9/1/2024 - 2/28/2026

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$92,000.00

**Original Approval:** 7/27/2021, \$92,000.00

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

**This Increase Requested:** \$90,000.00

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** FY 2024 \$38,000.00, FY 2025 \$44,000.00, FY 2026 \$8,000.00

**Accounts:** Refuse Disposal 29250.520075

**Contract Number(s):** #74000009805 issued under Solicitation #21-52-006224 (R)

**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, 9, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17

**Summary:** The Forest Preserves of Cook County would like to extend and increase its contract with Lakeshore Recycling Systems which provides Refuse and Recycling Disposal Sites for Region 2 by exercising the two (2) one-year extension options as provided in the original bid and initial Board Item (see Board Item No. 21-0325). The Forest Preserves intends to end this extension in February 2026 to coincide with a new request for proposals on waste contracts. Region 2 consists of the Salt Creek and Indian Boundary Divisions.

**Attachments:** [Refuse and Recycling MWBE Commitment Report Sept 2021](#)  
[Map Region 2 SC IB](#)

**approve**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Quezada and Trevor (14)

**Absent:** Morrison and Stamps (2)



**Presented by:** EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

**PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

**Department(s):** Department of Landscape Maintenance

**Vendor:** Lakeshore Recycling Systems, Chicago, Illinois

**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to extend and increase the Region 3 contract

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Refuse and Recycling Disposal Sites

**Original Contract Period:** 6/12/2023 - 8/31/2024; with two (2) one-year extension options

**Proposed Contract Period Extension:** 9/1/2024 - 2/28/2026

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$51,840.00

**Original Approval:** 4/7/2023, \$51,840.00

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

**This Increase Requested:** \$77,790.00

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** FY 2024 \$35,000.00, FY 2025 \$39,660.00, FY 2026 \$3,130.00

**Accounts:** Refuse Disposal 29250.520075

**Contract Number(s):** #74000013244 issued under Solicitation #23-52-009067

**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):** 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17

**Summary:** The Forest Preserves of Cook County would like to extend and increase its contract with Lakeshore Recycling Systems, Inc., which provides Refuse and Recycling Disposal Sites for Region 3 by exercising the two (2) one-year extension options. The Forest Preserves intends to end this extension in February 2026 to coincide with a new request for proposals on waste contracts. Region 3 consists of the Northwest and North Branch Divisions.

**Attachments:** [Lakeshore Region 3 PSA Final Executed 2023](#)  
[Map Region 3 NB NW](#)

**approve**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Quezada and Trevor (14)

**Absent:** Morrison and Stamps (2)

**Presented by:** EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

**PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

**Department(s):** Department of Landscape Maintenance

**Vendor:** Allied Waste Transportation, Inc., Chicago, Illinois

**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to extend and increase the Region 4 contract

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Refuse and Recycling Disposal Sites

**Original Contract Period:** 9/1/2021 - 8/31/2024; with two (2) one-year extension options

**Proposed Contract Period Extension:** 9/1/2024 - 2/28/2026

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$100,300.00

**Original Approval:** 7/27/2021, \$23,000.00

**Previous Increase(s):** 9/6/2022, \$2,300.00 (Administrative Increase); 11/15/2022, \$75,000.00 (Board-Approved Increase)

**This Increase Requested:** \$17,000.00

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** FY 2024 \$4,000.00, FY 2025 \$9,000.00, FY 2026 \$4,000.00

**Accounts:** Refuse Disposal 29250.520075

**Contract Number(s):** #74000009806 issued under Solicitation #21-52-006226 (R)

**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):** 4, 5, 6

**Summary:** The Forest Preserves of Cook County would like to extend and increase its contract with Allied Waste Transportation, which provides Refuse and Recycling Disposal Sites for Region 4 by exercising the two (2) one-year extension options as provided in the original bid and initial Board Item (see Board Item No. 21-0326). This contract was increased with Board approval on 11/15/2022 (see Board Item No. 22-0483) to cover the costs for both Region 3 and Region 4. At that time, there was no executed contract for Region 3 due to a lack of bidders during the initial solicitation period in 2021. The Forest Preserves intends to end this extension in February 2026 to coincide with a new request for proposals on waste contracts. Region 4 consists of the Thorn Creek Division.

**Attachments:** [Refuse and Recycling MWBE Commitment Report Sept 2021](#)  
[Map Region 4 Tho Cr](#)

**approve**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Quezada and Trevor (14)

**Absent:** Morrison and Stamps (2)

**Presented by:** EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

**PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

**Department(s):** Department of Planning and Development

**Vendor:** Pacific Construction Services, LLC., Chicago, Illinois

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Construction services to replace existing heating, ventilating, and air conditioning systems at the Forest Preserves’ General Headquarters building located in River Forest.

**Original Contract Period:** 6/2/2023 - 7/1/2024; 7/2/2024 - 12/31/2024 (Administrative Extension)

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

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$2,355,882.00

**Original Approval:** 4/25/2023, \$2,355,882.00

**Previous Increase(s):** \$149,220.84 (Administrative Increase pending as of 7/15/2024)

**This Increase Requested:** \$38,596.25

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** FY 2024 \$38,596.25

**Accounts:** Property Maintenance and Operations 51009.560105, 51010.560105, 51031.560105, 51032.560105, 51033.560105, 51034.560105 and future Construction and Development accounts

**Contract Number(s):** Contract #74000012184 issued under Project #21-80-44

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

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

**District(s):** 9

**Summary:** Contract #74000012184 issued under Project #21-80-44 consists of providing construction services at the Forest Preserves' General Headquarters building to replace existing heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems. The Forest Preserves' General Headquarters is the Forest Preserves' second largest building and one of its highest energy users. This work, along with a future construction project to address the buildings leaky windows, will directly benefit the Forest Preserves' ability to meet its sustainability and greenhouse gas reduction goals. An increase in the original contract amount is requested to address additional ancillary work to paint the interior of the building while the building is closed to visitors and staff and all furniture is currently at an off-site facility. This increase will also provide fencing to secure the new exterior mechanical units.

**Attachments:** [Original MWBE Recommendation Ltr](#)

**approve**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Quezada and Trevor (14)

**Absent:** Morrison and Stamps (2)

**Presented by:** EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

**PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

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

**Vendor:** Insight Public Sector, Inc., Tempe, Arizona

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Computer Hardware Products

**Original Contract Period:** 10/22/2019 - 9/8/2024, with three (3) one-year renewal options

**Proposed Contract Period Extension:** 9/9/2024 - 9/8/2025

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$935,000.00

**Original Approval:** 10/22/2019, \$600,000.00

**Previous Increase(s):** 2/7/2023, \$60,000.00 (Administrative Increase); 4/25/2023, \$275,000.00 (Board Approved)

**This Increase Requested:** \$400,000.00

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** FY 2024 \$150,000.00, FY 2025 \$250,000.00

**Accounts:** Computer Supplies and Services 51001.530635

**Contract Number(s):** #74000006761

**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):** Districtwide

**Summary:** The Forest Preserves is presently piggybacking off a Cook County contract for IT hardware and services (Cook County Board Item Nos. 19-4551 and 19-5255). The County’s contract was recently extended through September 8, 2025. The Forest Preserves now seeks authorization to extend its contract with the vendor through the same date. In addition, the Forest Preserves seeks to increase the contract amount to cover related costs and expenses for the additional year. The Forest Preserves also anticipates increased expenses for IT resources/hardware due to increased capital development and staffing made possible by the successful referendum.

Additionally, we anticipate undertaking five (5) capital projects, including the comprehensive reconstruction of the Forest Preserves General Headquarters, Police Command Center, Pavilion Visitor Center, Salt Creek and Thorn Creek Divisions This proposed increase aims to ensure that our expanding team has the necessary computer technology resources to effectively fulfill the mission of the Forest Preserves.

**Attachments:** [CC 19-5255](#)  
[CC 19-4551](#)

**approve**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Quezada and Trevor (14)

**Absent:** Morrison and Stamps (2)



**Presented by:** EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

**PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

**Department(s):** Department of Planning and Development

**Vendor:** Eva Design and Engineering, LLC, Chicago, Illinois

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Professional engineering services for design and construction management for reconstruction of the Beaubien Boat Launch and other outdoor recreation amenities

**Original Contract Period:** 7/1/2021 - 6/30/2023

**Previous Contract Extension:** 7/1/2023 - 6/30/2024 (Administrative Extension)

**Proposed Contract Period Extension:** 7/1/2024 (retroactive) - 12/31/2024

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$126,000.00, An Administrative Increase of less than 10% is anticipated to be submitted to the Purchasing Agent separately prior to contract expiration.

**Original Approval:** 6/22/2021, \$126,000.00

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

**This Increase Requested:** N/A

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** N/A. This is a time extension only.

**Accounts:** Professional Services 51009.520830, 51010.520830 and 51033.520830

**Contract Number(s):** #74000009291

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

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

**District(s):** 5

**Summary:** Additional time is needed for the consultant to complete engineering services to continue the review of construction material submittals and redesign of minor structural elements for the active reconstruction of the Beaubien Woods Boat Launch.

**Attachments:** [MWBE Recommendation Ltr 2021- EVA Design](#)

**approve**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Quezada and Trevor (14)

**Absent:** Morrison and Stamps (2)

**Presented by:** EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

**PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

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

**Vendor:** Bottling Group, LLC (Pepsi), White Plains, New York and Cook County Government, Cook County, Illinois

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Various Pepsi products

**Contract Period:** 6/15/2016 - 6/30/2028

**Original Approval:** 6/7/2016

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

**Accounts:** Concessions, 01-5302

**Contract Number(s):** AM-2016-001

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

**District(s):** Districtwide

**Summary:** On 7/21/2015, the Forest Preserves Board approved an Intergovernmental Agreement between the County and the Forest Preserves for the purpose of joining the Asset Marketing Program. On 9/8/2015, the Forest Preserves Board approved the Forest Preserves procuring the same service as Cook County under contract 12-90-289 with the Superlative Group, Inc. for asset marketing program services.

On 5/11/2016, the County approved a contract with the Bottling Group, LLC (Pepsi) in which the County and the Forest Preserves granted exclusive pouring rights to Pepsi for all beverages sold on County and Forest Preserves property for a ten-year period, with the exception of Forest Preserves golf courses which are not part of the agreement. On 6/7/2016, the Forest Preserves approved that agreement (Board Item No. 16-0236).

The contract was amended again in June 2022 (Board Item No. 22-0273) and extended the relationship with Pepsi by approximately two (2) additional years, removed Superlative Group, Inc. as a party to the Agreement, and restructured the revenue provisions of the agreement.

The current amendment will remove the gift shop at John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital from the scope of the Agreement.

**approve**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Quezada and Trevor (14)

**Absent:** Morrison and Stamps (2)

**PROPOSED PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ITEM AMENDMENT**

**Department:** Office of the General Superintendent

**Request:** Changing membership on the Decennial Committee to Interim General Superintendent Eileen Figel from former General Superintendent Arnold Randall

**Item Number:** 23-0230

**Original Text of Item: RESOLUTION CREATING THE DECENNIAL COMMITTEE**

**WHEREAS**, on June 10, 2022, the Decennial Committees on Local Government Efficiency Act (50 ILCS 70/1 et seq) (the “Act”) became effective and placed certain requirements on the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners (the “Board”), including the formation of a Decennial Committee by June 10, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of such committee would be to study the Forest Preserves of Cook County’s governing statutes, ordinances, rules, procedures, powers, jurisdiction, shared services, intergovernmental agreements, and interrelationships with other governmental units and the State; and

**WHEREAS**, no later than eighteen (18) months after the formation of the Decennial Committee, the Committee shall provide a report to the Cook County Board of Commissioners and such report shall include recommendations in respect to increased accountability and efficiency; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the Act, the Decennial Committee is to be chaired by the President of the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners or the President’s designee and shall include the following individuals: (1) the seventeen (17) Forest Preserves of Cook County Commissioners; (2) at least two (2) Cook County residents to be appointed by the President, with the advice and consent of the Board; (3) any chief executive officer or other officer of the Forest Preserves; and (4) additional persons as appointed by the Chair; and

**WHEREAS**, per Title 1, Chapter 5, Section 1-5-2, Subsection 2-5 of the Forest Preserves of Cook County Code of Ordinances, the Board may create special committees by resolution adopted by a majority of those elected and the appointed members of a special committee shall be designated by resolution.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby creates a Decennial Committee for the purpose of undertaking the tasks enumerated under the Act; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Committee Chair shall be the Chair of the Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Commissioner Scott Britton, as the President’s designee for the

Decennial Committee; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Decennial Committee members shall include: (1) Forest Preserves of Cook County Commissioners, (2) Interim General Superintendent Eileen Figel ~~Arnold-Randall~~, (3) two Cook County residents, Alan Bell and Mark Templeton, who also serve as members of the Conservation and Policy Council, and (4) any additional persons to be appointed by the Chair; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the first meeting of the Decennial Committee shall be 9:30 AM on Tuesday, May 23, 2023 at Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, 12545 West 111th Street in Lemont; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Decennial Committee shall sunset on December 31, 2024, however, it shall be reestablished on a decennial basis with newly appointed members.

**approve**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Quezada and Trevor (14)

**Absent:** Morrison and Stamps (2)

**Presented by:** EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

**REPORT**

**Department:** Department of Law Enforcement

**Request:** Refer to Law Enforcement Committee

**Report Title:** Model Policing

**Report Period:** 4/1/2024 - 6/30/2024

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

**Attachments:** [2024.2ND QTR LAW ENFORCEMENT](#)

**refer**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Quezada and Trevor (14)

**Absent:** Morrison and Stamps (2)

**Presented by:** EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

**REPORT**

**Department:** Office of the General Superintendent

**Request:** Refer to the Zoological Committee

**Report Title:** 2024 Brookfield Zoo Chicago's Next Century Plan

**Summary:** The report details the comprehensive strategy that will guide the long-term trajectory of Brookfield Zoo Chicago, including the physical site plan and organizational priorities, for the next thirty (30) years.

**Attachments:** [Brookfield Zoo Chicago's Next Century Plan](#)

**refer**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Quezada and Trevor (14)

**Absent:** Morrison and Stamps (2)

**Presented by:** EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

**REPORT**

**Department:** Department of Finance and Administration

**Request:** Refer to Finance Committee

**Report Title:** Forest Preserves of Cook County Annual Fee Waiver and Discount Report FY 2023

**Report Period:** 1/1/2023 - 12/31/2023

**Summary:** Under the Forest Preserves of Cook County Code of Ordinances, certain discounts are granted to veteran or non-profit organizations with respect to recreational use of Forest Preserves of Cook County property or amenities. Additional discounts may be offered at the discretion of the General Superintendent. The Forest Preserves of Cook County implemented a Fee Waiver Policy (Policy Number: 02.30.00) establishing the process for when discounts or waivers would be granted. The policy requires an annual report to the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners on discounts and waivers for the sake of transparency. The Fee Waiver and Discount Report describes specific discount categories and various passes issued pursuant to Forest Preserves of Cook County Board Approved Resolution No. 16-0314, approved July 12, 2016.

In 2023, the Forest Preserves of Cook County issued a total of \$189,893.15 in fee waiver permit discounts to various groups. In addition, a total of three thousand, eight hundred and one (3,801) passes with an estimated value of \$92,519.00 were distributed across various programs, partners and/or events.

**Attachments:** [2023 Fee Waiver-Pass Summary Updated 7.9.24](#)  
[FPCC-Fee-Waiver-Policy-020119](#)

**refer**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Quezada and Trevor (14)

**Absent:** Morrison and Stamps (2)



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

**REPORT**

**Department:** Office of the County Auditor

**Request:** Refer to Audit Committee

**Report Title:** OCA-FPD FY24 2nd Quarter Open Recommendations

**Report Period:** June 2024

**Summary:** This report was designed to communicate the status of Open Recommendations regarding the Forest Preserves District of Cook County

**Attachments:** OCA-FPD FY24 2nd Quarter Open Recommendations

**refer**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Quezada and Trevor (14)

**Absent:** Morrison and Stamps (2)

**Presented by:** EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

**REPORT**

**Department:** Department of Finance and Administration

**Request:** Receive and File

**Report Title:** Procurement and Disbursement Report

**Report Period:** 5/1/2024 - 5/31/2024

**Summary:** Submitting the Procurement and Disbursement Report for the period of May 2024. The report is to be received and filed in compliance with Section 1-8-2 (BB) of the District’s Code of Ordinances.

**Attachments:** [Procurements and Disbursements May 2024](#)

**receive and filed**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Quezada and Trevor (14)

**Absent:** Morrison and Stamps (2)

**Presented by:** EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

**REPORT**

**Department:** Departments of Legal and Finance

**Request:** Receive and File

**Report Title:** Workers' Compensation Report - May 2024

**Report Period:** 5/1/2024 - 5/31/2024

**Summary:** The Forest Preserves of Cook County Departments of Legal and Finance are submitting Workers' Compensation Claim Payments for the month of May 2024. Payments total \$125,163.58 for May 2024.

**Attachments:** FPCC WC May Board Report 2024

**receive and filed**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Quezada and Trevor (14)

**Absent:** Morrison and Stamps (2)

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

**PROPOSED CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Department: Department of Conservation and Experiential Programming**

**Summary: Forest Preserves of Cook County Calendar of Events and Activities 7/23/2024 - 9/16/2024. Please check the Forest Preserves of Cook County's website for updates and changes.**

**Thursday, 7/25; 8:30am**

**Forest Therapy, Bluff Spring Fen Nature Preserve, Elgin**

Awaken your senses and renew your bond with nature with a Certified Forest Therapy Guide. *Registration required. Ages 18 and up. Please call (773)758-8899.*

**Thursday, 7/25; 9am - 10:30am**

**Clean Up and Explore, Linne Woods, Morton Grove**

Do your part to help keep the forest preserves clean! Litter pick-up supplies are available for check out. *Registration required. Meet at Grove 2. Please call (773)758-8899.*

**Thursday, 7/25; 4:30pm - 6:30pm**

**Art in Nature, Swallow Cliff-North, Palos Park**

Drop in and create land art, write a poem, and make tie dye using fruits and spices.

**Thursday, 7/25; 6pm - 8:30pm**

**Learn to Fly Fish: On the Water, Horsetail Lake, Palos Park**

We will review casting and other aspects of fly fishing. You can then practice fishing with additional instructions and tips. *This event is presented by Ike Rhodes of Illinois Fly Fishing and the Village of Palos Park. Registration required. Ages 18 and up. For more information, please visit the website.*

**Friday, 7/26; 1pm**

**Dragons and Damsels, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Join us for a moderate 1-mile walk. We will watch aerial artists hunt and fight for territory in awe-inspiring aerial displays. *Registration required. Ages 12 and up. Please call (630)257-2045.*

**Saturday, 7/27; 8am**

**Morning Cycle, Sauk Trail Woods-Central, Chicago Heights**

Join us for a 16-mile bike ride. *This event is geared for experienced cyclists. Please bring your own bike and bike helmet. For more information, please call (312)415-2970.*

**Saturday, 7/27; 10:30am**

**High Summer Nature Walk, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Families can join us for a guided walk to experience summer in the gardens and woods surrounding

Trailside Museum. *Registration required. This is a family program. Please call (708) 366-6530.*

**Saturday, 7/27; 10:30am - 1pm**

**Archery and Games, Thatcher Woods, River Forest**

Adults and families can join us and practice archery. You can have fun playing your favorite backyard games. *Instruction, equipment, and games will be provided. For more information, please call (312)533-5751.*

**Saturday, 7/27; 1pm**

**Disability Pride Month: Sensory Walk, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington**

You can gain a new perspective of the world by using different senses.

**Thursday, 8/1; 10am - 12pm**

**Adaptive Adventures: Rock Climb, Sauk Trail Woods-Central, South Chicago Heights**

This event has rock climbing and cycling opportunities tailored for people of all ages with a primary physical disability. *Registration required. For more information, please visit the website.*

**Thursday, 8/1; 11am - 2pm**

**Bat Chat, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

You can learn about these fascinating creatures while watching them over the river. *Registration required by 7/30. Please call (847)824-8360.*

**Saturday, 8/3; 6:30am - 8am**

**Rise and Shine, Hummingbirds, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Bring your coffee to wake up with the hummingbirds. *Registration required. Please call (630)257-2045.*

**Saturday, 8/3; 10am - 12pm**

**Green Lake Open Fishing Clinic, Green Lake Family Aquatic Center, Calumet City**

Join us as we learn to fish with instructions. *Registration required. A fishing license is required for participants ages 16 and up. Supplies and equipment will be provided. Please call (708)868-0606 or visit the website.*

**Saturday, 8/3; 10am - 1pm**

**Back-to-School Community Adventure Day, Caldwell Woods, Chicago**

Welcome the school year with a day of community give-a-ways, school supply distribution, and adventure. You can enjoy activities such as archery, kids tree climbs, disc golf, artmaking, food, and much more! *All ages. Donations are limited. This event is presented with ICNA Chicago, Niles-Maine Library, Hive Center for the Book Arts, and others. For more information, please call (773)758-8899.*

**Sunday, 8/4; 10:30am**

**Summer Prairie Blooms Walk, Silver Creek Family Picnic Area, Melrose Park**

Join a naturalist for a short hike as we check out what's in bloom at this fine nearby prairie. *Registration*

required. Ages 18 and up. Please call (708) 366-6530.

**Sunday, 8/4; 1:30pm**

**Cicadas: Teen Exploration Day, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

Teens will explore the world of the cicadas. *Registration required. Ages 13-17. Please call (708)839-6897.*

**Wednesday, 8/7; 6pm - 8pm**

**Camping and Cooking 101, Camp Reinberg, Palatine**

This 2-hour workshop covers camping and outdoor cooking basics. *Registration required. All ages. Camping and cooking gear will be provided. For more information, please visit the website.*

**Wednesday, 8/7; 8:45pm**

**Night Sky Walk, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

Enjoy an evening walk in the largest Urban Night Sky Place in the world. *Registration required. Please call (708)839-6897.*

**Friday, 8/9; 10am - 12pm**

**Craftpalooza, National Grove-South, North Riverside**

Kids, get creative! You can help decorate a large canvas with stamps, paint, and markers. *This event is presented with the North Riverside Public Library. For more information, please call (312)533-5751.*

**Saturday, 8/10; 10:30am**

**A Closer Look: Magnifier and Microscope Walk, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Join us and explore the tiny secrets of the woods. We will examine plants and small animals both on our walk and in our classroom. *Registration required. Please call (708) 366-6530.*

**Sunday, 8/11; 6:30am - 8am**

**Rise and Shine, Hummingbirds, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Bring your coffee to wake up with the hummingbirds *Registration required. Please call (630)257-2045.*

**Sunday, 8/11; 8:30am - 10am**

**Morning Mugs with a Naturalist, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Join our naturalist for a conversation about nature. *Bring your own mug and we will provide the beverages.*

**Saturday, 8/17; 7am - 8:30am**

**Summer Shakeout, Orland Grassland-South, Orland Park**

Enjoy a 1.6-mile walk or run through the prairie.

**Saturday, 8/17; 9am - 2pm**

**Hummingbird Fest, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

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

**Saturday, 8/17 through Sunday 8/18; 5pm**

**Camping 101: Overnight, Camp Reinberg, Palatine**

This event is part workshop and part campout! You can learn camping skills and then spend the night. *Registration required. The cost is \$50 per family of 6 or less. For more information, please visit the website.*

**Wednesday 8/21; 6pm**

**Twilight Canoe, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington**

Join us and explore the wonders of the lake. *Registration required. Ages 18 and up. Please call (847)381-6592.*

**Wednesday 8/21; 7pm - 9pm**

**Night of Nature Play, Eggers Grove, Chicago**

Open play, star gazing and s'mores. *For more information, please call (312)415-2970.*

**Thursday, 8/22; 7:30pm - 9pm**

**Telescope Party, Swallow Cliff-South, Palos Park**

Calling all amateur astronomers and night sky enthusiasts! Bring your telescope or use one of ours for an evening of stargazing.

**Friday, 8/23; 6pm**

**Twilight Canoe, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington**

Join us and explore the wonders of the lake. *Registration required. Ages 18 and up. Please call (847)381-6592.*

**Saturday, 8/24; 6pm - 11pm**

**Busse Night Ride, Busse Lake Boating Center, Elk Grove Village**

Don't miss this unique opportunity to ride the Busse Woods trail at sunset, twilight or in the dark! Tickets include live music, bonfires, refreshments and more. *Registration required. For more information, please visit the website.*

**Saturday, 8/24; 6:30pm - 10pm**

**Summer Bonfire, Camp Shabbona, South Holland**

Join us as we celebrate summer with a bonfire, activities, walks and more. *For more information, please visit the website.*

**Sunday, 8/25; 9am - 5pm**

**CAMBr Meltdown, Pulaski Woods, Willow Springs**

The Palos Meltdown is Chicagoland's premier mountain bike event. This event has racing for all ages and abilities. *This event is free for spectators. For more information, please visit the website.*

**Wednesday, 8/28; 6:30am - 8am**

**Rise and Shine, Hummingbirds, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Bring your coffee to wake up with the hummingbirds *Registration required. Please call (630)257-2045.*

**Wednesday, 8/28; 4pm - 6pm**

**Pond Paddle, Thatcher Glen Pond, River Forest**

Enjoy the afternoon outdoors by paddling. *Registration required. Instruction, equipment, and kayaks will be provided. Please call (312)533-5751.*

**Saturday, 8/31; 7pm - 9pm**

**Starry Night Walk, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Join us for a guided walk, observe the night sky, and learn about the constellations and astronomy. *Registration required. Please call (708)868-0606 or visit the website.*

**Sunday, 9/1; 1pm**

**“The Passenger Pigeon’s Flight to Extinction” Film Screening, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

The passenger pigeon was the continent's most abundant bird with a population in the billions. Martha was the last of the species and she died at the Cincinnati Zoo on September 1, 1914. This event will have a viewing of the film “The Passenger Pigeon’s Flight to Extinction” followed by a discussion with author, Joel Greenberg, and one of our naturalists. The discussion will cover the film, how we struggle to maintain biodiversity and the conditions necessary for human well-being. *Registration required. Please call (630)257-2045.*

**Thursday, 9/3; 8:30pm**

**Astronomy and Technology, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

You can learn about the various apps used to raise awareness about the impact of light pollution on nocturnal wildlife. *Registration required. Please call (708)839-6897.*

**Saturday, 9/7; 10am**

**Hummingbird Sit, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

You can spend some time in our hummingbird garden learning session with our staff.

**Saturday, 9/7; 11am - 3pm**

**Art in Nature, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington**

Join us and observe artists at work. There will be art activities for kids and adults. There will be music, dance, and artwork for sale. *For more information, please call (847)381-6592.*

**Saturday, 9/7; 12pm - 3pm**

**Migrating Monarchs Celebration, Thatcher Woods, River Forest**

You can learn about the migration route to Mexico and how you can help monarchs and other pollinators!

You can see how monarchs are raised, tagged for tracking, and watch butterflies being released. There will be fun activities, kid's crafts, traditional and indigenous celebrations, as well as educational displays. *For more information, please call (708) 366-6530.*

**Sunday, 9/8; 6am**

**Night Sky Walk, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

Join us for an early morning hike to experience the dawning of a new day. *Registration required. Please call (708)839-6897.*

**Sunday, 9/8; 11am - 2pm**

**Conservation at Home: Herbal Tea Party, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Join us for a walk in our gardens. You will learn about native plants and sample infused teas made from them. *For more information, please call (847)824-8360.*

**Friday, 9/13; 4pm - 7pm**

**Faire at the Square, Cummings Square, River Forest**

Drop in and enjoy our carnival of creative and sustainable re-used materials. There will be an ice cream truck on-site. *For more information, please call (312)533-5751.*

**Saturday, 9/14; 10am**

**Silver Creek Prairie Walk, Silver Creek Prairie, Melrose Park**

Join us and learn about restoration efforts, goals, and ways you can get involved. *Registration required. Ages 12 and up. Please call (708) 366-6530.*

**Saturday, 9/14; 10am - 2pm**

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

Join us and learn about the Calumet region's cultural history. There will be activities which include archaeology displays, mock archaeology digs, and more. *For more information, please call (708)868-0606 or visit the website.*

**Saturday, 9/14; 12pm - 3pm**

**Fall Nature Fest, LaBagh Woods, Chicago**

Enjoy food, drinks, games, Jesse White Tumblers, animal ambassadors, free give-a-ways, and much more! *This event will be held at groves 1-4. This event is presented by the Forest Preserves of Cook County, Cook County Commissioner Bridget Degnen, and others. For more information, please visit the website.*

**Saturday, 9/14; 6pm - 8pm**

**Skate Party, Dan Ryan Woods, Chicago**

Join us for a skating party! You can show off your skating skills and routines, or just roll along to the music. *This event will be held at Grove 15. Participants must bring their own skates and safety gear. For more information, please call (312)415-2970.*



**Saturday, 9/14; 6:30pm - 10pm**

**Full Moon Paddle, Tower Road Boat Launch, Northfield**

Join us for an exclusive after-hours moonlit paddle through the Skokie Lagoons. *Registration required. Ages 8 and up. For more information, please visit the website.*

**Sunday, 9/15; 10am - 12pm**

**Pedal the Preserves: I and M Bicycle Trail, Husar I and M Parking Lot, Willow Springs**

Join us for a family friendly bike ride. You will learn about safety, techniques, and tips. *Bike helmets and loaner bikes will be available. This event is presented with Ride Illinois. For more information, please visit the website.*

**Sunday, 9/15; 1pm - 3pm**

**Teen Exploration Days: Kayaking, Camp Bullfrog Lake, Willow Springs**

Enjoy an afternoon on Bullfrog Lake and learn paddling techniques. *Registration required. Ages 13 and up. For more information, please visit the website.*

**Attachments:**     [Calendar of Events](#)

**receive and filed**

**Ayes:**             Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Quezada and Trevor (14)

**Absent:**           Morrison and Stamps (2)

**COMMITTEE ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

**DISTRICT VEHICLE POLICY AMENDMENT**

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Title 1 (Administrative), Chapter 14 (District Vehicle Policy), of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as Follows:

**1-14-1: ESTABLISHMENT OF A ~~COUNTYWIDE~~ DISTRICTWIDE VEHICLE STEERING COMMITTEE.**

**1-14-2: RESPONSIBILITIES OF ELECTED OFFICIALS, DEPARTMENTS, AND EMPLOYEES AND ASSIGNMENT OF VEHICLE COORDINATOR.**

**1-14-3: AUTHORIZED USE OF DISTRICT VEHICLES.**

**1-14-4: MISCELLANEOUS.**

Full text of this ordinance amendment can be found here: <<https://bit.ly/24-0144>>

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

- Attachments:** Incident Review Board Policy
- [District Vehicle Policy - Current](#)
- FPCC Travel Policy
- [24-0144 FINAL REDLINE](#)
- 24-0144 back up memo

**approve**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Quezada and Trevor (14)

**Absent:** Morrison and Stamps (2)

**Presented by:** EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

**PROPOSED TRANSFER OF FUNDS**

**Department:** Department of Finance and Administration

**Request:** Approval of a transfer of Funds

**Reason:** The reason for this transfer is to meet the Forest Preserves of Cook County Pension obligation as set forth in the Public Act 102-1131 (effective June 1, 2023).

**From Account(s):** 51001.5100.00000.801420.00000.00000 (Corporate)

**To Account(s):** 51004.5100.00000.411502.00000.00000 (Pension)

**Total Amount of Transfer:** \$8,384,419.00

**On what date did it become apparent that the receiving account would require an infusion of funds in order to meet current obligations? What was the balance in the account on that date, and what was the balance 30 days prior to that date?**

Tax collection for the pension fund has not yet increased to meet 2024 obligations. This became apparent after first quarter 2024.

**How was the account used for the source of transferred funds identified? List any other accounts that were also considered (but not used) as the source of the transferred funds.**

It was determined there was sufficient available Corporate Fund Balance.

**Identify any projects, purchases, programs, contracts, or other obligations that will be deferred, delayed, or canceled as a result of the reduction in available spending authority that will result in the account that funds are transferred from.**

No projects, purchases, programs, contracts, or other obligations will be deferred, delayed, or canceled as a result of the transfer of funds.

**If the answer to the above question is “none” then please explain why this account was originally budgeted in a manner that caused an unobligated surplus to develop at this point in the fiscal year.**

The fund developed a surplus of funding due to turnover and revenues exceeding budgeted expectations.

**Attachments:**     [Public Act 102-1131](#)  
                              [Forest Resolution Final.pdf](#)

**approve**

**Ayes:**                Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita,  
                              Morrison, Quezada and Trevor (14)

**Absent:**             Morrison and Stamps (2)

**Presented by:** EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

**PROPOSED BID RECOMMENDATION**

**Department:** Department of Planning and Development

**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to enter into a construction contract with Pan-Oceanic Engineering Co., Inc., primary place of business Chicago, Illinois, for the removal and installation of drop gates (bollards), trail striping, painting of pavement markers, and installation of signage along the Poplar Creek, Tinley Creek, and Centennial Trail paved trail systems.

**Reason:** Contract #74000014446 issued under Project #24-80-01R Trail Safety Improvements for Poplar Creek, Tinley Creek, and Centennial Trails. The work addresses safety issues with the removal and/or installation of drop gates at egress points on Forest Preserves paved trails, centerline striping and installation of approved regulatory signs.

**Bid Opening Date:** 5/15/2024

**Bid Results:**

- 1. Garfield Building Maintenance Co., Inc.                      \$319,715.00\*
- 2. **Pan-Oceanic Engineering Co., Inc.                              \$448,397.58**

\* The Cook County Waiver Review Committee determined that the MWBE Utilization Plan (UP) submitted as part of this bidder’s proposal was found to be non-responsive as it relates to the MWBE participation goals set forth for this contract.

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** \$448,397.58

**Contract Period:** One hundred and twenty (120) days from notice to proceed.

**Account Name/Number:** Land Improvement 51009.560019, 51028.560019, 51029.560019, 51031.560019, 51033.560019, and 51034.560019; and future Construction and Development accounts

**District:** 5, 6, 15, 17

**Concurrence(s):** The vendor has met the Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Ordinance via direct participation.

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

**Attachments:**     [Recommendation Letter Contracts - Pan Oceanic Engineering C 1](#)

**approve**

**Ayes:**             Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Quezada and Trevor (14)

**Absent:**           Morrison and Stamps (2)

**Presented by:** EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

**PROPOSED BID RECOMMENDATION**

**Department:** Department of Planning and Development

**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County to enter into a construction contract with Fabex Technologies, LLC, primary place of business Chicago, Illinois, for shelter repairs at Yankee Woods (grove 2), Dan Ryan Woods (groves 1, 5, 10 & 15), Flatfoot Lake, Jurgensen Woods (grove 1), Bremen Grove #1, Eggers Grove #3, and Glenwood Woods North (grove 1).

**Reason:** Contract #74000010979 issued under Project #24-80-26 for 2024 Picnic Shelter Repairs at South Cook County Locations. The work addresses the renovation of ten (10) existing picnic shelters. The work includes, but is not limited to, lead-based paint removal, concrete ceiling panel patching, concrete ceiling panel replacement, roof removal and replacement, and other related work as specified in the plans and specifications.

**Bid Opening Date:** 6/28/2024

**Bid Results:**

- 1. Fabex Technologies, LLC \$819,960.94
- 2. AGAE Contractors, Inc. \$952,000.00
- 3. TORI Construction \$985,000.00

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** \$819,960.94

**Contract Period:** Three hundred sixty (360) days from the date of issuance of Notice to Proceed

**Account Name/Number:** Property Maintenance and Operations 51009.560105, 51028.560105, 51031.560105, 51033.560105, and 51034.560105; and future Construction and Development accounts

**District:** 3, 4, 6

**Concurrence(s):** The vendor has met the Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Ordinance via direct participation.

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

**Attachments:** [Revised Recommendation Letter Contract No. 74000014582 Solicitation No. 24-80-26 \(24-80-010979\) 2024 Picnic Shelter Repairs At 10 South Cook County Locations-](#)

**approve as amended**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Quezada and Trevor (14)

**Absent:** Morrison and Stamps (2)



**Presented by:** EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

**PROPOSED BID RECOMMENDATION**

**Department:** Department of Planning and Development

**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to enter into a construction contract with Great Lakes Landscape Company, primary place of business Bartlett, Illinois, for pavement improvements at ten (10) locations in the north and northwest of Cook County including Carl Hansen Woods, Che-Che-Pin-Qua Woods, Schiller Woods Grove 4, Ted Lechowicz Woods, Catherine Chevalier Woods, Ned Brown Meadow, North Branch Trail, and Busse Woods.

**Reason:** Contract #74000014447 issued under Project #19-80-67G-24C1 2024 North Area Pavement Improvements. This work will include, but is not limited to, pavement resurfacing, drainage and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) access improvements, paved trail construction, pavement removal, and landscape restoration.

**Bid Opening Date:** 5/30/2024

**Bid Results:**

- 1. Great Lakes Landscape Company      \$2,893,994.65
- 2. Chicagoland Paving Contractors      \$2,900,000.00
- 3. Pan-Oceanic Engineering Co.          \$3,089,090.99

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** \$2,893,994.65

**Contract Period:** Two hundred eighty days (280) days from notice to proceed.

**Account Name/Number:** Land Improvement 51009.560019, 51010.560019, 51029.560019, 51031.560019, 51033.560019, and 51034.560019; and future Construction and Development accounts

**District:** 9, 10, 14, 15, 17

**Concurrence(s):** The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

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

**Attachments:** MWBE Recommendation Ltr - Grea-2024 North Area  
Pavement Imps 1

**approve**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Quezada and Trevor (14)

**Absent:** Morrison and Stamps (2)

**Presented by:** EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

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

Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Litigation - 7/23/2024

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

Proposed Settlements Approved Fiscal Year 2024 to Present: \$0.00

Proposed Settlements to Be Approved: \$0.00

Legal Fees Approved Fiscal Year 2024 to Present: \$303,880.80

Legal Fees for 7/23/2024 to Be Approved: \$59,228.32

**approve**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Quezada and Trevor (14)

**Absent:** Morrison and Stamps (2)

**Presented by:** EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

**REPORT**

**Department:** Department of Permits, Rentals and Concessions

**Request:** Refer to Finance Committee

**Report Title:** Forest Preserves of Cook County Annual Concessions Report FY 2023

**Report Period:** 1/1/2023 - 12/31/2023

**Summary:** On 3/15/2022, the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners approved the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) Concessions Ordinance (Board Item No. 22-0126) (the “Ordinance”). Under the Ordinance, the Forest Preserves is authorized to grant certain concession related permits and contracts. To assist with this process, the Forest Preserves implemented a Concessions Policy (Policy Number: 05.00.00) establishing the criteria by which the Forest Preserves will issue permits and contracts for concession opportunities to increase and improve visitor engagement by providing the public with access to complementary recreational activities, amenities and services while also generating revenue to support the mission of the Forest Preserves.

The Ordinance requires an annual report to the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners on concession related permits and contracts awarded by the Forest Preserves of Cook County for part or all of the prior fiscal year and any concession opportunities currently available or anticipated to be made available by the Forest Preserves of Cook County for the current year. The Concession Report describes the specific concessionaire permits and contracts that generated revenue in 2023 along with opportunities anticipated for 2024.

In 2023, the Forest Preserves received \$1,824,192.00, an 11% increase over 2022.

**Attachments:** [Annual Concessions Report 2023 - Final](#)  
[Concessions Policy](#)  
[Concessions Ordinance](#)

**receive and filed**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Quezada and Trevor (14)

**Absent:** Morrison and Stamps (2)

**Presented by:** EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

**REPORT**

**Department:** Department of Finance and Administration

**Request:** Receive and File

**Report Title:** Corporate Fund Analysis of Revenue and Expenditures

**Report Period:** 1/1/2024 - 5/31/2024

**Summary:** Detailed Fund Analysis of Revenue and Expenditures for May 2024.

**Attachments:** [May.24Budget Report](#)

**receive and filed**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Quezada and Trevor (14)

**Absent:** Morrison and Stamps (2)

**RULES COMMITTEE**

**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 6/11/2024 .

**Attachments:** 06-11-24 Journal revised

**approve**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Quezada and Trevor (14)

**Absent:** Morrison and Stamps (2)

**REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE**

**Presented by:** EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

**EASEMENT REQUEST**

**Request:** Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to grant a permanent and temporary easement to Illinois Department of Transportation (“IDOT”) at intersection of 95th Street and Archer Avenue near Willow Springs for an area not to exceed 7.462 acres for permanent easements and 1.459 acres for temporary easements or 325,045 square feet for permanent easements and 63,552 square feet for temporary easements. Construction would impact two hundred seven (207) living trees and fifty-four (54) dead 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.

**Reason:** IDOT has identified this intersection as a high percentage crash location due to the original 1926 design and plans to modify the current “Y” intersection to a “T” intersection with a traffic signal.

A retaining wall on the Northwest side of Archer Avenue and newly shaped earthen slopes will be graded on Forest Preserves land along the southeast side of Archer Avenue and north and south side of 95th Street and the roadways will be reconfigured.

While IDOT has requested permanent easements totaling 0.962 acres, the Forest Preserves staff recommends the granting and recording of up to 7.462 acres of total permanent easements to IDOT in order to include up to 6.5 acres in existing right-of-way areas within the project improvement limits. The Forest Preserves’ wishes to confirm IDOT responsibility for those areas at no additional cost to IDOT and forgo fees that might otherwise be due pursuant to Section 2-5-7 (Easements) of the Forest Preserves Code of Ordinances. The waiver of additional easement fees will be in consideration of the benefits of the improvement project to the Forest Preserves, including public safety and aesthetic value of the current design plans. The Forest Preserves’ granting of the permanent easements for this project is contingent upon IDOT’s acceptance of all permanent easement area pertaining to this intersection, up to 7.462 acres.

The area for the permanent easement is a maximum of 7.462 acres (0.962 acres requested outside the current right-of-way plus up to 6.5 acres within the current right-of-way) and for temporary easements is 1.459 acres. IDOT indicates that two hundred sixty-one (261) trees are expected to be removed for this project.

**Easement Fee:** \$18,900.00 for permanent easements and \$17,200.00 for temporary easements.

**Tree Mitigation Fee:** \$1,511,403.11

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

**District(s):** 17

- Attachments:** [Location Maps\\_95th and Archer](#)  
[LURSF IDOT 95th and Archer update\\_Final](#)  
[New PE-TE plats](#)  
[Existing\\_ROW\\_PE plat \(Draft\)](#)  
[FPCC CODE 2-5-7](#)  
[TREE VALUATION TABLES\\_FPCC TREE](#)  
[MITIGATION\\_col](#)

**approve**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Quezada and Trevor (14)

**Absent:** Morrison and Stamps (2)

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE**

**AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE A FOREST PRESERVE NEAR MCGINNIS SLOUGH**

**AN ORDINANCE CREATING A FOREST PRESERVE** in part of Section 3, Township 36 North, Range 12, East of the Third Principal Meridian, all in Cook County, Illinois near McGinnis Slough in District 17.

**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 a 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:

13901, 13951, & 13961 S La Grange Rd, Orland Park, Cook County, Illinois

Parcel 1:

That part of the West 1/2 of Section 3, Township 36 North, Range 12, East of the Third Principal Meridian, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the North line of said Section, 57.95 feet West of the Northeast corner of said West 1/2 of said Section 3, measured along the said North line of said Section, said point being also the point of intersection of the North line of said Section with the Westerly line of the original right of way of the Chicago and Strawn Railway; running thence West along the North line of said Section 2490.09 feet to the point of intersection of the said North line with the center line of original 96th Avenue; thence South along the center line of said 96th Avenue, 2959.94 feet to a point in said 96th Avenue, 325.44 feet South of the Northwest corner of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section; said 325.44 feet being located on and measured along the West line of said Southwest 1/4; thence East along a line parallel with the North line of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section, 205.56 feet to the point of intersection of said parallel line with the Westerly line of the original right of way of said Chicago and Strawn Railway; thence Northeasterly along a line forming an angle of 124 degrees 49 minutes 50 seconds, with said parallel line, said Northeasterly line being also the Westerly line of the original right of way of the Chicago and Strawn railway 1437.39 feet to a point of curve; thence continuing Northeasterly along the arc of a circle having a radius of 2897.93 feet convex to the Northwest, said arc being also the Westerly line of said original right of way 480.49 feet to a point of tangency; thence continuing Northeasterly along a straight line tangent to said last described point, said tangent line being also the Westerly line of said original right of way 1263.82 feet to a point of curve; thence continuing Northeasterly along the arc of a circle having a radius of 2831.93 feet, convex to the Southeast, said arc being also the Westerly line of said original right of way 650.21 feet to the place of beginning, in Cook County, Illinois.

Except that part of said tract described as follows:

Commencing in the West line of said Section at a point 325.44 feet South of the North line of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section as measured along said West line; thence North along said West line, being also the center line of 96th Avenue, 325.44 feet to the North line of said Southwest 1/4; thence North along the center line of 96th Avenue, 227.37 feet; thence North 89 degrees 38 minutes 30 seconds East, 576.8 feet to the Westerly line of the original right of way of the Chicago and Strawn Railway; thence Southwesterly along said Westerly right of way line 674.09 feet to the point of intersection of said right of way line with a line drawn 325.44 feet South of and parallel with the North line of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section; thence West along said parallel line 205.56 feet to place of beginning.

And also excepting from said tract that part thereof lying West of the following described line:

Commencing in the West line of said Section at a point 325.44 feet South of the North line of the



Southwest 1/4 of said Section as measured along said West line; thence North along said West line, being also the center line of original 96th Avenue, 325.44 Feet to the North line of said Southwest 1/4; thence North along the center line of 96th Avenue, 227.37 feet; thence North 89 degrees 38 minutes 30 seconds East to a point 58.57 feet East of the West line of Section 3 (as measured along said last described line), said point being the point of beginning of the line being herein described; said line running thence Northeasterly a distance of 1832.28 feet to a point which is 127.65 feet East of, measured at right angles to, said West line of said Section, said point being the point of curvature of a curve convex to the East with a radius of 31,302.26 feet; thence continuing Northerly along said curve, a distance of 575 feet to a point in the North line of said Section 3, said point being 144.13 feet East of the Northwest corner of said Section 3, measured along said North line.

And also excepting from said tract that part thereof described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the North line of said Section 3, 57.95 feet West of the Northeast corner said West 1/2 Section 3, as measured along the North line said West 1/2 Section 3; said point being also the Westerly line of the original right of way Chicago and Strawn Railroad; running thence West along the North line said West 1/2 Section 3, 2,461.67 feet to the East line 96th Avenue (U. S. 45); thence South along the East line said 96th Avenue, a distance of 350 feet as measured on the arc of a circle having a radius of 31,252.26 feet; thence Southeasterly from said point 1,593.41 feet to the Westerly line of original Chicago and Strawn Railroad; thence Northeasterly along the arc of a circle having a radius of 2,897.93 feet, 19.40 feet to a point of tangency; thence continuing along a straight line tangent to the last described point 1,263.82 feet to a point of curvature to the North; thence Northeasterly along an arc of a circle having a radius of 2,831.93 feet, 651.50 feet to the place of beginning.

And also excepting from said tract that part of the following described premises lying East of the Easterly line of 96th Avenue (U. S. Route Number 45); beginning at a point on the West line of said Northwest 1/4 which is 275.66 feet South from the Northwest corner thereof and running thence Southeastwardly along a straight line which, if extended, intersects the South line of said Northwest 1/4 at a point 76.29 feet West from the South East corner thereof, (and which straight line at a distance of 180.58 feet), intersects the Easterly line of 96th Avenue (U. S. Route Number 45), at a point thereon which is 397.98 feet (measured along said Easterly line) Southerly from the North line of said Northwest 1/4 a total distance of 1,739.85 feet to its intersection with the Northwesterly line of the abandoned 66 foot right of way of the Wabash Railroad (formerly the right of way of the Chicago and Strawn Railroad), which last mentioned intersection is 54.60 feet (measured along said right of way line Southwesterly from a tangent point in said line) thence Southwestwardly along said Northwesterly right of way, being the arc of a circle having a radius of 2,897.93 feet and convex Northwesterly a distance of 210.09 feet to its intersection with a line 210 feet (measured perpendicularly) Southwesterly from and parallel with the above described straight line; thence Northwestwardly along the above described parallel line a distance of 1,553.93 feet to its intersection with said West line of the Northwest 1/4; and thence North along said West line of the Northwest 1/4, a distance of 283.30 feet to the point of beginning.

And also excepting from all of the aforesaid part of said West 1/2 of Section 3, any portion thereof lying Northeasterly of said line described as beginning at a point on the West line of said Northwest 1/4 which

is 275.66 feet South from the North West corner thereof and running thence Southeastwardly along a straight line (which if extended intersects the South line of said Northwest 1/4 at a point 76.29 feet from the Southeast corner thereof.

And also excepting therefrom the following 3 Parcels taken in Condemnation Case 2012L50293, an Agreed Order of which was recorded April 28, 2016 as document no. 1611945016,

That part of the West 1/2 of Section 3, Township 36 North, Range 12, East of the Third Principal Meridian, in Cook County, Illinois, described as follows:

Commencing at the Southwest corner of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 3; thence North 01 degrees 34 minutes 39 seconds West (bearings based on Illinois State Plane Coordinate System, East Zone, NAD 1983), 227.40 feet (227.37 feet recorded distance) along the West line of said Northwest ¼ to a point on the North line of Land described in Trustee's Deed recorded November 5, 2004 as document no. 0431049068; thence North 88 degrees 13 minutes 31 seconds East, 119.30 feet along said North line to the East right-of-way line of US Route 45 as per Condemnation Case 85L51078, said point being the point of beginning; thence North 00 degrees-09 minutes 14 seconds East, 389.08 feet along said East right-of-way line; thence South 89 degrees 50 minutes 46 seconds east; 3.33 feet; thence South 00 degrees 16 minutes 26 seconds East, 165.37 feet; thence North 89 degrees 43 minutes 34 seconds East; 10.00 ft; thence South 00 degrees 16 minutes 26 seconds East, 20.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 43 minutes 34 seconds West, 10.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 16 minutes 26 seconds East, 97.40 feet; thence South 00 degrees 17 minutes 56 seconds West, 106.14 feet; thence South 88 degrees 13 minutes 31 seconds West, 5.17 feet to the point of beginning.

That part of the West 1/2 of Section 3, Township 36 North, Range 12, East of the Third Principal Meridian, in Cook County, Illinois, described as follows:

Commencing at the Southwest corner of the Northwest 1/4 of said Section 3; thence North 01 degree 34 minutes 39 seconds West (bearings based on Illinois State Plane Coordinate System, East Zone, NAD 183) 227.40 feet (227.37 feet recorded distance) along the West line of said Northwest 1/4 to the North line of Land described in Trustee's Deed recorded November 5, 2004 as document no. 0431049068) thence North 88 degrees 13 minutes 31 seconds East, 119.30 feet along said North line to the East right-of-way line of US Route 45 as per Condemnation Case 85L51078; thence North 00 degrees 09 minutes 14 seconds East, 536.27 feet along said East right-of-way line to the point of beginning; thence continuing North 00 degrees 09 minutes 14 seconds East, 24.00 feet along said line; thence South 89 degrees 50 minutes 46 seconds East, 10.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 09 minutes 14 seconds West, 24.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 50 minutes 46 seconds West, 10.00 feet to the point of beginning.

That part of the West 1/2 of Section 3, Township 36 North, Range 12, East of the Third Principal Meridian, in Cook County, Illinois, described as follows:

Commencing at the Southwest corner of the Northwest 1/4 of said Section 3; thence North 01 degrees 34 minutes 39 seconds West (bearings based on Illinois State Plane Coordinate System, East Zone, NAD

1983) 227.40 feet (227.37 feet recorded distance) along the West line of said Northwest Quarter to the North line of Land described in Trustee's Deed recorded November 5, 2004 as document no. 0431049068; thence North 88 degrees 13 minutes 31 seconds East, 119.30 feet along said North line to the East right-of-way line of US Route 45 as per Condemnation Case 85L51078; thence North 00 degrees 09 minutes 14 seconds East, 1409.51 feet along said East right-of-way line; thence North 03 degrees 15 minutes 57 seconds West, 28.94 feet along said East right-of-way line to the point of beginning; thence continuing North 03 degrees 15 minutes 57 seconds West, 268.17 feet along said line to the Southwesterly line of an existing Commonwealth Edison Right-of-Way, thence South 49 degrees 24 minutes 35 seconds East, 21.98 feet along said Southwesterly line; thence South 00 degrees 19 minutes 08 seconds West; 253.44 feet to the point of beginning.

Parcel 2:

That part of the West Half (1/2) of Section 3, Township 36 North, Range 12, East of the Third Principal Meridian, described as follows:

Commencing in the West line of said Section at a point 325.44 feet South of the North line of the Southwest Quarter (1/4) of said Section, as measured along said West line; thence North along said West line, being also the center line of 96th Ave., 325.44 feet to the North line of said Southwest Quarter (1/4); thence North along the center line of 96th Ave., 227.35 feet; thence North 89 degrees, 38 minutes, 30 seconds East, 576.8 feet to the Westerly line of the original right of way of the Chicago and Strawn Railway; thence Southwesterly along said Westerly right of way line 674.09 feet to the point of intersection of said right of way line with a line drawn 325.44 feet South of and parallel with the North line of the Southwest Quarter (1/4) of said Section; thence West along said parallel line, 205.55 feet to the place of beginning, (except that part of said tract lying West of the following described line, beginning at a point in the South line of the above described property, said point being 50.00 feet East of the aforesaid West line of said Section, measured along said South line; thence North along a line running parallel to said West line of said Section, a distance of 72.82 feet to a point; thence Northeasterly 101.47 feet to a point which is 69.00 feet East of measured at right angles to said West line of said Section; thence North along a line running parallel to said West line of said Section, a distance of 200 feet to a point; thence Northwesterly 101.47 feet to a point which is 55.56 feet East of measured at right angles to said West line of said Section; thence Northeasterly 80 feet to a point in the North line of the aforementioned property, said point being 58.57 feet East of said West line of said Section, measured along said North line), in Cook County, Illinois.

And except for that part taken for the widening of 96th Avenue by the State of Illinois described as follows:

That part of the West Half of Section 3, Township 36 North, Range 12, East of the Third Principal Meridian, in Cook County, Illinois; described as follows: Commencing at the Northwest corner of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 3, thence on an assumed bearing of South 00 degrees 00 minutes 29 seconds West along the West line of said Southwest Quarter, 325.44 feet to a point in the South line of the North 10 acres of the West Half of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 3, thence North 89 degrees 50

minutes 31 seconds East along said South line, 50.00 feet to the point of beginning, being also the Easterly right of way line of 96th Avenue; thence North 00 degrees 02 minutes 07 seconds East along said Easterly right of way line, 72.82 feet; thence North 10 degrees 47 minutes 33 seconds East along said Easterly right of way line, 101.47 feet to a point distant Easterly 69.00 feet as measured at right angles to the West line of said Section 3; thence North 00 degrees 00 minutes 26 seconds East along said Easterly right of way line of 96th Avenue, 200 feet; thence North 07 degrees 36 minutes 53 seconds West along said Easterly right of way line 101.47 feet to a point distant Easterly 55.56 feet as measured at right angles to the West line of said Section 3; thence North 02 degrees 10 minutes 06 seconds East along said Easterly right of way line, 80.00 feet (deed) 79.80 feet (measured) to a point in the apparent North property line distant Easterly 58.57 feet as measured at right angles to the West line of said Section 3; thence North 89 degrees 50 minutes 31 seconds East along said apparent North property line 60.63 feet. thence South 01 degrees 44 minutes 27 seconds West, 553.11 feet to a point in the South line of said North 10 acres; thence South 89 degrees 50 minutes 31 seconds West along said South line, 52.47 feet to the point of beginning.

PINs: 27-03-100-005, 27-03-100-032, 27-03-300-004

SAID PARCELS CONTAINING 1,163,645 SQUARE FEET, OR 26.714 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 17

**Attachments:** OrlandParkDonationProperty\_Plat  
OrlandDonationProperty\_Aerial

**approve**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Quezada and Trevor (14)

**Absent:** Morrison and Stamps (2)

**Presented by:** EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

**PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT**

**Department:** Department of Planning and Development

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

**Request:** Authorization to execute agreement

**Goods or Services:** Conveyance of permanent and temporary easements and tree removal adjacent to the McGinnis Slough Forest preserve for road improvements associated with the proposed widening of a portion of 143rd Street, subject to donation of property to the Forest Preserves and other terms and conditions

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

**Agreement Period:** Agreement shall remain in effect until improvements are removed or abandoned.

**Fiscal Impact:** N/A. Waiver of compensation for the appraised value of the proposed permanent and temporary easements totaling \$18,200.00, and the value of up to one additional acre of permanent easement area if needed, and tree mitigation fees totaling \$392,663.39 is recommended in exchange for the donation of 26.7 acres of land and improvements with an appraised value of \$2,620,000.00 located just east of McGinnis Slough at 13951 LaGrange Road.

**Accounts:** N/A

**District(s):** 17

**Summary:** The Village is seeking conveyance of permanent easements on areas totaling 0.8 acres (34,920 square feet) and up to one (1) additional acre if needed for water quality improvements that have not yet been fully designed, and one temporary easement on 0.15 acres (6,600 square feet) for a 143rd Street roadway improvement project. In 2011, the Forest Preserves conveyed 1.5 acres of permanent easement for the same project to allow for an additional 17 feet of road right-of-way on a portion of 143rd Street west of Southwest Highway in exchange for donation of 13.9 acres of land and other valuable consideration. After more than a decade of planning, design and regulatory reviews, the Village is now seeking additional easements for various improvements relating to the road widening.

Permanent easement areas are needed for access to maintain proposed retaining walls, maintain existing drainage patterns, add new water quality Best Management Practices (“BMPs”), provide maintenance and grading next to a proposed multi-use path, and provide a new driveway to a public school on 143rd Street. The temporary easement is needed for temporary construction staging. Water quality improvements have not yet been fully designed. If, after review of more detailed engineering plans, additional area is needed to meet agreed performance standards, the proposed intergovernmental agreement would allow for conveyance of up to one additional acre of permanent easement area at the discretion of the General Superintendent.

The Village intends to assign the easements to the Illinois Department of Transportation (“IDOT”) and is seeking state and federal funding for IDOT to construct and maintain the roadway improvements in the easement areas except for initial maintenance of vegetation by the Village.

The project would require the removal of ninety (90) trees within the easement areas, with an estimated value of \$287,663.39 in addition to \$105,000.00 in tree mitigation fees associated with the prior conveyance of 1.5 acres of permanent easement in 2011. Waiver of tree mitigation fees and compensation for the appraised value of the easements is recommended in exchange for the donation of approximately 26.7 acres of property located just east of McGinnis Slough at 13951 LaGrange Road. The donated parcels feature extensive landscaping and site improvements, including a permeable pavement parking lot, a community gathering space, two overlook platforms and a 2,500-square-foot building.

The Parties agree that the mutual exchange of the easements by the Forest Preserves and donation property by the Village will not occur until both parties receive and approve the official acceptance documentation to be provided by IDOT regarding IDOT’s maintenance responsibilities. Final intergovernmental agreement is subject to legal review and approval. See also related Board Item No. 24-0269.

- Attachments:**     [Easement location maps](#)  
                              [Tree Mitigation Summary](#)  
                              [Donation parcel exhibit with photos](#)  
                              [LURSF Village of Orland Park -143rd St - Final](#)

**approve**

**Ayes:**                 Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Quezada and Trevor (14)

**Absent:**              Morrison and Stamps (2)

**LABOR COMMITTEE**

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

**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 THE CHICAGO JOURNEYMEN PLUMBERS LOCAL UNION 130, U.A.**

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

**WHEREAS**, on April 5, 2022, the Board of Commissioners approved the collective bargaining agreement negotiated between the Forest Preserves of Cook County and the Chicago Journeymen Plumbers Local Union 130, U.A. (Board Item No. 22-0129) with an amendment approved on January 24, 2023 (Board Item No. 22-0497) and such collective bargaining agreement will expire December 31, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, a Memorandum of Agreement has been entered into between the Forest Preserves of Cook County and the Chicago Journeymen Plumbers Local Union 130, U.A. to extend the term of the collective bargaining agreement through December 31, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, salary adjustments and prevailing wage increases will be approved pursuant to state law for the extended term; and

**WHEREAS**, the Memorandum of Agreement further allows Forest Preserves employees who are members of the Chicago Journeymen Plumbers Local Union 130, U.A. to be eligible for paid Parental Leave pursuant to the Cook County Bureau of Human Resources Parental Leave Policy, and addresses sick time accrual, holidays, and vehicle use 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 the Chicago Journeymen Plumbers Local Union 130.

**Attachments:** [MOA for 1-Year Extension of FPCC Plumbers](#)  
[CBA\\_FINAL](#)  
[Parental Leave Policy](#)

**approve**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Quezada and Trevor (14)

**Absent:** Morrison and Stamps (2)

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

**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 THE INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF PAINTERS AND ALLIED TRADES DISTRICT COUNCIL #14**

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

**WHEREAS**, on April 5, 2022, the Board of Commissioners approved the collective bargaining agreement negotiated between the Forest Preserves of Cook County and the International Brotherhood of Painters and Allied Trades District Council #14 (Board Item No. 22-0130) with an amendment approved on January 24, 2023 (Board Item No. 22-0497) and such collective bargaining agreement will expire December 31, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, a Memorandum of Agreement has been entered into between the Forest Preserves of Cook County and the International Brotherhood of Painters and Allied Trades District Council #14 to extend the term of the collective bargaining agreement through December 31, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, salary adjustments and prevailing wage increases will be approved pursuant to state law for the extended term; and

**WHEREAS**, the Memorandum of Agreement further allows Forest Preserves employees who are members of the International Brotherhood of Painters and Allied Trades District Council #14 to be eligible for paid Parental Leave pursuant to the Cook County Bureau of Human Resources Parental Leave Policy, and addresses sick time accrual, holidays, and vehicle use 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 the International Brotherhood of Painters and Allied Trades District Council #14.

**Attachments:**     [MOA for 1-Year Extension of FPCC Painters](#)  
                              [CBA\\_FINAL](#)  
                              [Parental Leave Policy](#)

**approve**

**Ayes:**                 Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Quezada and Trevor (14)

**Absent:**              Morrison and Stamps (2)



Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

**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 THE INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS, LOCAL 134**

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

**WHEREAS**, on April 5, 2022, the Board of Commissioners approved the collective bargaining agreement negotiated between the Forest Preserves of Cook County and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 134 (Board Item No. 22-0131) with an amendment approved on January 24, 2023 (Board Item No. 22-0497) and such collective bargaining agreement will expire December 31, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, a Memorandum of Agreement has been entered into between the Forest Preserves of Cook County and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 134 (“IBEW”) to extend the term of the collective bargaining agreement through December 31, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, salary adjustments and prevailing wage increases will be approved pursuant to state law for the extended term; and

**WHEREAS**, the Memorandum of Agreement further allows Forest Preserves employees who are members of IBEW to be eligible for paid Parental Leave pursuant to the Cook County Bureau of Human Resources Parental Leave Policy, and addresses sick time accrual, holidays, and vehicle use 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 International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 134.

**Attachments:**     [MOA for 1-Year Extension of FPCC Electricians](#)  
                              [CBA\\_FINAL](#)  
                              [Parental Leave Policy](#)

**approve**

**Ayes:**                 Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Quezada and Trevor (14)

**Absent:**               Morrison and Stamps (2)

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

**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 THE SHEET METAL, AIR, RAIL & TRANSPORTATION WORKERS (SMART), LOCAL NO. 73**

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

**WHEREAS**, on April 5, 2022, the Board of Commissioners approved the collective bargaining agreement negotiated between the Forest Preserves of Cook County and the Sheet Metal, Air, Rail & Transportation Workers (SMART), Local No. 73 (Board Item No. 22-0128) with an amendment approved on January 24, 2023 (Board Item No. 22-0497) and such collective bargaining agreement will expire December 31, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, a Memorandum of Agreement has been entered into between the Forest Preserves of Cook County and the Sheet Metal, Air, Rail & Transportation Workers (SMART), Local No. 73 to extend the term of the collective bargaining agreement through December 31, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, salary adjustments and prevailing wage increases will be approved pursuant to state law for the extended term; and

**WHEREAS**, the Memorandum of Agreement further allows Forest Preserves employees who are members of the Sheet Metal, Air, Rail & Transportation Workers (SMART), Local No. 73 to be eligible for paid Parental Leave pursuant to the Cook County Bureau of Human Resources Parental Leave Policy, and addresses sick time accrual, holidays, and vehicle use 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 the Sheet Metal, Air, Rail & Transportation Workers (SMART), Local No. 73.

**Attachments:**     [MOA for 1-Year Extension of FPCC SMART](#)  
                              [CBA\\_FINAL](#)  
                              [Parental Leave Policy](#)

**approve**

**Ayes:**                 Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Quezada and Trevor (14)

**Absent:**             Morrison and Stamps (2)

**ADJOURNMENT**

**adjourn**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, Quezada and Trevor (14)

**Absent:** S.Morrison (excused) and Stamps (excused) (2)

Respectfully submitted,



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Secretary

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