



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

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**Tuesday, September 22, 2020**

**10:00 AM**

**Virtual Meeting**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Present:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (17)

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

**Ben Durchslag**

**Ra Fyre, Pride ROC**

**PRESIDENT**

**Motion to suspend the rules to hold a Virtual Meeting**

**A motion was made by Commissioner LARRY SUFFREDIN, seconded by Commissioner SCOTT R. BRITTON, that this was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (17)

[20-0278](#)

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

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

**PUBLIC UTILITIES**

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, that Title 5, Public Utilities, Chapter 2, Franchises, Sections 5-2A-5 (Tree Mitigation) and 5-2B-5 (Tree Mitigation) of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code is hereby amended as follows:

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**Sec. 5-2A-5. Tree Mitigation.**

In accordance with the District's Tree Mitigation Plan adopted by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners on March 21, 2007 and as amended from time to time by the Board, an applicant for a license pursuant to Section 5-2A-1 shall include in its plan a survey indicating the species, size, and geospatial location of each live or dead tree to be removed and the proposed timeframe for removal, and designating plots across the proposed project corridor detailing concentrations of coarse woody debris to be impacted by the requested license. The District shall use this information to determine the total tree mitigation fee that shall be paid by the licensee.

~~All plans submitted will include a listing of all trees over four (4) inches in diameter breast height (DBH) that will be removed from FPD property as a result of construction of the proposed facilities. This list will include the DBH, common name, and species name for each tree to be removed. Plans will also indicate the location of the trees to be removed, identity of each individual tree and indicate that it is to be removed by showing an "X" through the tree symbol on the plans. The FPD will use this information to determine the tree mitigation fee using the FPD's tree mitigation plan as adopted by the Board of Forest Preserve District Commissioners on March 21, 2007, and as further amended by the Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners.~~

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**Sec. 5-2B-5. Tree Mitigation.**

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~~All plans submitted will include a listing of all trees over four (4) inches in diameter breast height (DBH) that will be removed from FPD property as a result of construction of the proposed facilities. This list will include the DBH, common name, and species name for each tree to be removed. Plans will also indicate the location of the trees to be removed, identity of each individual tree and indicate that it is to be removed by showing an "X" through the tree symbol on the plans. The FPD will use this information to determine the tree mitigation fee using the FPD's tree mitigation plan as adopted by the Board of Forest Preserve District Commissioners on March~~

21, 2007, and as further amended by the Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners.

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**Effective date:** This ordinance shall be in effect as of November 1, 2020.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 20-0278. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (17)

**OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT**

[20-0279](#)

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

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**TO APPROVE AND ADOPT AN AMENDED TREE MITIGATION PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, on March 21, 2007, the Board of Commissioners approved the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) Tree Mitigation Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 13, 2016, the Forest Preserves Board of Commissioners approved an amendment to the Tree Mitigation Plan per Board Items #16-0233 and #16-0308; and

**WHEREAS**, the Forest Preserves utilizes the Tree Mitigation Plan as a tool to determine the value of trees that are lost due to the issuance of licenses affecting Forest Preserves property; and

**WHEREAS**, proposed amendments to the Tree Mitigation Plan allow the Forest Preserves to more accurately ascertain impacts to Forest Preserves resources resulting from land use requests by external entities, compensate the Forest Preserves for those impacts more appropriately according to recognized industry standards, and clarify procedural steps required for application of the Tree Mitigation Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, proposed changes include: 1) the addition of mitigation requirements for dead trees and downed coarse woody debris within the construction zone, and 2) adjustments to the formulae used to affix values to live trees; and

**WHEREAS**, the current Tree Mitigation Plan requires license applicants only to mitigate removal of live trees and does not account for dead trees or coarse woody debris. Incorporating these elements into the Tree Mitigation Plan assigns a value to the ecosystem benefits provided by these resources - as habitat for flora and fauna as well as crucial components of soil regeneration and nutrient recycling - and allows the Forest Preserves to receive compensation for their loss; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed revised plan increases the multiplier assigned to a tree's location rating in the valuation formula to distinguish between trees removed from a standard preserve and those from designated Illinois Nature Preserves or Land and Water Reserves, which represent some of the highest quality ecosystems in our State. This increase better reflects the true value of trees within a natural landscape and reinforces the Forest Preserves' stance as a conservation organization; and

**WHEREAS**, proposed additional changes include accommodations for deferred tree removals and projects with extended timelines, and provide for the periodic reassessment of tree mitigation fees in accordance with the Consumer Price Index and published industry market rates; and

**WHEREAS**, revenue generated through tree mitigation is utilized to support ecological restoration within the Forest Preserves.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by Toni Preckwinkle, President, and the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserves of Cook County that the proposed amended Tree Mitigation Plan, which includes the ability of the Forest Preserves to periodically reassess or increase fees, is hereby adopted by resolution and shall be effective beginning November 1, 2020.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Forest Preserves shall immediately publish on its website the amended Tree Mitigation Plan as adopted by the Board.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 20-0279. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (17)

[20-0297](#)

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

**PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

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

**Vendor:** L.L. BEAN, Freeport, Maine

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Recreational classes

**Original Contract Period:** 1/1/2017 - 1/1/2020 including two (2) one-year extension options

**Proposed Contract Period Extension:** 1/2/2020 (retroactive) - 12/31/2020 with a one-year optional extension to be exercised at the discretion of the General Superintendent

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** N/A (Revenue Generating)

**Original Approval:** 11/15/2016

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

**This Increase Requested:** N/A

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** \$10,000.00 (Revenue Generating)

**Accounts:** Corporate Concession Revenue 51001.411317

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

**Concurrences:**

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

**District(s):** Districtwide

**Summary:** This proposed contract modification allows L.L. BEAN to continue providing outdoor recreation and nature-based activities including hiking, biking, camping, archery, and snowshoeing and to serve as a partner at Forest Preserves hosted events. In lieu of permit fees, L.L. BEAN will compensate the Forest Preserves with 20% of all registration fees collected from their participants for all courses conducted in the Forest Preserves. The Forest Preserves has received \$17,297.21 since the start of this agreement. Participants of L.L. BEAN courses will also receive extensive environmental education to promote awareness of the Forest Preserves and their positive impact on communities and quality of life. Final amendment to extend the contract is subject to legal review and approval. While L.L. Bean has

conducted several events in August of 2020 via permit, it has not conducted recreational classes under this contract in 2020 (due to the COVID-19 pandemic). L.L. BEAN anticipates resuming operations under this contract in September of 2020.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 20-0297. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (17)

[20-0303](#)

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

**PROPOSED PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT**

**Request:** Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to enter into a Partnership Agreement with Chicago Department of Public Health, Chicago, Illinois; Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, Chicago, Illinois; Chicago Park District, Chicago, Illinois; Illinois Arborist Association, Antioch, Illinois; Illinois Green Industry Association, Springfield, Illinois; Illinois Landscape Contractors Association, Oakbrook, Illinois; Metropolitan Mayors Caucus, Chicago, Illinois; Metropolitan Water Reclamation District, Chicago, Illinois; The Morton Arboretum, Lisle, Illinois; Openlands, Chicago, Illinois; The Nature Conservancy, Chicago, Illinois; TREE Fund, Naperville, Illinois; and the United States Forest Service. Additional entities who wish to participate may be added to the partnership agreement at the discretion of the General Superintendent.

**Reason:** The Forest Preserves desires authorization to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) to collaborate on the implementation of the Chicago Region Trees Initiative Master Plan.

The Forest Preserves of Cook County is a lead partner and a member of the Executive Advisory Council of the Chicago Region Trees Initiative (“CRTI”), a partnership of over 90 organizations and agencies committed to leveraging their knowledge, resources, and expertise to build a healthier, more diverse regional forest. The CRTI identifies issues facing trees and coordinates action to ensure that the region’s trees and forests are healthier, more abundant, more diverse, and more equitably distributed to provide needed benefits to the people and communities of the Chicago metropolitan region.

To that end, the Chicago Region Trees Initiative Master Plan (“Plan”) has established overarching goals focused on inspiring people to value trees, increase the Chicago region’s tree canopy, reduce threats to trees, and enhance oak ecosystems by 2050. The Plan has been developed to coincide with and support individual stakeholder needs, goals, and strategies to create a more resilient urban forest.

The proposed MOU affirms the Forest Preserves’ commitment to support the vision of the CRTI and the CRTI Master Plan through continued information sharing and leadership, to the extent that it coincides with the mission of the Forest Preserves. Projects that require the Forest Preserves to expend funds will either be brought to the Forest Preserves’ Board of Commissioners for approval or separately contracted

for in accordance with the Forest Preserves' Procurement Code.

**Contract period:** Five (5) year initial term, with continuous five (5) year renewals to be exercised at the discretion of the General Superintendent. In no event will the contract extend beyond 12/31/2050. Mutual agreement is specified for early termination.

**Fiscal Impact:** N/A

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

**Concurrences:**

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

**District(s):** Districtwide

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 20-0303. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

**Present:** Aguilar (1)

[20-0317](#)

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

## **PROPOSED PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT**

**Request:** Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") to enter into a Partnership Agreement with Friends of the Chicago River, Chicago, Illinois.

**Reason:** Friends of the Chicago River has received a grant from the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation via the Chi-Cal Rivers Fund in the amount of \$272,783.00 to support a second phase of restoration along Crooked Creek, a tributary of the Cal-Sag Channel located within the Palos-Sag Valley region of the Forest Preserves in southwest Cook County. The Forest Preserves proposes to provide an amount not-to-exceed \$250,000.00 in direct match towards completion of this project.

The project will restore the waterway's natural system of infiltration by removing invasive plants across 189 acres and allowing native plants to enhance absorbance. This will lead to improved water quality, decreased storm water volume entering Crooked Creek, and improved habitat for wildlife. This project leverages \$492,668.96 in previous grant-related work dedicated to this waterway (Agenda Item 19-0118).

Total budget costs for this project are \$522,783.00, of which the Forest Preserves proposes to contribute

\$250,000.00 in cash match representing an approximate 48% match. This match is being partially met through brush clearing work at White Oak Woods and Pioneer Woods throughout 2020-2023.

**Contract period:** Date of execution - 12/1/2023

**Fiscal Impact:** Not to exceed \$250,000.00 in direct match

**Account(s):** Professional Services 51058.520830, 51051.520830, 51028.520830 and all future Professional Services; Special or Co-op Programs 51058.521313, 51051.521313, 51028.521313 and all future Special or Co-op Programs; and Grant and Mitigation 51010.521444

**Concurrences:**

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

**District(s):** 17

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 20-0317. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (17)

[20-0319](#)

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

**PROPOSED PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT**

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

**Reason:** The Forest Preserves desires to partner with the Nazurus Foundation to facilitate ecological restoration in the Palos preserves in southwest Cook County. Time and resources contributed by the Nazurus Foundation will be used generally for restoration activities, approved by the Forest Preserves, including but not limited to invasive species control, brush removal, herbicide application, and native seed dispersal at various sites. The Nazurus Foundation plans to contribute services valued at up to \$50,000.00 per year, at no cost to the Forest Preserves.

The work conducted by the Nazurus Foundation will supplement work being done by the Forest Preserves in the Palos region to connect restored sites together, improving habitat connectivity and bolstering the Forest Preserves’ effectiveness. They will also assist with follow-up treatments/maintenance of locations where work was previously completed, ensuring the longevity of restoration projects. Funding and contractual management services will be provided by the Foundation, at no direct cost to the Forest



Preserves.

The Nazurus Foundation has a mission to partner with local governments and not-for-profit organizations in the southwest Chicagoland region to preserve and restore the native biodiversity of natural lands. The Forest Preserves wishes to partner with the Nazurus Foundation to assist in coordinating the proposed restoration activities. All projects will be subject to review and approval by the Forest Preserves prior to proceeding.

**Contract period:** Date of execution - 12/31/2025

**Fiscal Impact:** N/A. The Forest Preserves may provide in-kind staff support for the planning, implementation, and monitoring of projects.

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

**Concurrences:**

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

**District(s):** 17

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 20-0319. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (17)

[20-0315](#)

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

**PROPOSED GRANT AWARD AMENDMENT**

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

**Grantee:** Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves")

**Grantor:** Illinois Department of Natural Resources

**Request:** Authorization to extend the grant period

**Purpose:** Authorization is sought for the Forest Preserves to extend the grant period of a previously approved federal grant of \$100,000.00 through the Coastal Management Program (CMP) from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to support development of a Conservation and Youth Outdoor

Ambassador crew at Beaubien Woods located in the City of Chicago. The grant extension was requested due to COVID-19 restrictions which prevented the Forest Preserves from safely implementing the project during the spring and summer of 2020.

**Supplemental Grant Amount:** N/A

**Grant Period:** 4/30/2020 - 5/1/2021

**Extension Period:** 5/2/2021 - 5/1/2022

**Fiscal Impact:** N/A

**Accounts:** N/A

**Date of Previous Board Authorization for Grant:** 2/25/2020 (Agenda Item 20-0114)

**Previous Grant Amount:** \$100,000.00 with a not to exceed match of \$102,380.00 (\$90,380.00 in-kind match plus \$12,000.00 in anticipated additional grant funds)

**Concurrences:**

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

**District(s):** 4, 5

**Summary:** Due to COVID-19 the Forest Preserves was not able to safely conduct the Beaubien Woods Conservation and Youth Outdoor Ambassador program in 2020. The program will be conducted in partnership with Friends of the Forest Preserves who will hire teens, ages 14-19, from the surrounding residential communities, to engage in a paid employment program. Hired teens will focus on leading educational and recreational activities that highlight the unique ecological assets of Beaubien Woods and the Calumet River. This project is anticipated to begin in the fall of 2020. The total project cost is \$202,380.00. Final amendment is subject to legal review and approval.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 20-0315. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (17)

[20-0318](#)

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

**PROPOSED GRANT AWARD RENEWAL**

**Department:** Department of Resource Management

**Grantee:** Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves")

**Grantor:** The Nature Conservancy via the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

**Request:** Authorization to renew grant

**Purpose:** To provide additional time to complete Millennium Reserve Phase III grant activities, utilizing funds from The Nature Conservancy through the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's Save Our Great Lakes Program in support of habitat restoration at Thornton-Lansing Road Nature Preserve in Lansing and other sites within the Calumet region. This renewal is for an extension in time only; there is no additional cost or adjustment to the award amount.

**Grant Amount:** \$170,000.00, per the original award. There is no additional grant funding associated with the renewal.

**Grant Period:** 3/19/2019 - 11/30/2020 originally; proposed extension 12/1/2020 - 9/30/2021

**Fiscal Impact:** \$170,000.00 match, per the original award. There is no additional cost associated with the renewal.

**Accounts:** Professional Services 51058.520830, 51051.520830, 51028.520830 and all future Professional Services; Special or Co-op Programs 51058.521313, 51051.521313, 51028.521313 and all future Special or Co-op Programs; Grant Match and Work Fund 51009.521440; Grant and Mitigation 51010.521444

**Most Recent Date of Board Authorization for Grant:** 9/11/2018

**Most Recent Grant Amount:** \$170,000.00

**Concurrences:**

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

**District(s):** 4, 6

**Summary:** On 9/11/2018, the Forest Preserves' Board of Commissioners approved the acceptance of grant funding from The Nature Conservancy via the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to restore coastal wetlands in the Calumet region (Board Item #18-0340). The Forest Preserves were sub-awarded a portion of these funds to complete 56 acres of wetland restoration at Thornton-Lansing Road Nature Preserve in south Cook County, in addition to 18 acres of wetland swale and adjacent upland habitat at Powderhorn Prairie and Marsh Nature Preserve in Burnham.

A no-cost extension of the grant is being requested to allow for remaining restoration tasks to be completed under suitable conditions to minimize impacts to the surrounding landscape, and facilitate supplemental monitoring activities. Total project costs for the Forest Preserves' portion of the project are \$340,000.00, with a 50/50 match contribution by each partner.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 20-0318. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (17)

[20-0320](#)

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

**PROPOSED GRANT AWARD**

**Department:** Department of Resource Management

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

**Grantor:** Forest Preserve Foundation

**Request:** Authorization to accept grant and to enter into agreement

**Purpose:** Resilient Communities Program for ecological restoration at Sweet Woods

**Grant Amount:** \$252,500.00

**Grant Period:** Date of execution - 10/10/2022

**Fiscal Impact:** \$325,000.00 match

**Accounts:** Professional Services 51058.520830, 51051.520830, 51028.520830 and all future Professional Services; Special or Co-op Programs 51058.521313, 51051.521313, 51028.521313 and all future Special or Co-op Programs; Grant and Mitigation 51010.521444

**Concurrences:**

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

**District(s):** 6

**Summary:** The Forest Preserve Foundation has received a \$325,000.00 Resilient Communities Program grant administered via a partnership between the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and Wells Fargo. The Forest Preserves has been sub-awarded a portion of these funds to support 180 acres of ecological restoration at Sweet Woods preserve in the Village of Thornton in southeastern Cook County.

Sweet Woods is a rich woodland bisected by Thorn Creek. Restoration will include removal of invasive brush and herbaceous weeds from the dunes and floodplain of this preserve. This work builds on ongoing

restoration work at the adjacent Wampum Lake and Thornton-Lansing Road preserves.

The Resilient Communities Program is designed to prepare for future environmental challenges by enhancing community capacity to plan and implement resiliency projects and improve the protections afforded by natural ecosystems by investing in green infrastructure and other measures.

The Forest Preserves will receive \$252,500.00 in grant funds from the Forest Preserve Foundation, which plans to grant an additional \$40,000.00 to Greencorps Chicago for supplemental work to be conducted on Forest Preserves property. Total project cost for work dedicated to Forest Preserves property is \$617,500.00, of which the Forest Preserves proposes to contribute \$325,000.00 or an approximately 53% cash match. The grant award will require the execution of a grant agreement, which will be subject to legal review and approval.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 20-0320. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (17)

[20-0316](#)

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

**PROPOSED CONTRACT**

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

**Vendor:** Little Tykes Farm LLC, Woodstock, Illinois

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Hay farming at Spring Creek, Paul Douglas, Ned Brown Meadow, and Horizon Farms

**Contract Value:** \$9,009.00 (Revenue Generating)

**Contract period:** 9/22/2020 - 9/21/2021, with two (2) one-year renewal options to be exercised at the discretion of the General Superintendent.

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** Revenue generation of up to \$9,009.00 over the three (3) year term

**Account(s):** Revenue Generating

**Contract Number(s):** Project #20RM 106-R issued under Solicitation #20-31-005734

**Concurrences:**

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

**District(s):** 15

**Summary:** Historically, hay farming has taken place on land owned by the Forest Preserves. This practice allows the Forest Preserves to generate revenue, while simultaneously preventing invasive plant species from overtaking fallow land. It is the Forest Preserves’ intention to restore fallow land wherever possible and these farming practices are a good method to retain manageable conditions until a restoration project can take place on the site. The contract term for hay cutting is a period of one (1) year, with two (2) one-year renewal options to be exercised at the discretion of the General Superintendent. This allows the Forest Preserves an option to discontinue farming practices in order to restore these lands to a natural condition. Mowing activities are only permitted after August 1st each year to minimize disturbance of nesting birds.

Project #20RM 106 was originally issued under Solicitation #20-31-05331, but was rebid due to non-response. Little Tykes Farm LLC was the sole bidder and responsible bidder for the four (4) locations listed below for a total potential revenue generation over the next three (3) years of \$9,009.00. A restoration access permit was granted to Little Tykes Farm LLC for the initial mowing season in 2020. Final agreement is subject to legal review and approval.

<u>Site</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Revenue</u>
Spring Creek	124 ac	\$1,860.00
Paul Douglas	181 ac	\$2,715.00
Ned Brown Meadow	123 ac	\$369.00
Horizon Farms	271 ac	\$4,065.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>699 ac</b>	<b>\$9,009.00</b>

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 20-0316. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (17)

[20-0321](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, 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 Illinois State Archaeological Survey, Grantee, to locate, operate and maintain approximately 200 square feet of workspace in the property commonly known as Rolling Knolls Pavilion, 11N260 Rohrssen Road, Elgin, Illinois.

**Reason:** The Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners approved the original License on May 21, 2019 (Board Item #19-0213). The Forest Preserves now seeks to amend the original License to permit overnight parking for one (1) vehicle at Rolling Knolls Pavilion, or one (1) of the following alternate locations to facilitate partnered operations:

Northwest Resource Management, 640 Cosman Road, Elk Grove Village, Illinois  
Salt Creek Resource Management, 500 Ogden Avenue, Western Springs, Illinois

No other changes to the terms of the original License are being proposed.

**Term:** 10/7/2019 - 12/31/2022

**License Fee:** N/A

**License Application Fee:** N/A

**YELAR Fee:** N/A

**Tree Mitigation Fee:** N/A

**The area of the License is:** Approximately 200 square feet

**Concurrence(s):**

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

**District(s):** 15

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 20-0321. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (17)

[20-0323](#)

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

**PROPOSED BID RECOMMENDATION**



**Department:** Department of Planning and Development

**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to enter into a construction contract with AGAE Contractors, Inc., primary place of business Chicago, Illinois, for shelter repairs at Busse Woods Groves #17, #18 and #24 near Elk Grove Village, Schiller Woods East Grove #14 in Chicago and Brezina Woods Grove #2 in La Grange Park.

**Reason:** Contract #74000008255 issued under Solicitation #20-80-005771, Project #20-80-19 Shelter Repairs at Various Locations, includes painting, selective replacement or patching of roof decking and roof covering and other related work as specified in the plans and specifications. Repairs to shelters at Busse Woods would be partially funded by a grant from Nicor Gas relating to a 2019 license for pipeline relocation (Board Item 19-0284).

**Bid Opening Date:** 8/14/2020

**Bid Results:**

Firm	Base Bid
1. E. Ariel Roofing Solutions LLC	\$91,310.00*
2. AGAE Contractors, Inc.	\$281,140.00
3. MAG Construction Co.	\$362,395.00
4. L. Marshall, Inc.	\$365,000.00
5. Blinderman Construction Co., Inc.	\$384,910.00
6. Robe, Inc.	\$388,700.15
7. Path Construction Co., Inc.	\$418,125.00

\*Bid was incomplete and determined to be non-responsive.

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** \$281,140.00

**Contract Period:** Two hundred ten (210) days after issuance of Notice to Proceed

**Accounts:** Property Maintenance and Operations 51010.560105 and 51027.560105

**District:** 9, 15, 16

**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.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 20-0323. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

**Present:** Moore (1)

[20-0325](#)

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

**REPORT**

**Department:** Departments of Legal and Finance

**Request:** Receive and File

**Report Title:** Workers' Compensation Reports - June 2020 and July 2020

**Report Period:** 6/1/2020 - 7/31/2020

**Summary:** Per Board Resolution 19-0509 (12/17/2019), the Forest Preserves of Cook County Departments of Legal and Finance are submitting Workers' Compensation Claim Payments for the months of June and July of 2020.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to receive and filed 20-0325. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (17)

[20-0330](#)

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

**PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

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

**Vendor:** Antares Golf Management, Inc. (formerly Billy Casper Golf), Reston, Virginia

**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") to modify,

extend and increase contract

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Indoor Room Rental Management

**Original Contract Period:** 10/16/2018 - 10/15/2021; with the option for two (2), one-year extensions

**Proposed Contract Period Extension:** 10/16/2021 - 10/15/2022; with the option for two (2), one-year extensions to be exercised at the discretion of the General Superintendent

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$809,696.20

**Original Approval:** 10/16/2018, \$809,696.20

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

**This Increase Requested:** \$804,996.90

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** FY 2021 \$200,000.00, FY 2022 \$283,935.30, FY 2023 \$294,456.80, FY 2024 \$305,544.80

**Accounts:** Professional Services 51001.520850

**Contract Number(s):** 18-40-425

**Concurrences:**

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

**District(s):** 4, 9, 10, 15, 17

**Summary:** Due to restrictions enacted by the State of Illinois as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Forest Preserves intends to reduce its indoor room rental offerings in 2021. Only the three (3) most frequently rented sites will be available for public use (Matthew Bieszczat Volunteer Resource Center, Thatcher Woods Pavilion, and Dan Ryan Woods Pavilion). Antares Golf Management, Inc. (formerly Billy Casper Golf) has agreed to reduce its management fee by 50% for 2021. The contract is also being extended by one (1) additional year to reflect this change.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 20-0330. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (17)

[20-0310](#)

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

**PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

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

**Vendor:** Fox Run Group, Allentown, New Jersey

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Sponsorship

**Original Contract Period:** 5/19/2020 - 12/31/2022; with two (2) two-year optional extensions to be exercised at the discretion of the General Superintendent

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

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** N/A (Revenue Generating)

**Original Approval:** 5/19/2020

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

**This Increase Requested:** Not to Exceed \$150,000.00. Contract is revenue generating, however, the Forest Preserves seeks authorization to remit payment to the Fox Run Group of 10% of the retail value of any accepted in-kind contributions solicited and obtained by the Fox Run Group on behalf of the Forest Preserves.

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** Not to Exceed \$150,000.00

**Accounts:** Professional Services 51001.520850

**Contract Number(s):** 19-40-431-R

**Concurrences:**

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

**District(s):** Districtwide

**Summary:** This proposed contract modification allows the Forest Preserves to remit payment to Fox Run Group of 10% of the retail value of any accepted in-kind contributions solicited and obtained by the Fox Run Group. Such in-kind contributions can include products, goods or services provided to the Forest Preserves in exchange for sponsorship benefits.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 20-0310. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (17)

[20-0331](#)

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

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

Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Litigation -09/22/2020 N/A

Proposed Settlements Approved Fiscal Year 2020 to Present: \$766,748.87

Proposed Settlements to Be Approved: \$0.00

Legal Fees Approved Fiscal Year 2020 to Present: \$458,134.88

Legal Fees for 09/22/2020 to Be Approved: \$96,158.47

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 20-0331. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (17)

[20-0332](#)

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

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

Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Workers' Compensation -09/22/2020 N/A

Workers' Compensation Claims approved Fiscal Year 2020 to present: \$238,745.67

Workers' Compensation Claims to Be Approved: \$38,486.30

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 20-0332. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (17)

[20-0333](#)

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

**REPORT**

**Department:** Department of Finance and Administration

**Request:** Receive and File

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

**Report Period:** 1/1/2020 - 7/31/2020

**Summary:** Detailed Fund Analysis of Revenue and Expenditures for July 2020.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to receive and filed 20-0333. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (17)

[20-0334](#)

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

**REPORT**

**Department:** Department of Finance and Administration

**Request:** Receive and File

**Report Title:** Procurement and Disbursements Report

**Report Period:** 6/1/2020 - 7/31/2020

**Summary:** Submitting the Procurement and Disbursements Report for the period of June and July 2020. The report is to be received and filed in compliance with Section 1-8-2 (BB) of the District's Code of Ordinances.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to receive and filed 20-0334. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (17)

[20-0335](#)

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

## REPORT

**Department:** Department of Finance and Administration

**Request:** Receive and File

**Report Title:** Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (the "CAFR")

**Report Period:** Fiscal Year Ending 12/31/2019

**Summary:** The CAFR has been prepared by the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") for the fiscal year ending 12/31/2019. The report has been prepared in accordance with the principles and standards for financial reporting set forth by the Government Accounting Standards Board and audited by a firm of independent auditors retained by the Forest Preserves.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to receive and filed 20-0335. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (17)

[20-0340](#)

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

## PROPOSED DISBURSEMENT

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

**Action:** Authorization to disburse payment

**Payee:** Stantec Consulting Services, Lombard, Illinois

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Comprehensive habitat enhancement services - Central Region

**Fiscal Impact:** \$300,677.09

**Accounts:** Professional Services 51028.520830, 51058.520830, 51051.520830 and 51009.520830, Grant & Mitigation Accounts 51010.521444

**Contract Number(s):** #74000003824 issued under project #18-31-101C

**District(s):** Districtwide

**Summary:** Payment for expenses related to execution of comprehensive habitat enhancement services provided by Stantec Consulting Services, including invasive species and brush removal operations, pursuant to the Habitat Enhancement Services contract approved by the Forest Preserves of Cook County's Board of Commissioners on 7/26/2018 (Agenda Item 18-0299).

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 20-0340. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (17)

[20-0341](#)

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

**PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT**

**Department:** Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves")

**Other Part(ies):** Cook County Department of Emergency Management and Regional Security

**Request:** Authorization to enter into Intergovernmental Agreement with the Cook County Department



of Emergency Management and Regional Security.

**Goods or Services:** The Forest Preserves' Sand Ridge Nature Center will serve as a public distribution location for a Cook County-led cloth face covering distribution initiative.

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

**Agreement Period:** This Agreement shall be effective upon signing and will remain in effect for the duration of the current COVID-19 disaster proclamation for Cook County.

**Fiscal Impact:** N/A

**Accounts:** N/A

**District(s):** Districtwide

**Summary:** The Cook County Department of Emergency Management and Regional Security is facilitating a pilot program to procure and distribute cloth face coverings to its most in-need populations through a variety of local organizations and has requested the Forest Preserves' assistance with this initiative. Sand Ridge Nature Center is located near vulnerable communities considered most at-risk of the impacts of COVID-19 and will serve as a distribution location for members of the public to pick up cloth face coverings.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 20-0341. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (17)

[20-0343](#)

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

SECRETARY TO THE BOARD, Matthew B. DeLeon, presented in printed form a record of the Journal of Proceedings of the regular meeting held on July 28,2020.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to approve 20-0343. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (17)

[20-0130](#)

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

**PROPOSED CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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

**Summary:** Forest Preserves of Cook County Calendar- 9/22/2020 - 10/20/2020

Please check [fpcc.com/events](http://fpcc.com/events) for updates and changes.

**Tuesday, 9/22; 1pm (Facebook Live)**

**Ask a Bird Nerd, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Have you ever had a question about birds? Do you wish you knew how to get started birding? How about how to get more birds to your yard? Program Specialist Jessica Becker is here to help! Catch her live as she answers your most burning questions regarding the birds of Cook County. Questions can be pre-submitted in the discussion section of the event page, otherwise questions can be asked live.

**Wednesday, 9/23; 7pm (Via Zoom)**

**Basic Nature Photography Workshop, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Learn basic composition techniques to improve your skills. *Register by email on River Trail website or call 847-824-8360. Please provide an email address for Zoom invitation.*

**Thursday, 9/24; 2pm (Facebook Live)**

**Whoodunnit?, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Help us solve a mystery by examining clues and evidence of some predatory behavior.

**Thursday, 9/24; 10 am**

**S.E.N.I.O.R.S., Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs**

Join us for a nature inspired adventure for seniors. *Ages 55 and older. Registration and facemasks required.*

**Thursday 9/24; 8am**

**Bird Walk, Eggers Grove, Chicago**

Join a naturalist for a walk while looking for local birds. *Registration and facemasks required. Call 312-415-2970.*

**Friday, 9/25; 9:30am -10am; 10:30am - 11am**

**Meet a Box Turtle, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs**

Learn about turtles and view a resident box turtle up close. *Registration and facemasks required.*

**Friday, 9/25; 12pm****Comfort, Calmness, and Conservation, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs**

Comfort, Calmness, and Conservation is a program geared towards therapeutic release. The public will engage in activities that help release stress, anxiety, and depression while also bringing entertainment, awareness of self, and exposure to the nature around them. *Registration and facemasks required.*

**Friday, 9/25; 7pm****River Trail Nightlife: Night Hike, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Learn basic composition techniques to improve your skills. *Limited space available. Registration required by calling 847-824-8360. Facemasks required.*

**Saturday, 9/26; All Day, various locations****Party for the Preserves: Choose your own adventure. (TBD)**

Celebrate National Public Lands Day at the Country's first forest preserve! Stop by one, or all, of our six Nature Centers for self-guided and staff-guided activities & programs throughout the day. Make sure to participate in our **Self Organized Litter Obliterators (SOLO)** stewardship program as a way celebrate National Public Lands Day and give back to the preserves- Litter Obliterator Kits will be available at all locations. Stop by the welcome tables at each site upon arrival. *Facemasks required. Registration may be required for certain programs - see details below.*

Self-guided activities from 2 to 6 pm at Bemis Woods, in Westchester; Forest Way Grove in Skokie and Kickapoo Woods in Riverdale

Activities at the Campgrounds from 6 to 9 pm. Check out the events page for more information.

**Saturday, 9/26; 10am- 11am****Hiding in Plain Sight, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs**

Come to our demonstration to see how chromatophores work as an adaptation in amphibians. Part of Party for the Preserves. *Registration and facemasks required.*

**Saturday, 9/26; 1:30pm****Powerwalk the Burnham Greenway, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Enjoy a 3.75-mile walk exploring this regional trail and its connections to trail systems across the country. Part of Party for the Preserves. *Registration and facemasks required. Register by phone (708-868-0606), in person at our nature center (7 days a week 8am-4pm), or via email.*

**Saturday, 9/26; 7pm****Earth, Wind and Fire!, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Enjoy an interactive evening by the fire as we learn more about the key elements of earth, wind and fire. Please bring a chair or blanket. Part of Party for the Preserves. *Registration and facemasks required. Register by phone (708-868-0606), in person at our nature center (7 days a week 8am-4pm), or via email.*

**Sunday, 9/27; 11am (ofrecido en español a las 11:30am/offered in Spanish at 11:30am) (Facebook Live)**

**Hawk Talk and Feeding, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs**

Join in on Facebook Live for lunch with Jasper, our Red-Tailed Hawk Ambassador.

**Charla y alimentación de halcón**

Únase a Facebook Live para almorzar con Jasper, nuestro embajador del halcón de cola roja.

**Sunday, 9/27; 1pm**

**Crabtree History, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills**

Walk through time as we discuss the early days and creation of the site we know and love as Crabtree Nature Center. Length will be about a mile. *Ages 18 and up. Registration and facemask required.*

**Sunday, 9/27; 7am - 9am**

**Birding Basics: In person Bird Watching, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Use the information learned during the Birding Basics ZOOM (on 9/21) to increase your birdwatching skills just in time for the fall birding season. *Adults and children ages 10 and up (with adult.) Limited space available. Registration required by calling 847-824-8360. Facemasks required.*

**Sunday, 9/27; 1:30pm**

**Fungi Identification Hike, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Join a naturalist on a casual hike as we look for examples of the various groups of fungi found in the Preserves. A special emphasis will be on key field characteristics. *Register at 708-366-6530. Adults only. Registration and facemasks required.*

**Sunday, 9/27; 1pm**

**Fall Nature Walk - In-Person Program, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Enjoy a casual stroll with a naturalist along Sagawau's trails. *Registration and facemasks required.*

**Tuesday, 9/29; 10am (Facebook Live)**

**Small Serendipity, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

River Trail's Ranger staff talks with you about nature and provides you with instructions for making a craft at home. Supplies for craft at home are available at River Trail for pick up, if needed starting 9/26.

**Wednesday, 9/30; 5pm**

**Ecology Walk through South Creek Nature Preserve, Bemis Woods- North, Westchester**

Discover this high-quality, designated Illinois Nature Preserve during a 2.5-mile guided walk. *Call 312-533-5751 to register. Facemasks required.*

**Sunday-Friday, 10/4 - 9, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs**

**55th Annual Virtual Art and Craft Fair**

The Little Red Schoolhouse is holding our annual fair virtually this year. Check our Facebook page daily to see vendor listings along with art themed activities and demonstrations. Learn how vendors create their art and watch Facebook Live demonstrations.

**Wednesday, 10/7; 4:30**

**Woodworking with Invasives: Buckthorn Hiking Stick, Crabtree Nature Center**

Come out and build with invasive species! Must bring gloves. All other equipment provided. Ages 12 & up. *Registration and facemasks required.*

**Saturday, 10/17; 9 am -- Noon**

**Heart Your Park Service Day, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Remove invasive species and help nature thrive during a Day of Service sponsored by CITGO and the partnership with the National Recreation and Park Association. Ages 10 & up. *Registration and facemasks required.*

**Sunday, 10/18; 2 pm**

**Owls, Bats and Spiders, Oh My! Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Owls, bats and spiders are part of Halloween but are they scary? Find out as we take a closer look at these nighttime hunters and take home some crafts. Program is outside and socially distanced. Family program. *Call 708-366-6530 to register; facemasks required.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to receive and filed 20-0130. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (17)

**AUDITOR**

[20-0342](#)

**Presented by:** WILLIAM CARROLL, Office of the County Auditor

**REPORT**

**Department:** Office of the County Auditor

**Request:** Refer to Audit Committee

**Report Title:** FY'20 3rd Quarter Open Recommendation Status Report

**Report Period:** July 2020

**Summary:** Open Recommendations Status Report for the Cook County Forest Preserve District as of July 2020

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to refer 20-0342 to the Audit Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:**                   Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller,  
Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (17)

**COMMITTEE ITEMS FOR DISCHARGE AND/OR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION**

[20-0304](#)

**Sponsored by:** SCOTT R. BRITTON and DONNA MILLER, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**IN SUPPORT OF THE TEN SHARED PRINCIPLES OF THE ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE AND THE ILLINOIS NAACP**

**WHEREAS**, Cook County has seen numerous peaceful protests against police brutality in response to the deaths of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Rayshard Brooks, and many others locally and across the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, a 2018 investigation by WBEZ and the Better Government Association found that of 113 shootings involving suburban police departments since 2005, no officers were charged criminally or faced disciplinary action; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the Chicago Tribune, from 2010 to 2015, Chicago Police Officers shot 262 people, killing 92, and with about four out of every five being African-American males; and

**WHEREAS**, this body unanimously approved Resolution 20-0161 in February 2020, in support that the Forest Preserves Police Department is a unique and valuable asset to the region and which should remain a separate and distinct police department, as it serves and protects visitors and almost 70,000 acres of natural lands and property - one of the largest public conservation districts in the United States - by upholding and enforcing all state, county, and Forest Preserves laws and ordinances, and acknowledging again that Forest Preserves officers are sworn officers who received additional training in conservation from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and the Forest Preserves' Department of Resource Management, and archeological protection training from the Prairie Research Institute at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and perform a dual role: both the conventional duties of police officers and tasks and duties performed by conservation officers; and

**WHEREAS**, in response to historical and consistent incidents of police misuse of force, the Illinois NAACP State Conference and the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police created the Ten Shared Principles to guide reforms that eliminate the disproportionate negative impacts of policing on people of color; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ten Shared Principles affirm the following principles regarding the relationship between law enforcement and the communities and people they serve in Illinois:

1. We value the life of every person and consider life to be the highest value.

2. All persons should be treated with dignity and respect. This is another foundational value.
3. We reject discrimination toward any person that is based on race, ethnicity, religion, color, nationality, immigrant status, sexual orientation, gender, disability, or familial status.
4. We endorse the six pillars in the report of the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing. The first pillar is to build and rebuild trust through procedural justice, transparency, accountability, and honest recognition of past and present obstacles.
5. We endorse the four pillars of procedural justice, which are fairness, voice (i.e., an opportunity for citizens and police to believe they are heard), transparency, and impartiality.
6. We endorse the values inherent in community policing, which includes community partnerships involving law enforcement, engagement of police officers with residents outside of interaction specific to enforcement of laws, and problem-solving that is collaborative, not one-sided.
7. We believe that developing strong ongoing relationships between law enforcement and communities of color at the leadership level and street level will be the keys to diminishing and eliminating racial tension.
8. We believe that law enforcement and community leaders have a mutual responsibility to encourage all citizens to gain a better understanding and knowledge of the law to assist them in their interactions with law enforcement officers.
9. We support diversity in police departments and in the law enforcement profession. Law enforcement and communities have a mutual responsibility and should work together to make a concerted effort to recruit diverse police departments.
10. We believe de-escalation training should be required to ensure the safety of community members and officers. We endorse using de-escalation tactics to reduce the potential for confrontations that endanger law enforcement officers and community members; and the principle that human life should be taken only as a last resort; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ten Shared Principles asserts the importance of treating all persons with dignity and respect, and rejects discrimination toward any person on the basis of race, ethnicity, religion, color, nationality, immigrant status, sexual orientation, gender, disability, or familial status; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ten Shared Principles emphasizes building strong relationships between law enforcement and communities of color through transparency, accountability, and honest recognition of past and present obstacles; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ten Shared Principles mandates de-escalation training to ensure the safety of both



community members and officers, and supports the principle that human life should be taken only as a last resort; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ten Shared Principles resolves to replace mistrust with mutual trust wherever, whenever, and however possible; and

**WHEREAS**, this document is meant to support existing local and statewide efforts to eliminate police misconduct; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ten Shared Principles are a basis for improving relations between police officers and the residents they serve, creating a space for open dialogue, problem-solving that is collaborative, not one-sided; and

**WHEREAS**, nearly 200 police departments and law enforcement organizations have adopted the Ten Shared Principles since its inception in 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, Forest Preserves Chief of Police Sylvester Bush, as a member of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives, has supported the efforts of the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police and the NAACP in efforts related to the Ten Shared Principles since 2018 and it is already guiding the Forest Preserves of Cook County Police.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby supports and endorses the ideologies outlined in the Ten Shared Principles for the Forest Preserves of Cook County Police; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners encourages the Cook County Sheriff's Office to also adopt these principles; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners encourages all police departments to adopt these principles, and pledges to support police departments in pursuit of these principles.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Morrison, to refer 20-0304 to the Law Enforcement Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (17)

**Leave was requested and granted to read Retirement Resolution for Tony Lisanti**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Commissioner LUIS ARROYO JR., seconded by Commissioner**

**DENNIS DEER, to adjourn. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller,  
Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (17)

Respectfully submitted,



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Secretary

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