



Legislation Text

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PROPOSED MISCELLANEOUS ITEM OF BUSINESS

Department: Permits, Concessions and Volunteer Services

Summary: The Forest Preserves has been awarded an AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps Crew (NCCC) that will conduct an Environmental Stewardship and Conservation project in the forest preserves from 4/30/2015 - 6/11/2015, providing more than 1900 hours of volunteer time - a value of more than \$43,000.00. AmeriCorps NCCC is a part of AmeriCorps, a network of national and community service programs that engage 75,000 Americans each year in meaningful service work that benefits a broad array of communities. The NCCC crew will focus on activities that improve the ecological health of the forest preserves and support programs that inspire people to form a lasting connection with nature. Forest Preserve staff will provide training and education opportunities to the crew and the Forest Preserve Foundation has made a financial contribution that supports the hosting of the crew members. NCCC crew members come from around the country and include Olivia Redler, Stefany Stanbury, Andrea Young, Patrick Valdez, Carlie Beatrice, NaTerra Tansel, Lionel (Tre) Ruckstuhl and Samuel Cobb. This project will provide a tremendous benefit to Cook County's people and nature.