



## Legislation Text

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### **PROPOSED GRANT AWARD**

**Department:** Department of Resource Management

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

**Grantor:** Friends of the Chicago River, Chicago, Illinois

**Request:** Authorization to accept grant

**Purpose:** Authorization is sought for the Forest Preserves to accept grant and to enter an agreement with Friends of the Chicago River for ecological restoration at McClaughrey Springs Woods, utilizing grant funding received through the Bonneville Environmental Foundation via the Coors Seltzer’s Change the Course Program.

**Grant Amount:** \$40,000.00

**Grant Period:** Date of execution - 12/31/2022

**Fiscal Impact:** N/A

**Accounts:** Grant and Mitigation 51010.521314 and 51010.521444

**Concurrences:**

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

**District(s):** 17

**Summary:** The scope of work includes the removal of approximately 10.4 acres of invasive brush within the Mill Creek watershed at McClaughrey Springs Woods, located in the Village of Palos Park in southwest Cook County. This project will increase light levels to suppressed ground layer vegetation in order to increase native cover and increase connectivity with other nearby restoration sites, thereby enhancing the ecological health of the site and improving habitat for native plants and wildlife.

Total project costs to be covered in full by the proposed grant are \$40,000.00. The work will be conducted at no direct cost to the Forest Preserves, which may provide in-kind staff support for the planning, implementation, and monitoring of the projects.