



Legislation Text

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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