



## Legislation Text

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### **PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT**

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

**Other Part(ies):** Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways (“CCDOTH”)

**Request:** Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the “Preserves”) to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement.

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Grant for Phase 1 Engineering Services for potential Des Plaines River Trail crossing at Union Pacific Railroad tracks between Golf Road and Central Road.

**Agreement period:** Two (2) years 11/14/2017 - 11/13/2019

**Fiscal Impact:** Not to Exceed \$50,000.00

**Accounts:** Consulting Accounts 51009-520860, 51054-520860, 51055-520860, 51056-520860, 50157-520860 and future 51058-520860 and Grant Account 51010-520860

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

**District:** 9

**Summary:** The Preserves has been awarded a grant from the CCDOTH through the Invest in Cook program in the amount of \$100,000.00 for engineering services to identify how to best close the 100-foot gap in the Des Plaines Trail System. CCDOTH’s Invest in Cook program helps cover the cost of planning and feasibility studies, engineering right-of-way acquisition, and construction associated with transportation improvements sponsored by local and regional governments and private partners. The total estimated cost of Phase 1 engineering is \$150,000. The Preserves will commit an amount not to exceed \$50,000 in matching funds for engineering services for the project. The project is important for Cook County residents and visitors for both transit and recreation. The Trail follows its historic namesake river through multiple forest preserves. Thousands of visitors use the 27-mile trail each year to commute, hike, bike, bird watch, and take advantage of the benefits of spending time in nature.