



Legislation Text

File #: 23-0289, **Version:** 1

PROPOSED GRANT AWARD

Department: Department of Planning and Development

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

Grantor: Illinois Department of Natural Resources

Request: Authorization to accept grant

Purpose: Authorization is sought for the Forest Preserves of Cook County to accept and enter into an agreement with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) for Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grant funding for the acquisition of three (3) parcels of land located near other recent acquisitions in Glenwood, Illinois

Grant Amount: \$946,000.00

Grant Period: 4/25/2023 - 3/31/2025

Fiscal Impact: Up to \$946,000.00 in match

Accounts: Real Estate and Land Acquisition Fund 51006.560010; and Grant Fund 51010.56010

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

District(s): 5

Summary: The Forest Preserves has been awarded an LWCF grant that will support the acquisition of three (3) parcels comprising approximately 86-acres along the Deer Creek Corridor, in southeast Cook County, Illinois. The acquisition would serve as a buffer to Deer Creek, help to improve water quality and habitat, provide flood control benefits, and provide much needed outdoor recreation opportunities in an area that lacks sufficient access to public outdoor space and nature. The proposed acquisitions advance the Forest Preserves’ 2019 Southeast Cook County Land Acquisition Plan, 2012 Land Acquisition Plan, as well as its 2014 Next Century Conservation Plan.

Once the parcels have been acquired, the Forest Preserves will begin restoration and development of the sites to ensure public access, including adding parking spaces.