



Legislation Text

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PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Department: Department of Resource Management

Other Part(ies): City of Evanston, Evanston, Illinois

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement (“IGA”) with the City of Evanston

Goods or Services: Cooperative management of transportation rights-of-way owned by the City of Evanston adjacent to Perkins Woods

Agreement Number(s): N/A

Agreement Period: Ten (10) years from date of execution

Fiscal Impact: N/A

Accounts: N/A

District(s): 13

Summary: The City of Evanston owns transportation rights-of-way adjacent to Colfax Street, Grant Street, and Ewing Avenue that directly border Perkins Woods, which is property of the Forest Preserves. The proposed IGA would grant the Forest Preserves and its agents, including ecological stewardship volunteers, limited access to these rights-of-way for the purpose of conducting cooperative restoration and management activities, centered primarily on invasive plant control. Collective management of invasive species within Perkins Woods and its connected rights-of-way will improve efficiency and achieve more positive ecological outcomes than the Forest Preserves and the City of Evanston can attain on their respective properties by working individually.