



## Legislation Text

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### **PROPOSED GRANT AWARD**

**Department:** Resource Management

**Grantee:** Forest Preserve District of Cook County

**Grantor:** U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service through the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative

**Request:** Authorization to accept grant

**Purpose:** Grant funding to support restoration activities at Wentworth Woods

**Grant Amount:** \$43,000.00

**Grant Period:** Date of execution - 12/31/2016

**Fiscal Impact:** \$43,000.00

**Accounts:** Potential Grant Match and Work Fund, 09-914-6757

**Concurrences:**

The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

**Summary:** The Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the “Preserves”) has received a grant award from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (“USFWS”) to support restoration activities at Wentworth Woods in Calumet City, Illinois. These USFWS grant funds are provided through the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (“GLRI”). This project will enable the Preserves to work with an experienced ecological contractor to manage invasive species and thin woody vegetation throughout Wentworth Woods. Active restoration will improve the ecological health of this site and promote the growth of native ground-layer vegetation that is currently at great risk of decreased diversity and site extirpation due to alien competition and low light levels. Wentworth Woods retains the original dune and swale topography that once characterized most of the Calumet Region and demonstrates a strong potential for ecological restoration.

Total funding amount is \$86,000.00, with \$43,000.00 being provided as match by the Preserves.