



Legislation Text

File #: 20-0134, **Version:** 1

PROPOSED GRANT AWARD

Department: Department of Resource Management

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

Grantor: Illinois Department of Natural Resources (“IDNR”)

Request: Authorization to accept grant

Purpose: To restore and enhance 118 acres of coastal wetlands at Burnham Prairie Nature Preserve and Eggers Grove in the Calumet region with partial funding from an IDNR Coastal Management Program grant of \$50,000.00

Grant Amount: \$50,000.00

Grant Period: 2/25/2020 - 4/30/2022

Fiscal Impact: Not to Exceed \$50,500.00 match

Accounts: 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; Grant and Mitigation 51010.521444

Concurrences:

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

District(s): 4

Summary: The Forest Preserves has been awarded a \$50,000.00 federal grant through the Coastal Management Program from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to support the ecological restoration of 118 acres of coastal wetlands at Burnham Prairie Nature Preserve and Eggers Grove in the Calumet region. Restoration activities will include invasive species control on 78 acres at Burnham Prairie Nature Preserve, and 40 acres of large-scale wetland plug planting at Eggers Grove. The project will also include efforts to foster connections between neighboring communities and the preserves through a series of bird walks led by Audubon Great Lakes’ Wild Indigo Nature Exploration Program. The grant award requires the execution of a subrecipient agreement with the IDNR.

Total project costs are \$100,500.00, of which the Forest Preserves are providing \$50,500.00 in direct match.