



Legislation Text

File #: 22-0008, **Version:** 1

PROPOSED GRANT AWARD

Department: Department of Conservation and Experiential Programming

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

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

Request: Authorization to accept grant

Purpose: Authorization is sought for the Forest Preserves to accept grant and enter into an agreement with IDNR for a project funded through Coastal Management Program grant, to develop an inclusive Community Engagement Plan and to install a series of wayfinding and interpretative signs at Eggers Grove located in Chicago, Illinois.

Grant Amount: \$150,000.00

Grant Period: 2/1/2022 - 10/1/2023

Fiscal Impact: \$150,740.00 (not to exceed \$80,000.00 in direct match and \$70,740.00 in in-kind support)

Accounts: Professional Services 51010.520830 and 51001.520830; Land Improvement 51010.560019 and 51009.560019; and various grant accounts

Concurrences:

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

District(s): 4

Summary: This grant award will allow the Forest Preserves to conduct inclusive community outreach to develop a Community Engagement Plan and to install a series of wayfinding and interpretative signs at Eggers Grove. This 240-acre site is one (1) of only a handful of forest preserves located within the City of Chicago, but despite this, and the remarkable nature and outdoor recreation opportunities it offers, the site is currently underutilized. The proposed activities will be designed to build awareness of these assets and increase use, and appreciation of, Eggers Grove. The total project costs are \$300,740.00; of which the Forest Preserves will contribute \$80,000.00 in direct match and \$70,740.00 in in-kind staff support.