



## Legislation Text

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### **PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

**Department(s):** Resource Management

**Vendor:** Friends of the Forest Preserves, Chicago, Illinois

**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County to extend contract

**Good(s) or Service(s):** The Friends of the Forest Preserves is the managing partner for this program. Forest Preserve Leadership Corps ("FPLC") program, which engages young adults in hands-on ecological restoration work and professional development training at sites throughout the Preserves.

**Original Contract Period:** 11/18/2014 - 11/17/2015

**Proposed Contract Period Extension:** 12/16/2015 - 12/31/2016

**Administrative Extension:** 11/18/2015 - 12/15/2015

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$50,000.00

**Original Approval:** 11/18/2014

**Previous Increase(s):** N/A

**This Increase Requested:** \$50,000.00

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** \$50,000.00

**Accounts:** 09-6758, Intern Programs and 10-6750, Habitat Restoration

**Contract Number(s):** 13-31-118

**Concurrences:**

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

**District(s):** Districtwide

**Summary:** The Forest Preserve Leadership Corps program provides advanced conservation and leadership skills training for young adults, ages 18 to 20, who have successfully graduated from the Chicago Conservation Leadership Corps ("CCLC") program. The FPLC fills a critical gap in the ladder of advancement by providing year-round opportunities for

young adults that are not yet old enough to serve as crew leaders in sister programs.

The 52-week program will engage one leader (30 hours per week) and 5 participants (25 hours per week) in hands-on ecological restoration activities centered around invasive species control and restoration of native plants. Participants will receive training in prescribed fire, herbicide application, stewardship, and chainsaw operation, in addition to experience leading various community engagement and volunteer workday events promoting forest preserve awareness.