



Legislation Text

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PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Department: Department of Planning and Development

Other Part(ies): Cook County Department of Environment and Sustainability, Chicago, Illinois

Request: Authority to enter into an intergovernmental agreement

Goods or Services: The Cook County Department of Environment and Sustainability (“CCDES”) will provide American Rescue Plan Act Brownfield Program services to support structure demolition, environmental assessment, and environmental remediation within the Forest Preserves to increase access to healthy outdoor recreation and nature and enhance energy savings.

Agreement Number(s): N/A

Agreement Period: Date of execution through - 12/31/2026

Fiscal Impact: N/A

Accounts: N/A

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: The Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) is cooperating with the Cook County Department of Environment and Sustainability to remediate sites and demolish structures to create additional greenspace. The Department of Environment and Sustainability will provide up to \$1.5 million in Brownfield Program demolition, environmental assessment, and environmental remediation services to the Forest Preserves for an estimated sixty-five (65) structures. The Brownfield Program is funded by the American Rescue Plan Act.

Brownfields are underutilized and/or vacant sites that have real or perceived environmental issues that deter their redevelopment. The CCDES Brownfield Program assesses and remediates sites in suburban Cook County to promote economic growth and investment through redevelopment. Brownfield sites can also be remediated and returned to other productive uses such as open green space, parks, and flood/stormwater retention.