



Legislation Text

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PROPOSED PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

Request: Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to enter into a Partnership Agreement with Friends of the Chicago River, Chicago, Illinois.

Reason: Friends of the Chicago River has received a \$195,151.00 grant through the USDA Forest Service Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Grant Program to support 50 acres of restoration at Wampum Lake in southeast Cook County, near the Village of Thornton. Work will consist of invasive tree and brush removal aimed at improving native species coverage, stormwater infiltration, and water quality in the adjacent lake and Thorn Creek, a tributary to the Little Calumet River. A portion of the work will engage participants of Greencorps Chicago, a City of Chicago green industry job training program for individuals with barriers to employment.

Total project costs are \$225,151.00, of which the Forest Preserves will contribute \$30,000.00 or approximately 13% in direct match. The grant agreement is anticipated to end on 12/31/2025, however, an additional year is being added to the partnership agreement term to allow for any necessary extensions due to inadequate ground conditions or other unforeseen project delays.

Contract Period: 10/17/2023 - 12/31/2026

Fiscal Impact: \$30,000.00 in direct cash match

Account(s): Professional Services 51033.520840; Grant and Mitigation 51010.521444 and 51010.520840; and all future Professional Services, Grant and Mitigation accounts

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

District(s): 6