



Legislation Text

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PROPOSED PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

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

Reason: Friends of the Forest Preserves has obtained a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - Great Lakes Restoration Initiative in the amount of \$591,265.00 to be used to field a ten (10) member Calumet Conservation Corps program. The program will engage a Crew Manager, an Assistant Crew Manager, four (4) adult participants, as well as four (4) part time young adult Emerging Calumet Leader interns in hands-on ecological restoration activities centered on herbicide application, prescribed fire, native seed collection, and invasive species removal.

Ecological restoration will be conducted in partnership with the Preserves, volunteers, community members, and professional contractors to advance goals in support of stewardship projects and invasive species management in the Calumet region, which harbors significant biological diversity but is threatened by environmental justice issues.

The project will advance the Preserve’s Next Century Conservation Plan goal to mobilize people to heal and nurture the land.

Contract period: Date of execution - 12/31/2019

Fiscal Impact: \$30,000.00, plus \$22,794.00 in-kind match

Account(s): Habitat Restoration 51009.521444, Habitat Enhancement 51009.521452, Intern Programs 51009.521525, Vegetation Management 51009.521455, Potential Grant Match & Work 51009.521440, Grant Accounts: 51010.29982 and 51010.22522

Concurrences:

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

District(s): 4, 5 and 6