



Legislation Text

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PROPOSED GRANT AWARD EXTENSION

Department: Department of Resource Management

Grantee: Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves")

Grantor: The Nature Conservancy ("TNC") via the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

Request: Authorization to extend grant agreement

Purpose: To continue to restore and enhance 281 acres of habitat at Thornton-Lansing Road Nature Preserve and Powderhorn Prairie and Marsh Nature Preserve, utilizing grant funding received through the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's Sustain Our Great Lakes Program.

Original Grant Amount: \$153,660.86

Proposed Supplemental Grant Amount: N/A

Original Grant Period: 5/15/2022 - 12/31/2023

Proposed Grant Period Extension: 1/1/2024 - 12/31/2024

Fiscal Impact: Not to exceed \$190,000.00 in direct match, per the original award. There is no additional cost associated with the extension.

Accounts: Professional Services 51030.520840; Grant and Mitigation 51010.521314 and 51010.521444; and all future Professional Services accounts

Concurrences:

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

District(s): 4, 6

Summary: On 12/14/2021, the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners approved the acceptance of grant funding from The Nature Conservancy via the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's Sustain Our Great Lakes Program. The Forest Preserves was sub-awarded a portion of these funds to complete 35 acres of invasive species control and 230 acres of follow-up treatments at Thornton-Lansing Road Nature Preserve, along with 16 acres of follow-up treatments at Powderhorn Prairie and Marsh Nature Preserve (Board Item No. 21-0533).

A no-cost extension of the grant is being requested to allow for remaining restoration tasks to be completed under suitable conditions to minimize impacts to the surrounding landscape. Total project costs are \$343,660.86, of which the Forest Preserves will continue to contribute up to \$190,000.00 or approximately 55% in direct match.