



## 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 (“FOTFP”), Chicago, Illinois.

**Reason:** FOTFP has received a grant from the Bobolink Foundation in the amount of \$172,590.00 to support the Palos Conservation Corps, an internship program that will engage four (4) youth, one (1) adult leader, and one (1) assistant leader in hands-on ecological restoration work to restore over 200 acres in the Palos region. Highly skilled participants will contribute to herbaceous and woody invasive species control, prescribed burn, and native seed collection activities. Additionally, the Palos Corps will host two volunteer workdays in partnership with the local site stewards to bolster volunteer recruitment and engagement in the region.

The Palos block represents the largest contiguous natural area within Cook County, and was identified by the Natural and Cultural Resources Master Plan as one of the highest priorities for restoration in the Preserves.

The Preserves desires to assist in the engagement of this program by providing funds in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00 in cash and additional in-kind services, bringing the total project cost to \$247,590.00.

**Contract period:** Date of execution to 2/28/2017

**Fiscal Impact:** \$75,000.00

**Account(s):** Grant Match and Work Fund 09-6757, Intern Programs 09-6758, Habitat Restoration 09-6750, Grant Accounts 10-6750 and 10-5800

**Concurrences:**

Friends of the Forest Preserves is in good standing with the State of Illinois.

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

**District(s):** 17