



Legislation Text

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PROPOSED GRANT AWARD

Department: Resource Management

Grantee: Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”)

Grantor: The Nature Conservancy via the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

Request: Authorization to accept grant

Purpose: The Forest Preserves has been sub-awarded funds from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (“NFWF”) in support of habitat restoration activities at Thornton-Lansing Road Nature Preserve in Lansing and other sites within the Calumet region. These NFWF grant funds are provided through the Save Our Great Lakes Program.

Grant Amount: \$170,000.00

Grant Period: 1/1/2019 - 12/31/2020

Fiscal Impact: \$170,000.00 match

Accounts: Habitat Enhancement 51009.521452 and 51058.521452, Habitat Restoration 51009.521444 and 51058.521444, EAB Tree Removal 51009.521456 and 51058.521456, Vegetation Management 51009.521455 and 51058.521455, Intern Programs 51009.521525 and 51058.521525, Grant Match and Work Fund 51009.521440, Grant & Mitigation 51010.5131

Concurrences:

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

District(s): 4 and 6

Summary: The Nature Conservancy recently received a grant in the amount of \$574,507.00 from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to restore coastal wetlands in the Calumet region. The Forest Preserves have been sub-awarded a portion of these funds to complete 56 acres of wetland restoration at Thornton-Lansing Road Nature Preserve in south Cook County. In addition, through collaboration with other partners, 18 acres of wetland swale and adjacent upland habitat will also be revisited at Powderhorn Prairie and Marsh Nature Preserve in Burnham as well as comprehensive monitoring of wetland bird populations across the project sites, providing information regarding the impact of restoration on wildlife throughout the region.

This project will be conducted in partnership with the Nature Conservancy, Chicago Park District, Audubon Chicago Region, and Greencorps Chicago. This project advances the goals of the Next Century Conservation Plan and the Natural and Cultural Resources Master Plan, which identified Thornton-Lansing Road Nature Preserve and Powderhorn Prairie and Marsh Nature Preserve as two (2) of the highest priority landscapes for conservation and ecological restoration.

Total project costs for the Forest Preserves’ portion of the project are \$340,000.00, with a 50/50 match contribution by each partner.

