



Legislation Text

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PROPOSED GRANT AWARD

Department: Planning & Development

Grantee: Forest Preserves of Cook County

Grantor: Illinois Department of Natural Resources

Request: Authorization to accept grant

Purpose: Dan Ryan Nature Play and Recreation Development Project

Grant Amount: \$1,063,500.00 with a 100% Match

Grant Period: 2/20/2015 - 2/20/2017

Fiscal Impact: \$1,063,500.00

Accounts: Recreation Landscape Improvement accounts 25-6760, 51-6760, 52-6760, 54-6760 and future 55-6760

Concurrences:

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

Summary: This grant will enable the Forest Preserves to add nature play and outdoor recreation elements at Dan Ryan woods, including walking paths and trails to increase connectivity at the site, adding exercise stairs to the sledding hill to turn this into a year round fitness challenge site, converting a nonfunctioning wading pool into an outdoor nature classroom, and installing a nature play area that includes an accessible treehouse/nature viewing platform. Restoration activities will also be conducted to improve the ecological health of Dan Ryan Woods. This development project is anticipated to lead to increased positive activity at this site.