



## Legislation Text

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### **PROPOSED PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT**

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

**Reason:** Friends of the Chicago River has received a grant from the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation via the Chi-Cal Rivers Fund in the amount of \$242,668.96 to support the restoration of Crooked Creek, a tributary of the Cal-Sag Channel located within the Palos-Sag Valley region in southwest Cook County.

The project will restore the waterway’s natural system of infiltration by removing invasive plants from 207 acres and allowing native plants to enhance absorbance. This will lead to improved water quality, decreased storm water volume entering Crooked Creek, and improved habitat for wildlife.

Total budget costs for the project are \$492,668.96, of which the Forest Preserves proposes to contribute \$250,000.00 in cash match and other in-kind support representing an approximate 50% match. This match is being partially met through ongoing brush clearing work at Spears Woods and Pioneer Woods throughout the winters of 2018 and 2019.

**Contract period:** 1/22/2019 - 12/1/2022

**Fiscal Impact:** \$250,000.00

**Account(s):** 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 accounts 51010.521444

**Concurrences:**

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

**District(s):** 17