



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 The Field Museum of Natural History and Artist Christine Perri for building a Gathering Space at the Beaubien Wood Boat Launch

Reason: On 10/5/2021, the Forest Preserves Board of Commissioners approved a partnership agreement with Openlands for restoration work and a community gathering space at Beaubien Woods (Board Item No. 21-0453). It was determined that a separate partnership agreement with the Field Museum and Artist Christine Perri was required for the final design, installation and maintenance of the gathering space. To build on the community engagement work centered around Beaubien Woods and the Beaubien Woods Boat Launch, the Field Museum, with support from the Forest Preserves, led a community process for the design and development of the gathering space at the Beaubien Woods Boat Launch.

As part of the community-based curatorial process Artist Christine Perri was chosen to create a gathering space arts feature called “Prairie Boat.” Artist Perri has worked with, and may continue to work with, Imani Village (a community organization group) and partner companies in the design, installation, and maintenance of the gathering space. The gathering space installation will be owned by the Artist Christine Perri. She will be responsible for maintenance of the gathering space and its safety for public use. The gathering space will be removed by the artist after approximately five (5) years.

The Forest Preserves will have the right to use images of the gathering space. Wood materials to be used in the gathering space may be donated by the Forest Preserves, as well as other in-kind support. There is no direct cost to the Forest Preserves for this project. Upon approval of the proposed agreement, it is respectfully requested that the General Superintendent of the Forest Preserves of Cook County be authorized to execute, on behalf of the Forest Preserves, such agreement.

Contract Period: 10/20/2022 - 12/31/2027

Fiscal Impact: N/A. The project will be conducted at no direct cost to the Forest Preserves, which may provide in-kind contributions.

Account(s): N/A

Concurrences:

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

District(s): 4, 5