



## Legislation Text

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### **PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT RENEWAL**

**Department:** Resource Management

**Other Part(ies):** University of Illinois, Champaign, Illinois

**Request:** Authorization to renew an existing Intergovernmental Agreement with the Prairie Research Institute of the University of Illinois

**Goods or Services:** Professional services related to the execution and implementation of the Natural and Cultural Resources Master Plan

**Agreement Number:** FPD 2014-01101

**Agreement Period:** Original contract period 10/1/2013 - 12/31/2018; Proposed renewal period 1/1/2019 - 12/31/2023

**Fiscal Impact:** Not to exceed \$200,000.00 per year, or a total of \$1,000,000.00 over the five (5) year renewal term.

**Accounts:** Professional Services 51058.520860, Special or Co-op Programs 51058.521313, Habitat Enhancement 51009.521452 and 51058.521452, Habitat Restoration 51009.521444 and 51058.521444, Intern Programs 51009.521525 and 51058.521525, Grant Match and Work Fund 51009.521440, Grant & Mitigation accounts 51010.5131

**District(s):** Districtwide

**Summary:** On 10/1/2013, the Board of Commissioners authorized the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to enter into and execute an Intergovernmental Agreement (“IGA”) with the Prairie Research Institute of the University of Illinois for the purpose of developing a Natural and Cultural Resources Master Plan, and to perform work pursuant to that plan on an annual basis. The Plan was completed in early 2015, and has successfully helped guide the allocation of resources and informed strategies to pursue and meet the ambitious goals set forth in the Next Century Conservation Plan.

The Forest Preserves’ continued partnership with the Prairie Research Institute has resulted in the development of numerous tools for successful execution of the plan and effective resource conservation into the future. These tools and other major accomplishments are summarized in the Natural and Cultural Resources Master Plan 2018 Summary Report, but include a detailed prioritization schematic for restoration, a seed policy, and the development of standardizing protocols for long-term measurement of conservation success.

The proposed extension will enable the University of Illinois and the Forest Preserves to continue to collaborate to meet the Forest Preserves’ needs for information and analysis in support of natural and cultural resource management. Tasks

will include, but are not limited to, the creation of web-based and printed interpretive materials to provide easy-to-understand interpretation of science data that will engage constituents and conservation partners. The University of Illinois will also assist the Forest Preserves with advanced land cover and cultural resource mapping, continued field assessments of archaeological resources, and classification of priority waterways to remedy impacts to key conservation lands.

The Forest Preserves would like to extend the aforementioned IGA with the University of Illinois for an additional five (5) years.