



## Legislation Text

---

**File #:** 15-0550, **Version:** 1

---

### **PROPOSED GRANT AWARD RENEWAL**

**Department:** Resource Management

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

**Grantor:** USDA Natural Resource Conservation Services (“NRCS”)

**Request:** Authorization to renew grant

**Purpose:** The Forest Preserve District of Cook County has received a grant from the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) to extend a project that supports restoration activities at Eggers Woods in Chicago, Illinois. These USDA NRCS grant funds are provided through the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI).

**Grant Amount:** \$56,000.00

**Grant Period:** 9/15/2014 - 9/30/2017

**Fiscal Impact:** \$28,000.00

**Accounts:** Potential Grant Match and Work Fund, 09-6757

**Most Recent Date of Board Authorization for Grant:** 10/7/2014

**Most Recent Grant Amount:** \$30,000.00

**Concurrences:**

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

**District(s):** 4

**Summary:** This project will work with Greencorps Chicago to conduct canopy tree thinning to restore the site’s primary marsh and improve habitat for marshland birds. The project will also engage Wild Indigo Nature Exploration Fellows to conduct community outreach activities and establish volunteers for this site. This project will improve the ecological health of Eggers Woods, grow the Preserves' volunteer base through promotion of nature walks and volunteer workdays at the site, and advance the goals of the Preserves' Next Century Conservation Plan to ensure that native landscapes will thrive for generations to come.