



Legislation Text

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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 and provide matching funds

Purpose: The Forest Preserve District of Cook County has received a grant from the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) to extend projects supporting restoration activities at Turnbull Woods in Glencoe, Illinois; Eggers Woods in Chicago, Illinois; and Powderhorn Prairie in Burnham, Illinois. These USDA NRCS grant funds are provided through the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI).

Grant Amount: \$70,700.00

Grant Period: 12/31/2016 - 12/30/2021

Fiscal Impact: \$70,700.00

Accounts: 09-6750 Habitat Restoration, 09 6755 Habitat Enhancement, 09-6757 Potential Grant Match and Work, Grant Accounts 10-5800, 10-6750, & 10-6757

Most Recent Date of Board Authorization for Grant: 10/6/2015

Most Recent Grant Amount: Turnbull \$84,000.00, Eggers \$56,000.00, Powderhorn

Concurrences:

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

District(s): 4 and 13

Summary: The project at Turnbull Woods will involve approximately 12 acres of tree thinning within the original Phase I project area, improving light levels for ground-layer herbaceous species which are being shaded out by an overabundance of canopy cover.

Likewise, at Eggers Woods ten (10) acres of canopy will be thinned along with invasive species removal activities. This proposed restoration would build upon recent work at the site to further improve marsh and swale habitat for marshland

birds, increase the successful establishment of thousands of native plugs recently installed along the marsh edge and prevent the loss of herbaceous species in the uplands.

Finally, at Powderhorn Prairie tree thinning will be conducted in approximately 3.3 acres of dune habitat, and a large population of narrow-leaved cattail controlled through herbicide application. Prescribed burning will be utilized as a key management tool at all three sites.