



Legislation Text

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PROPOSED AGREEMENT

Department(s): General Office and Permits, Concessions & Volunteer Resources

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

Summary: FOTFP, in partnership with Friends of the Chicago River and Audubon Chicago Region, has received a grant from the Chi-Cal Rivers Fund in the amount of \$271,213.00 to support the recruitment and coordination of a Centennial call for volunteers. The result of this initiative will be the engagement of a network of more than 6,000 volunteers dedicated to restoring habitat in the Chicago and the Calumet river basins, in particular at Somme Woods East, Blue Star Memorial Woods, LaBagh Woods East, Whistler Woods, and Kickapoo Woods. This project will significantly expand volunteer opportunities, broaden support for habitat restoration, and increase the number of conservation stewards in the region. This project leverages the \$493,560.00 of in-kind match that Friends and partners are contributing to this project. The District’s Volunteer Manager and staff will work with FOTFP and partners to coordinate and direct this project.

Fiscal Impact: \$190,000.00 (includes \$100,000.00 in financial support and up to \$90,000.00 in in-kind support)

Contract period: 1/6/2014 - 12/18/2015

Account Name-Account Number: Contractual Services, 01-6200

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

FOTFP is in good standing with the State of Illinois.

District(s): Districtwide