



Legislation Text

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PROPOSED GRANT APPLICATION AUTHORIZATION REQUEST

Department: Planning and Development

Grantee: Forest Preserve District of Cook County

Grantor: Illinois Department of Natural Resources

Request: Authorization to apply for grant

Purpose: The Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Preserves”) proposes to apply for an Open Space Land Acquisition and Development grant from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (the “IDNR”) to support the implementation of the Dan Ryan Woods Master Plan. The project proposes to develop a variety of outdoor recreation and environmental education features including a nature play area with accessible treehouse, new exercise stairs, an outdoor classroom, and walking paths. As part of the grant application process the IDNR requires execution of various documents by its controlling body demonstrating the Preserves commitment to completion of the project.

Grant Amount: \$1,062,500.00

Grant Period: 6/2015 - 6/2017

Fiscal Impact: The Preserves Match Amount -\$1,062,500.00 over a two (2) year period is contingent upon the future Forest Preserve District Board approval.

Accounts: Recreation Landscape, 25-6760, 60-6760, 52-6760, 54-6760 and future Construction and Development Account, 55-6760

Concurrences:

The Chief Attorney and Comptroller have approved this item.

Summary: This project advances the goals of the Preserves’ Centennial Campaign Plan to expand the Preserves commitment to create welcoming experiences that invite users in and educate visitors about the incredible nature and many healthy outdoor recreation opportunities that the Preserves offer.