



Legislation Text

File #: 14-0330, **Version:** 1

PROPOSED PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

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

Reason: Friends of the Chicago River, in partnership with the Forest Preserves, Chicago Park District and the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, has received a grant totaling \$450,000.00 to be used to improve habitat and assist in repopulation for at-risk native species--including osprey, turtles, and bats--that are challenged by habitat loss and degradation. This grant will allow for the removal of invasive plants and the design and installation of constructed habitats at various sites on District property. Plans include the installation of two (2) osprey nesting platforms at the Skokie Lagoons, as many as six (6) bat community boxes at selected locations near the North Branch on the Preserve, and the restoration of up to 50 acres of turtle nesting habitat on the riverbanks of forest preserves along the North Branch River.

Contract period: July 2014 - June 30, 2017

Fiscal Impact: None

Account(s): N/A

Concurrences:

The Comptroller and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

District(s): 9, 10, 12, 13 and 14..end