



Legislation Text

File #: 17-0016, **Version:** 1

PROPOSED PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

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

Reason: Friends of the Forest Preserves has obtained a grant from the Bobolink Foundation in the amount of \$199,653.00 to be used to field a six member Northwest Conservation Corps program. The program will engage a Crew Manager, an Assistant Crew Manager, and four (4) participants (thirty (30) hours per week) in hands-on ecological restoration activities centered on chainsaw operation, herbicide application, prescribed fire, native seed collection, and invasive species removal.

Ecological restoration will be conducted in partnership with the Preserves, the Lake County Forest Preserves, Citizens for Conservation, and Audubon Great Lakes to advance joint goals in support of volunteer stewardship projects and invasive species management in the region. In the Preserves the crew will work at Spring Creek Preserve, Poplar Creek Preserve, and Schaumburg Road Grassland in northwest Cook County. The crew will also work on preserves owned and managed by the Lake County Forest Preserves, as well as at various Citizen’s for Conservation holdings in the Barrington area.

The project will leverage the volunteer stewardship expertise of the participating partner organizations and advance the Preserve’s Next Century Conservation Plan goal to mobilize people to heal and nurture the land.

Contract period: 2/15/2017 - 2/14/2018

Fiscal Impact: \$35,000.00

Account(s): 09-6750, Habitat Restoration, 09-6758, Intern Programs, 09-6757, Potential Grant Match and Work Fund, Grant Accounts, 10-6750, 10-6757, and 10-5800

Concurrences:

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

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