



## Legislation Text

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### PROPOSED GRANT AWARD

**Department:** Resource Management

**Grantee:** Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”)

**Grantor:** U.S. Department of Agriculture - Natural Resource Conservation Service (“USDA NRCS”)

**Request:** Authorization to accept grant

**Purpose:** The Forest Preserves received grant funding from the USDA NRCS in support of habitat restoration activities at Turnbull Woods in Glencoe, Eggers Woods in Chicago, and Powderhorn Prairie in Burnham. These USDA NRCS grant funds are provided through the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative.

**Grant Amount:** \$70,700.00

**Grant Period:** Date of execution - 5/31/2019

**Fiscal Impact:** \$70,050.00 match, plus \$650.00 in staff time

**Accounts:** EAB Tree Removal 51009.521456, 51058.521456, Vegetation Management 51009.521455, 51058.521455, Habitat Enhancement 51009.521452, 51058.521452, Habitat Restoration 51009.521444, 51058.521444, Mitigation Accounts: 51010.5131

**Concurrences:**

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

**District(s):** 4 and 13

**Summary:** Building upon restoration efforts that have been previously invested in these sites, the Forest Preserves has been awarded a grant by the USDA NRCS via the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative. These grant funds provide for the purchase and installation of native seed to cover 15 acres at Turnbull Woods, as well as 12.5 acres of invasive tree and brush removal in remnant wetlands at Powderhorn Prairie that will increase native species diversity and improve wildlife habitat. Additionally, 19.9 acres of tree thinning and invasive species removal will take place at Eggers Woods, preserving the native composition of remnant woodland and marsh units and improving light levels for ground-layer herbaceous species which are being shaded out by an overabundance of canopy cover.

Total project costs are \$141,400.00, with a 50/50 match contribution by each partner. This project leverages \$141,400.00 in combined grant and match funding previously contributed towards these project areas in partnership with the USDA

NRCS.