



## Legislation Text

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### PROPOSED GRANT AWARD

**Department:** Resource Management

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

**Grantor:** U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service - Great Lakes Coastal Program (“USFWS”)

**Request:** Authorization to accept grant and provide matching funds

**Purpose:** The Forest Preserves has received grant funding from the USFWS in support of habitat restoration activities at Somme Nature Preserve in Northbrook. The USFWS grant funds are provided through the Great Lakes Coastal Program.

**Grant Amount:** \$76,166.00

**Grant Period:** 9/1/2018 - 10/30/2021

**Fiscal Impact:** \$76,166.00 match

**Accounts:** EAB Tree Removal 51009.521456 and 51058.521456, Vegetation Management 51009.521455 and 51058.521455, Habitat Enhancement 51009.521452 and 51058.521452, Habitat Restoration 51009.521444 and 51058.521444, Grant & Mitigation accounts 51010.540350

**Concurrences:**

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

**District(s):** 14

**Summary:** The Forest Preserves has been awarded a grant by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service via the Great Lakes Coastal Program. These grant funds provide for ecological restoration activities at Somme Nature Preserve which include clearing nineteen (19) acres of trees and brush and planting locally collected seed. This project advances the goals of the Next Century Conservation Plan and the Natural and Cultural Resource Plan which identified the 730-acre Somme Preserve complex as one of the highest priority landscapes for conservation and ecological restoration.

Total project costs are \$152,332.00, with a 50/50 match contribution by each partner.