



Legislation Text

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PROPOSED PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT AMENDMENT

Request: Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to enter into a Partnership Agreement Amendment with the Forest Preserve Foundation (the “Foundation”).

Reason: The Forest Preserves wishes to extend its partnership agreement with the Forest Preserve Foundation for one (1) year and continue its annual financial contribution. This will allow the Foundation to grow its development efforts in a fundraising climate made particularly challenging by the COVID-19 pandemic and ensure continued support for critical Forest Preserves projects.

Contract Period: (12/16/2014) 1/1/2015 - 12/31/2019; Board Approved Extension (11/19/2019) 1/1/2020 - 12/31/2020; Proposed extension: 1/1/2021 - 12/31/2021

Fiscal Impact: Current: \$750,000.00, plus in-kind contributions; Additional Funds Requested: Not to Exceed \$100,000.00, plus in-kind contributions up to \$25,000.00.

Account(s): Programs and Services 51001.700824

Concurrences:

The Chief Financial Officer has approved this item. Final amendment is subject to legal review and approval.

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: The Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization whose mission is to raise funds to support programs, and to protect and restore native habitats, within the Forest Preserves. The Foundation’s work encourages philanthropic and business entities to make financial contributions toward priorities of the Forest Preserves. The Forest Preserves recognizes the benefits that an established foundation can provide and has determined that extending its agreement with the Foundation for the appropriation of funds and in-kind contributions, such as office space and services, is appropriate to further the mission of the Forest Preserves.