



Legislation Text

File #: 21-0121, **Version:** 1

PROPOSED GRANT AWARD

Department: Department of Resource Management

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

Grantor: Morton Arboretum, Lisle, Illinois

Request: Authorization to accept grant and to enter into grant agreement

Purpose: Receipt of grant to conduct a tree inventory and develop a management plan for Forest Preserves picnic groves utilizing funds from the U.S. Forest Service Urban and Community Forestry Program

Grant Amount: \$10,000.00

Grant Period: Date of execution - 7/1/2022

Fiscal Impact: \$10,000.00 match

Accounts: Professional Services 51058.520830, 51051.520830, 51028.520830 and all future Professional Services; Special or Co-op Programs 51058.521313, 51051.521313, 51028.521313 and all future Special or Co-op Programs; and Grant and Mitigation 51010.521444

Concurrences:

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

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: The Forest Preserves has been sub-awarded funds from the Morton Arboretum via the U.S. Forest Service Urban and Community Forestry Program in order to conduct a tree inventory of 50% of its picnic groves between 2021-2022.

Gathered information will include the location, species, size, and other information with respect to each individual tree and will enable the Forest Preserves to develop a management plan. The inventory will be used to monitor tree health over time, prepare for potential new invasive species, improve tree diversity, maintain the tree canopy, create a digital record of tree locations within each picnic grove, mitigate potential climate change impacts including extreme weather occurrences, and plan for future tree plantings across the entire picnic grove system. This initial survey will serve as a baseline for future work, allowing the Forest Preserves to track growth rates based on species, decline rates, and other information as the management plan is developed.

Total project costs are \$20,000.00, of which the Forest Preserves will contribute \$10,000.00, or 50%, in direct match.