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PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Department: Department of Planning and Development

Other Part(ies): Village of Niles, Illinois

Request: Authority for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement ("IGA") with the Village of Niles, Illinois ("Niles").

Goods or Services: Niles is requesting an IGA to construct and maintain trail improvements on the North Branch Trail near the Howard Street crossing. Recently, Niles reduced Howard Street from a 4-lane road to a 2-lane road and added protected bike lanes and a pedestrian refuge island along Howard Street at the North Branch Trail crossing. Niles is looking to add additional safety measures in the form of advance warning signs and refresh other standard trail markings to reinforce awareness by trail users as they approach the crossing.

Agreement Number(s): N/A

Agreement Period: Perpetual, subject to termination after twenty (20) years

Fiscal Impact: None

License Fee: $4,671.00 (waived)

License Application Fees: $3,500.00 (waived)

YELAR Fee: $6,750.00 (waived)

Tree Mitigation Fee: N/A

Accounts: N/A

District(s): 13

Summary: The Forest Preserves operates and maintains the North Branch Bicycle Trail in Northern Cook County. Niles proposes to construct and maintain trail improvements to the North Branch Trail near the Howard Street crossing. Niles will be responsible for design, construction and future maintenance costs associated with the project. No trees are proposed to be removed. The license fee, license application fee, and the Youth Education, Land Acquisition and Restoration (YELAR) program fee will be waived, per the usual practice for trail connection project requests from municipalities. There is no cost to the Forest Preserves. The IGA constitutes a license for Niles to construct and maintain

the trail in perpetuity, subject to termination by the Forest Preserves after twenty (20) years. Final agreement is subject to legal review and approval.