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Report Title: Forest Preserves of Cook County Annual Fee Waiver and Discount Report FY 2020

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Summary: Under the Forest Preserves Code of Ordinances certain discounts are granted to veteran or non-profit organizations with respect to recreational use of Forest Preserves property or amenities. Additional discounts may be offered at the discretion of the General Superintendent. The Forest Preserves implemented a Fee Waiver Policy (Policy Number: 02.30.00) establishing the process for when discounts or waivers would be granted. The policy requires an annual report to the Board of Commissioners on discounts and waivers for the sake of transparency. The Fee Waiver and Discount Report describes specific discount categories and various passes issued pursuant to Forest Preserves Board Approved Resolution, 16-0314, dated July 12, 2016.

In 2020, the Forest Preserves issued significantly fewer discounts and complimentary passes than in prior years. Operations were impacted by efforts to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in compliance with public health safety guidelines issued by the State of Illinois and Cook County. For 2020, the Forest Preserves issued fee waivers to twenty-three (23) customers with a value of \$2,212.00. In addition, six (6) passes were issued with an estimated value of \$216.00.