



Legislation Text

File #: 22-0010, **Version:** 1

PROPOSED GRANT AWARD

Department: Department of Resource Management

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

Grantor: Illinois Department of Natural Resources (“IDNR”)

Request: Authorization to accept grant

Purpose: The project, funded through Coastal Management Program funds awarded by IDNR, will conduct restoration activities on 23 acres at Beaubien Woods located in southeast Cook County in Chicago, Illinois. Authorization is sought to accept grant and enter into grant agreement for the project.

Grant Amount: \$30,000.00

Grant Period: 2/1/2022 - 10/1/2023

Fiscal Impact: Not to Exceed \$30,000.00 in direct match

Accounts: Grant 51010.521444

Concurrences:

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

District(s): 4, 5

Summary: This grant award will allow the Forest Preserves to conduct restoration activities at Beaubien Woods, one of the few forest preserves located almost entirely within the City of Chicago. Beaubien Woods offers urban residents a unique opportunity to experience nature and provides important habitat for plants, birds, and other wildlife. The grant award will allow the Forest Preserves to restore nine (9) new acres of wetland and prairie through invasive brush removal, herbaceous invasive species control, local seed collection, and prescribed fire, as well as enhance fourteen (14) acres of existing wetland and prairie at Beaubien Woods through ongoing herbaceous invasive species control. The project will directly benefit the preserve’s native plants and animals and enhance visitors’ experience at Beaubien Woods.

Total project costs are \$60,000.00, of which the Forest Preserves will contribute \$30,000.00 or 50% in direct match.