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Summary: This report serves as an annual update on the Forest Preserves of Cook County's (the "Forest Preserves") American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA") sub-award funds pursuant to Board Resolution No. 22-0289. This report covers the period of July 26, 2022 through September 30, 2023 and includes Forest Preserves' expenditures and activities for ARPA projects. ARPA funds seek to address the negative health and economic impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic on communities nationwide. The Forest Preserves remained open throughout the pandemic and saw firsthand how important nature is to the residents of Cook County, with visitor numbers jumping from an estimated 62 million visits per year to 100 million during this time. ARPA funds support the Forest Preserves mission in providing access to nature to all residents of Cook County.