

COMMUNICATIONS

ITEM #1

The Forest Preserve District of Cook County is proud to advise this honorable body that the District will again host three Illinois High School Association (IHSA) Bass Fishing Sectional Tournaments on April 23, 2010, at three District lakes: Tampier Lake, Busse Lake and the Skokie Lagoons. Thirty area high schools will be represented at these Sectional tournaments with over 150 student athletes participating.

The District is once again excited to be at the forefront of this effort - the first of its kind in the nation, and will have the opportunity to support Cook County's and the surrounding region's student athletes. This information is being transmitted to be received and filed.

ITEM #2

President Todd H. Stroger is transmitting, for your information, the report of the Monitoring and Management Committee of the President's Community Advisory Council (PCAC). It is requested that this transmittal be received and filed

ITEM #3

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) awarded a grant to the District for the North Branch Gully Restoration Project. This grant funding was used to restore two eroded gullies to a more natural condition. The construction and restoration work has been completed.

At this time, the District is pleased to announce that a reimbursement check in the amount of \$10,000.00 has been received.

Approval is therefore requested to place the \$10,000.00 into Construction and Development Account # 568000-670055 and to approve such funds for further appropriation. District 9

ITEM #4

The Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the "District") would like to exercise its options to extend its existing agreement with Glen Grove Equipment Sports, Inc. ("GGES") until December 31, 2010. The existing contract, which includes the option year the District desires to exercise, was approved by the Board on July 11, 2006.

During the option period, GGES shall be obligated to pay the District \$14,167 per month, which is a 1.5 percent increase over the amount GGES is obligated to pay during the final (non-option) year of contract. Approval of this item is requested.

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ITEM #5

The District's three Family Aquatic Centers, Whealan in Chicago, Cermak in Lyons and Green Lake in Calumet City have offered the patrons of Cook County an enjoyable, affordable recreational activity within the Preserves. In the best interests of our valued patrons the District has proposed offering, as an option, individual and family seasonal passes to be used at the facilities at a reduced cost. These passes would provide our patrons, especially families, with a more affordable opportunity to enjoy the aquatic centers during the hot days of summer at a savings compared to individual daily admission fees. The family passes would allow unlimited admission to all three centers and individual passes to the Whealan Aquatic Center only.

	<u>Proposed Fees</u>	<u>Current Cost Without Pass</u>
Family Pass (five family members)	\$125.00 annually (unlimited visits)	\$19 per visit (\$5 per adult/\$3 per child)
Each additional Family Member		\$10.00 annually
Individual Pass (Whealan Only)	\$ 75.00 annually	\$5 per visit(unlimited visits)

As a comparison, the cost of 20 visits to an Aquatic Center with an annual family pass would be \$120.00, a savings of \$260.00. The cost for an individual with an annual pass would be \$75.00, a savings of \$25.00.

The District contacted and researched aquatic centers located in the same regions as the District's centers. The District's proposed fees are 5% to 50% less than the surrounding centers.

Approval is recommended.
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ITEM #6

The Forest Preserve District (FPD) has identified properties for acquisition that would add to the District's current holdings at the Deer Grove East Preserve. The project, the **Deer Grove East Addition** consists of 7 contiguous parcels that would preserve a total 6 ± acres, located in Palatine, Illinois, on Dundee Road approximately a quarter mile east of Quentin Road. The properties are immediately adjacent to the Deer Grove East Preserve and include over 1,000 feet of Salt Creek and both of its banks. These parcels also contain a restorable oak woodland community.

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It is requested that the District be authorized to enter into negotiations for this acquisition and that the attached acquisition ordinance be enacted. Funds for the acquisition are now available in the Real Estate Acquisition Fund. District 14

AN ACQUISITION ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE CREATING A FOREST PRESERVE in part of Section 10, Township 42 North, Range 10 East of the Third Principal Meridian, all in Cook County, Illinois.

WHEREAS, The Board of Forest Preserve Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois, pursuant to the statutes in such case made and provided, has from time to time acquired by purchase, condemnation, gift, grant, or devise, lands necessary and desirable for Forest Preserve purposes containing one or more natural forests or parts thereof, or lands connecting such forests or parts thereof, or lands capable of being reforested for the purpose of protecting and preserving the flora, fauna, and scenic beauties within the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois, and to restore, restock, protect, and preserve the natural forests and said lands together with their flora and fauna, as nearly as may be, in their natural state and condition, for the purpose of the education, pleasure, and recreation of the public; and

WHEREAS, the said Board of Forest Preserve Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois has also acquired in like manner lands for the consolidation of such preserves into unit areas of a size and form convenient and desirable for public use and economical maintenance and improvement, and lands for the purpose of connecting such preserves with forested ways or links in order to increase their accessibility, use, and enjoyment, and lands for improvement by forestation, roads, and pathways; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois has in a like manner acquired lands along water courses or elsewhere which, in their judgment, were required to control drainage and water conditions and necessary for the preservation of forested areas required or to be acquired as preserves and lands for the purpose of extension of roads and forested ways around and by such preserves and for parking space for automobiles and other facilities not requiring forested areas but incidental to the use and protection thereof; and

WHEREAS, there are other lands and premises hereinafter described, all of which are situated within the boundaries of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois, which are necessary and desirable for the lawful uses and purposes of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois, as hereinabove set forth, and also are of the character and nature of the lands which the statutes of the State of Illinois authorizes and empowers it to acquire; therefore

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BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Forest Preserve Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois as follows:

Section 1. That a unified Forest Preserve be and the same is hereby created within the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois, which shall contain and connect lands now owned and lands to be acquired in substantial accordance with the plat now on file in the office of the General Superintendent of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois, which by reference is hereby made part thereof, and for the purposes of said Forest Preserve and for the carrying out of the statutory purposes more particularly set out in the preamble of this ordinance, it is necessary and desirable for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois to own and it shall acquire property hereinafter described in Section 2 of this ordinance, for the purpose of creating a Forest Preserve and for Forest Preserve uses.

Section 2. That the lands referred to in Section 1 of this ordinance are more particularly described as follows:

6± acres North of the centerline of Dundee Road in the West half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 10, Township 42 North, Range 10 East of the Third Principal Meridian in Cook County, Illinois.

P.I.N.s: 02-10-100-018, 02-10-100-019, 02-10-100-049, 02-10-100-050, 02-10-100-051, 02-10-100-052, 02-10-100-053

Section 3. This ordinance is hereby made and ordained to be severable as to each parcel of land or portion thereof or right of interest in any of the same hereby authorized to be acquired, and failure to acquire any of the said parcels of land described in Section 2 hereof or right of interest in any of the same shall not impair or invalidate the authority by this ordinance granted to hold, own, or acquire any other of said parcels or any right or interest therein, it being the intention of said Board of Forest Preserve Commissioners to carry out the general plan provided in this ordinance so far as legally and financially practicable, and to negotiate for purchases, condemn, or otherwise acquire from time to time the several parcels of land described in Section 2 hereof and all right or interest therein.

Section 4. That the Real Estate Agent of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois be and is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to negotiate on behalf of said Forest Preserve District with the owner, or owners of the whole or any part of said tracts or parcels of land described in Section 2 of this ordinance or of any interest therein, for the purchase thereof by said Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois.

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Section 5. That should the Real Estate Agent report that an agreement cannot be had with the owner or owners of the whole or any part of said tracts or parcels of land described in Section 2 of this ordinance, or of any right or interest in any of the same needful to be acquired upon the compensation to be paid in respect of the property, right, or interest sought to be acquired by said Forest Preserve District, then the Attorney for the Forest Preserve District is hereby instructed and directed to institute proceedings in any Court of competent jurisdiction to acquire title to and possession of said tracts or parcels of land or portions thereof, for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance and the Eminent Domain Laws of the State of Illinois.

Section 6. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

ITEM #7

On June 4, 2008 this Honorable Body approved an Ordinance whereby the District was authorized to pursue the acquisition of 24.37 ± acres located in Thornton Township, Cook County, Illinois (the "Property") (see Exhibit A for description). The Property is identified as an Illinois Natural Areas Inventory Site, representing a significant example of the native Illinois landscape and contains a remnant wet mesic prairie. The site also is adjacent to the proposed corridor for the Cal-Sag Trail.

Through negotiations, the landowner, Ashland, Inc., a Kentucky Corporation, has agreed to sell the Property to the District for the sum of TWO HUNDRED FIFTY-SIX THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$256,000.00). The purchase price is based upon two M.A.I. certified appraisals obtained by the District. Please be advised that the seller has requested that a covenant be added to the deed that would restrict the District's ability to use the Property for operating a golf course, establishing picnic grounds, or facilitating any other activity involving intensive public use.

Based upon Board approval of this transaction (as referenced above), including the purchase price and the attached Sale and Purchase Agreement; it is requested that a check in the amount of TWO HUNDRED FIFTY-SIX THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$256,000.00) be issued. The check shall be made payable to Chicago Title Insurance Company as full compensation for the acquisition of said property.

The District's Chief Financial Officer has reviewed this request and acknowledges that funds for the acquisition are available in Land Acquisition Account #066000-680010 of the Real Estate Acquisition Fund. In addition, the District has submitted a grant application to the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation for this acquisition that, if awarded, would potentially reimburse the District up to 50% of the acquisition cost (up to \$128,000.00). Approval is recommended.
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EXHIBIT A

OWNER: Ashland Inc., a Kentucky Corporation doing business in the State of Illinois as Ashland Distribution

AMOUNT: \$256,000.00

ACREAGE: 24.37 ± acres

SQUARE FOOTAGE: 1,061,753 ± square feet

ADDRESS: Dolton Road & Paxton Avenue, Calumet City, IL 60409

LEGAL:

THAT PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (1/4) OF SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 36 NORTH, RANGE 14, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING ON THE WEST LINE OF PAXTON AVENUE (SAID WEST LINE BEING THE WEST LINE OF THE EAST 60 FEET OF SAID SOUTHWEST QUARTER) AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE STRIP OF LAND CONVEYED TO THE COMMONWEALTH EDISON COMPANY BY DEED RECORDED IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, ON FEBRUARY 14, 1955, AS DOCUMENT NO. 16149161, AND RUNNING THENCE WEST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF THE STRIP OF LAND SO CONVEYED A DISTANCE OF 1080.0 TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE SOUTH AT A 90 DEGREE ANGLE TO SAID SOUTH LINE FOR A DISTANCE OF 676.34 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY WITH AN ANGLE OF 147 DEGREES 20 FEET 20 INCHES FOR A DISTANCE OF 33.51 FEET TO A POINT ON THE SOUTHERLY SIDE OF THE VACATED DOLTON ROAD, A DISTANCE OF 210.69 FEET TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH THE NORTHEASTERLY LINE OF DOLTON AVENUE; THENCE SOUTHWARDLY ALONG SAID NORTHEASTERLY LINE OF DOLTON AVENUE A DISTANCE OF 1050.66 FEET TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH THE WEST LINE OF PAXTON AVENUE AND THENCE NORTH ALONG SAID WEST LINE OF PAXTON AVENUE A DISTANCE OF 1316.65 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

PIN: 29-01-300-018-0000

ITEM #8

PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS

Commissioner John P. Daley, President Todd H. Stroger, Commissioner William Beavers, Commissioner Forrest Claypool, Commissioner Earlean Collins, Commissioner Bridget Gainer, Commissioner Elizabeth Ann Doody Gorman, Commissioner Gregg Goslin, Commissioner Joseph Mario Moreno, Commissioner Joan Patricia Murphy, Commissioner Anthony J. Peraica, Commissioner Edwin Reyes, Commissioner Timothy O. Schneider, Commissioner Peter N. Silvestri, Commissioner Deborah Sims, Commissioner Robert B. Steele, Commissioner Larry Suffredin submitting a resolution in recognition of Invasive Species Awareness Month

SPONSORED BY: JOHN P. DALEY, FOREST PRESERVE COMMISSIONER and
TODD H. STROGER, PRESIDENT

COSPONSORED BY: WILLIAM M. BEAVERS, JERRY BUTLER, FORREST CLAYPOOL, EARLEAN COLLINS, BRIDGET GAINER, ELIZABETH ANN DOODY GORMAN, GREGG GOSLIN, JOSEPH MARIO MORENO, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, ANTHONY J. PERAICA, EDWIN REYES, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, ROBERT B. STEELE, and LARRY SUFFREDIN FOREST PRESERVE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS invasive species pose a major threat to the delicate balance in the natural environment of Cook County's forests, savannahs, prairies, wetlands, and bodies of water, and

WHEREAS invasive species cause millions of dollars in economic damage to industry, tourism, and require the diversion of time and funding away from resource management priorities, in favor of expensive eradication efforts, and

WHEREAS invasive species are known sources of pathogens and parasites, which can cause the spread of disease throughout native populations, and

WHEREAS according to a recent study by Cornell University's College of Agriculture, economic damage from invasive species costs the United States over \$120 billion per year, and

WHEREAS 42% of the native species on Threatened or Endangered Species lists are at risk primarily because of competition for food and habitat and modification of the environment by invasive species, and

WHEREAS the threat posed by the proliferation of Asian Carp in Illinois waterways has global ramifications, with the potential to dramatically affect international shipping in the event that commercial navigation is prohibited between Lake Michigan and Illinois inland waterways, and

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WHEREAS the entire Great Lakes basin faces an unprecedented devastation of its fishery in the event that Asian Carp are able to breach the barriers designed to contain them within the inland waterways and prevent them from entering Lake Michigan, and

WHEREAS among the most damaging invasive species in the Forest Preserve's holdings are plants such as buckthorn and garlic mustard, insects such as the emerald ash borer, gypsy moth, and longhorn beetle, aquatic vegetation such as Purple Loosestrife and Eurasian Milfoil, and

WHEREAS invasive species are typically introduced to new habitats by human intervention, Transported by commercial trade or recreational activity, thus education of the public is essential to halting the spread of invaders, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, that the Board does hereby establish the Month of May 2010 as "Invasive Species Awareness Month", and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Forest Preserve District shall use the occasion of Invasive Species Awareness Month to promote greater public awareness of proactive steps that can be taken by all to help stop the spread of invasive species, including the dissemination of educational material via the District's website and other media.

ITEM #9

Commissioner Peter Silvestri and Commissioner Bridget Gainer, requesting authorization to enter into and execute an intergovernmental agreement between the Cook County State's Attorney (State's Attorney) and the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (District) whereby assistant states attorneys assigned to the Civil Actions Bureau represent the District in civil litigation matters.

The District's Legal Department shall remain the primary legal counsel to the District in general civil litigation matters to include worker's compensation claims. The District shall pay a rate of \$70.00 per hour for legal services provided by the State's Attorney plus reasonable fees and costs including but not limited to expert witness fees, transcripts, trial preparation and court reporting. In a case where a conflict arises between the State's Attorney and the District, the State's Attorney shall not represent the District in civil litigation matters. This agreement has been reviewed and approved as to form by the Cook County State's Attorney's Office.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: none

ITEM #9 (cont'd)

**AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE COOK COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY,
THE COUNTY OF COOK,
AND
THE FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF COOK COUNTY**

THIS INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT is made and entered into by and between the Cook County State's Attorney (State's Attorney), the County of Cook (County) and the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (District).

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserve District Legal Department supports all departments of the District, the District Board of Commissioners and the President and administration, by providing prompt, accurate and efficient legal services and supervision of all legal matters involving the District; and

WHEREAS, in some cases, the District Legal Department is unable to represent itself in civil litigation due to a conflict of interest or the need for specific or advanced expertise in a field of law; and

WHEREAS, when the District Legal Department cannot represent itself due to a conflict of interest or the need for specific or advanced expertise in a field of law, special outside counsel must be appointed to provide legal representation to the District; and

WHEREAS, a fee schedule established by District Resolution 08-R-09 fixes appointed attorneys' hourly fees at:

Partner Hourly Rate:	\$170.00 - \$185.00
Associate Hourly Rate:	\$140.00 - \$155.00
Paralegal/Law Clerk Hourly Rate:	\$65.00; and

WHEREAS, the State's Attorney's Civil Actions Bureau represents the interests of Cook County, defends county office holders and employees in lawsuits; and

WHEREAS, the County has been charged by statute with paying the salaries of assistant state's attorneys and to provide for the reasonable and necessary expenses of the State's Attorney; and

WHEREAS, the County and the District are units of government within the meaning of the Constitution of the State of Illinois, 1970, Article VII, Section 10, having the power and authority to enter into an intergovernmental agreement; and

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WHEREAS, Article VII Section 10 of the Constitution of the State of Illinois authorizes and encourages units of local government to contract or otherwise associate amongst themselves and with the State to obtain or share services and to exercise, combine, or transfer any power or function; and

WHEREAS, the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act, 5 ILCS 220/1 et seq., authorizes and encourages cooperative agreements between units of Illinois State and local government; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the District have proposed that the District and the County enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement whereby state's attorneys assigned to the Civil Actions Bureau of the State's Attorney's Office represent the District in certain civil litigation matters; and

WHEREAS, the parties acknowledge that the District shall remain the primary legal counsel to the District in general civil litigation matters but that the State's Attorney shall, in some cases, represent the District; and

WHEREAS, the taxpayers of both the District and the County may benefit from the economies of scale provided by the assumption of some of the District's legal work by the State's Attorney; and

WHEREAS, this Agreement may save District funds by avoiding, in some instances, the appointment of special outside counsel and paying their attorney's fees; and

WHEREAS, the parties acknowledge that in some cases the District will have a legal obligation to appoint special outside counsel and will pay the attorneys under the fee schedule fixed by District Resolution 08-R-09.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and mutual promises, terms and conditions set forth herein, and in the spirit of the intergovernmental cooperation, the State's Attorney, the County and the District agree as follows:

1. **Incorporation of Preambles:** The preambles set forth above are incorporated herein and made a part thereof.
2. **Referral:** In certain cases, the District shall, with the approval of the President, per section 1-6-4B of District Code, refer civil litigation to the State's Attorney whereby assistant state's attorneys assigned to the Civil Actions Bureau will represent the District in civil litigation matters. The District's Litigation Subcommittee shall receive a list of all cases referred to the State's Attorney or outside counsel with a justification or reason for the referral.

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3. **Primary Legal Counsel:** The District shall remain the primary legal counsel to the District in general civil litigation matters including, but not limited to, worker's compensation claims.
4. **Excluded:** The State's Attorney shall not represent the District where a conflict arises between the State's Attorney and the District or with respect to matters that have not expressly been referred to the State's Attorney by the District.
5. **Payment of Legal Fees:** The District shall pay the County a rate of \$70.00 per hour for legal services provided by the State's Attorney plus any associated reasonable fees and costs approved by the Board of Commissioners of the District that were not forwarded directly to the District for payment pursuant to Paragraph 6 of this Agreement, within 90 days of receipt of an invoice from the State's Attorney.
6. **Payment of Fees and Costs:** The State's Attorney shall forward to the District all bills, invoices and requests for payment received for costs and fees incurred for its review and approval in representation of the District, including but not limited to expert witness fees, transcripts, trial preparation and court reporting. The District shall pay the vendor directly for such costs and fees.
7. **Deposit of Funds:** The County shall deposit all fees and costs collected pursuant to this Agreement in a special purpose fund, held by the Cook County Treasurer, the proceeds of which shall be used exclusively to finance the operations of the State's Attorney's Office.
8. **Annual Review:** There shall be an annual review by the District and County of the hourly rate set forth in (5) above and if approved by the Board of Commissioners of the District, such fee shall be adjusted to reflect increases in the cost of providing the legal services as set forth herein.
9. **Settlement Authority:** The Litigation Subcommittee of the Finance Committee of the District shall have the ultimate authority in approving the recommendations made by the District including instances where the District is represented by the State's Attorney and all recommendations must be referred to the Litigation Subcommittee.
10. **Incorporation:** The provisions set forth herein represent the entire agreement between the State's Attorney, the County and the District.
11. **Reservation of Rights:** By utilizing the legal services of the State's Attorney, the Forest Preserve District is not surrendering its right to provide for its own legal representation.
12. **Hold Harmless:** The Forest Preserve District shall indemnify and hold harmless the County for all actions except those involving intentional misconduct, willful and wanton misconduct or grossly negligent conduct taken by the State's Attorney's Office pursuant to and in furtherance of this Intergovernmental Agreement.

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13. Termination: This Intergovernmental Agreement may be terminated by any party for any reason provided the termination is in writing and signed by a duly authorized representative of the terminating party. The effective date of termination shall be the date written notice of termination is delivered to the non-terminating party, such delivery to be documented by the person or entity delivering the notice. Notice of said termination shall be forwarded to the Cook County Board of Commissioners, the Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners and the State's Attorney of Cook County for their receipt and information.

14. Miscellaneous:

A. Amendments: No revision, modification or amendment of this Agreement shall be effective unless set forth in writing, approved by the parties and properly executed on their behalf.

B. Governing Law: This Agreement is governed by and shall be construed according to the laws of the State of Illinois.

C. Compliance with Laws: The Parties hereto agree to observe and comply with all applicable Federal, State and local laws which may in any manner affect performance under this Agreement.

D. Severability: In the event that any provision(s) of this Agreement is determined to be legally invalid, the Parties agree that such particular provision shall be null and void, but the remainder of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

15. Notices: All notices given under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be served during regular business hours. Notices shall be served at the following addresses:

To the County:

President
Cook County Board of Commissioners
118 N. Clark Street, Room 537
Chicago, IL 60602

With a copy to:

State's Attorney of Cook County
69 W. Washington St, 32nd Fr
Chicago, IL 60602

To the District:

Superintendent
Forest Preserve District of Cook County
536 N. Harlem Avenue
River Forest, IL 60305

ITEM #10

Commissioner Larry Suffredin, President Todd H. Stroger, and the Forest Preserve Board of Commissioners submitting a resolution proclaiming April 22, 2010 Earth Day in Cook County.

THE HONORABLE TODD H. STROGER, PRESIDENT, WILLIAM M. BEAVERS, JERRY BUTLER, FORREST CLAYPOOL, EARLEAN COLLINS, JOHN P. DALEY, BRIDGET GAINER, ELIZABETH “LIZ” DOODY GORMAN, GREGG GOSLIN, JOSEPH MARIO MORENO, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, ANTHONY J. PERAICA, EDWIN REYES, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, ROBERT B. STEELE, AND LARRY SUFFREDIN, FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS

Proclaiming April 22, 2010 Earth Day in Cook County

WHEREAS, Earth Day is celebrated around the world on April 22nd and this year is the 40th Anniversary of Earth Day; and

WHEREAS, since it was first celebrated in 1970, Earth Day has been an annual event for people around the world to celebrate the earth and renew their commitment to building a safer, healthier, and cleaner world for all people; and

WHEREAS, to commemorate Earth Day, community organizations, public and private entities, and individuals show their support for the earth and environmental programs by participating in a wide range of activities from educational seminars to cleaning up natural areas or helping to launch a community garden; and

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserve District is the caretaker for more than 68,000 acres of public land in Cook County and has as its mission to “. . . restore, restock, protect and preserve the natural forests and such lands together with their flora and fauna, as nearly as may be, in their natural state and condition, for the purpose of the education, pleasure, and recreation of the public...;” and

WHEREAS, in addition to the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, community groups organizing Earth Day work sites and activities in Cook County include Friends of the Forest Preserves, Friends of the Parks, North Branch Restoration Project, Sierra Club, and Audubon-Chicago Region; and

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserve District of Cook County will hold Earth Day Go Green Events on April 17, 2010 at Crab Tree Nature Center and on April 25, 2010 at Sand Ridge Nature Center; and

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WHEREAS, the Forest Preserve District will host numerous workdays to commemorate Earth Day throughout the region, including special activities at Powderhorn Prairie, Thatcher Woods, Tampier Lake North, Skokie Lagoons, Deer Grove Woods, Shoe Factory Road Woods, Hidden Pond, Theodore Stone Woods, Shoe Factory Road Woods, Bluff Spring Fen, Sauk Trail Woods on April 17, 2010, and at Skokie Lagoons, Linne Woods, Ted Stone, Hidden Pond, Chicago Portage, Schiller Woods, and Possum Hollow Woods in conjunction with Global Youth Service Day, Indian Road Woods, Bunker Hill, Wayside Woods-Linne Woods, Spring Creek, Orland Grasslands, Pioneer Woods, Kickapoo Woods, McCormick Woods, and Thatcher Woods, and Ottawa Trail Woods on April 24, 2010, in addition to many other events during the month of April;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County does hereby proclaim April 22, 2010 Earth Day in Cook County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Commissioners, staff, and residents are encouraged to participate in Earth Day by organizing, promoting, or participating in a work project or environmental educational activity; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the District will register its Earth Day activities on the Earth Day Network website at www.earthday.net; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Forest Preserve District will post information about Earth Day on its website including activities it is organizing and contact information on community organizations sponsoring Earth Day activities in Cook County.

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President Todd H. Stroger, Commissioner William M. Beavers, Commissioner Jerry Butler, Commissioner Forrest Claypool, Commissioner Earlean Collins, Commissioner John P. Daley, Commissioner Bridget Gainer, Commissioner Elizabeth Ann Doody Gorman, Commissioner Gregg Goslin, Commissioner Joseph Mario Moreno, Commissioner Joan Patricia Murphy, Commissioner Anthony J. Peraica, Commissioner Edwin Reyes, Commissioner Timothy O. Schneider, Commissioner Peter N. Silvestri, Commissioner Deborah Sims, Commissioner Robert B. Steele, and Commissioner Larry Suffredin transmitting a resolution recognizing the Sagawau Environmental Learning Center.

SPONSOR

THE HONORABLE TODD H. STROGER, PRESIDENT

CO-SPONSORS

WILLIAM M. BEAVERS, JERRY BUTLER, FORREST CLAYPOOL, EARLEAN COLLINS, JOHN P. DALEY, BRIDGET GAINER, ELIZABETH ANN DOODY GORMAN, GREGG GOSLIN, JOSEPH MARIO MORENO, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, ANTHONY J. PERAICA, EDWIN REYES, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, ROBERT B. STEELE, and LARRY SUFFREDIN,
FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserve District of Cook County acquired Camp Sagawau on June 4, 1952; and

WHEREAS, the acquisition of Camp Sagawau included a total of 140 acres that had been operated by the Young Women's Christian Association of Chicago as a vacation and rest camp; and

WHEREAS, included on that site were two cottages, thirteen (13) cabins, a winterized kitchen, a mess hall, an assembly hall, a dormitory and additional facilities for a group camp, as well as Cook County's only limestone canyon; and

WHEREAS, all of the buildings that were housed on Camp Sagawau's property have been removed, leaving only the original farm house; and

WHEREAS, on October 6, 2004, the Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners authorized a bond issuance pursuant to the passage of Senate Bill 83 by the Illinois legislature; and

WHEREAS, on April 7, 2005, a list of projects was submitted to the Forest Preserve District Board for referral to the Capital Development Committee and the Camp Sagawau Learning Center was on this list of projects; and

WHEREAS, on April 28, 2005, the Capital Development Committee met and approved the Senate Bill 83 list of projects and, on May 4, 2005, the full Board of Forest Preserve Commissioners approved the minutes of the Capital Development Committee; and

WHEREAS, on September 5, 2007, the contract for construction of the new Camp Sagawau Learning Center was awarded to the Lombard Company; and

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WHEREAS, McDonough Associates, Inc. designed the new Camp Sagawau Learning Center and the Lombard Company broke ground on February 7, 2008 and construction began on the 12,800 square foot facility; and

WHEREAS, the new Camp Sagawau Learning Center was designed to include exhibit space, a classroom facility, a large open Lodge Room and Cook County's only Nordic Ski Rental Program; and

WHEREAS, the new Camp Sagawau Learning Center was situated within the only previously disturbed portion of the site in order to minimize the impact on the existing landscape and its native plants, as well as to best facilitate the use of the site's extensive Nordic Ski Trails; and

WHEREAS, construction of the new Camp Sagawau Learning Center was completed on February 8, 2010 with a scheduled grand opening on April 17, 2010.

BE IT RESOLVED that President Todd H. Stroger and the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners officially recognizes the new Camp Sagawau Learning Center as the ***Sagawau Environmental Learning Center***.

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Real Estate Committee.....March 11, 2010

To the Honorable President and
Members of the Forest Preserve Board
of Commissioners

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Real Estate Committee of the Forest Preserve District will met pursuant to notice on Thursday, March 11, 2010 at the hour of 11:30 a.m., in the Board Room, Room 569, County Building, 118 N. Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois to discuss the following matter:

Communication #101397

A request from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) for a right-of-entry to construct a barrier on properties that the FPD leases from the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD). The barrier is intended to reduce the potential of Asian carp migrating from the Des Plaines River into the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal. The proposed barrier would be located in close proximity to the District's recently constructed Centennial Trail. Referred to the Real Estate Committee at the March 3, 2010 Board Meeting (Item #8).

Chairman Butler called the meeting to order. The Secretary called the roll and a quorum was present:

Present: Chairman Butler, Commissioner Beavers, Commissioner Collins, Commissioner Daley, Commissioner Gainer, Commissioner Gorman, Commissioner Moreno, Commissioner Reyes, Commissioner Schneider, Vice Chairman Sims, Commissioner Steele-11

Absent: Commissioner Claypool, Commissioner Goslin, Commissioner Murphy, Commissioner Peraica, Commissioner Silvestri, Commissioner Suffredin-6

Chairman Butler called for any public speakers. The following individuals gave individuals spoke before the committee:

Stacy Meyers-Glen, Policy Coordinator - Openlands

Col. Vincent V. Quarles, U.S. Army-District Commander gave a detailed presentation on behalf of the Corps regarding the right-of-entry request.

Steve Robillard, Project Specialist – Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources

Michael B. Rohde, Real Estate Specialist – US Army Corps of Engineers. Chicago Dist.

After hearing the public speakers, much discussion ensued.

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Commissioner Gorman moved, seconded by Commissioner Reyes approval of communication 101397 by roll call vote:

Roll call vote on Communication 101397

YEAS – Beavers, Butler, Collins, Daley, Gorman, Moreno, Reyes, Schneider, Sims, Steele – 10

NAYS – none

ABSENT - Claypool, Gainer, Goslin, Murphy, Peraica, Silvestri, Suffredin – 7

Chairman Butler announced the motion passed. Chairman Butler recognized Commissioner Daley. Commissioner Daley moved, seconded by Commissioner Steele adjournment of the Real Estate Committee Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Butler, Chairman
Mary R. Gardner, Secretary

Attached: MWRD Agreement

Environmental ControlMarch 16, 2010

To the Honorable President and
Members of the Forest Preserve Board
of Commissioners

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Environmental Control Committee of the Forest Preserve District met pursuant to notice on Tuesday, March 16, 2010 at the hour of 2:00 p.m., in the Board Room, Room 569, County Building, 118 N. Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois to discuss the following matters:

Communication no. 091324

An ordinance prohibiting the use of nylon meshing to protect new plants by water areas of the Forest Preserves. Referred to the Environmental Control Committee at the January 5, 2009 board meeting (Item 12).

Communication no. 091397

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Forest Preserve District Stormwater Management Policy. Referred to the Environmental Control Committee at the March 5, 2009 board meeting (Item 6).

Chairman Silvestri called the meeting to order. The Secretary called the roll and a quorum was present:

Present: Chairman Silvestri, Commissioner Beavers, Commissioner Gainer, Commissioner Gorman, Commissioner Moreno, Commissioner Peraica, Vice-Chairman Steele-7

Absent: none

Chairman Silvestri recessed the meeting to the call of the Chair.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter N. Silvestri, Chairman
Mary R. Gardner, Secretary

Finance Committee.....April 7, 2010

The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting is set for May 5, 2010