



April 4, 2011

TO: All Commissioners

FROM: Matthew B. DeLeon

RE: New Items – Forest Preserve Board Agenda – April 7, 2011

**PRESIDENT**

1. TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, WILLIAM M. BEAVERS, JERRY BUTLER, EARLEAN COLLINS, JOHN P. DALEY, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESUS G. GARCIA, ELIZABETH “LIZ” DOODY GORMAN, GREGG GOSLIN, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, EDWIN REYES, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, ROBERT STEELE, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, Forest Preserve District, Submitting a Resolution Proclaiming April 22, 2011 Earth Day in Cook County.

**BUDGET REALLOCATION**

2. ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent, Requesting authorization for the District to reallocate \$220,000.00 from the full-time employee salary account 015100-610010 to part-time salary account 015100-610011 to hire thirteen (13) additional seasonal laborers.

**PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE**

3. ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent, Requesting authorization for the Purchasing Agent to advertise for bids for tree removal operations throughout the District. These removal operations would focus on trees that have been impacted by the Emerald Ash Borer.

**RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE TONI PRECKWINKLE, PRESIDENT, WILLIAM M. BEAVERS, JERRY BUTLER, EARLEAN COLLINS, JOHN P. DALEY, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, JESUS G. GARCIA, BRIDGET GAINER, ELIZABETH "LIZ" DOODY GORMAN, GREGG GOSLIN, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, EDWIN REYES, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, ROBERT B. STEELE, LARRY SUFFREDIN, AND JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS**

**Proclaiming April 22, 2011 Earth Day in Cook County**

WHEREAS, Earth Day is celebrated around the world on April 22nd and this year is the 41<sup>st</sup> 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 Month events throughout April, including special activities at the River Trail Nature Center on Friday, April 15, 2011; Crabtree Nature Center on Sunday, April 17, 2011; and Sand Ridge Nature Center on Saturday, April 23, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserve District will host numerous workdays to commemorate Earth Day throughout the region, including restoration workdays throughout the District on April 16, 2011, at Kickapoo Prairie on April 23, 2011, and at Bunker Hill on April 30, 2011;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County does hereby proclaim April 22, 2011 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.org](http://www.earthday.org); 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.

**BUDGET REALLOCATION**

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ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

requesting authorization for the District to reallocate \$220,000.00 from the full-time employee salary account 015100-610010 to the part time salary account 015100-610011 to hire thirteen (13) additional seasonal laborers.

Reason: The District's leadership team believes that certain areas of the Preserve warrant increased focus with regard to restoration and maintenance activities as a result of excessive snow this past winter and other weather-related conditions.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: None.

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request authorization for the Purchasing Agent to advertise for bids for tree removal operations throughout the District. These removal operations would focus on trees that have been impacted by the Emerald Ash Borer.

The District's Chief Financial Officer has reviewed the funding for these projects and acknowledges that funding is appropriated in Account #111000-650070.

Approval is recommended.