



Park District Board of Trustees



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2022

**THE BONNIE W. NOBLE CENTER FOR PARK
DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION
1125 WEST LAKE AVENUE, PEORIA IL**

6:00 PM - REGULAR PARK BOARD MEETING

A G E N D A

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. MOMENT OF SILENCE & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 4. MINUTES**
 - 4.A. Approval of Minutes of November 9, 2022 and November 16, 2022 Regular Board Meeting**
[11.9.22 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)
[11.16.22 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)
- 5. STAFF REPORTS**
 - 5.A. Executive Director**
 - 5.B. Superintendent of Planning, Design & Construction**
[2022-11 Monthly Report_2.pdf](#)
 - 5.C. Chief of Police**
[Police Report November 2022.pdf](#)
- 6. COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - 6.A. Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility Committee**
Approved Minutes of September 20, 2022, October 18, 2022, and November 15, 2022 Meetings
[9.20.22 Diversity Equity Inclusion Committee Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)
[10.18.22 Diversity Equity Inclusion Committee Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

[11.15.22 DEIA Committee Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

- 6.B. **Planning Committee**
Approved Minutes of October 4, 2022 Meeting
[10.4.22 Planning Committee Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)
- 6.C. **Programming Committee**
Approved Minutes of October 10, 2022 Meeting
[10.10.22 Programming Committee Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

7. NEW BUSINESS

- 7.A. **Adoption of 2022 Tax Levy Ordinance**
Approval
[Memo to Park Board 2022 Tax Levy Recommendation 12-14-2022.pdf](#)
[Tax Levy Ordinance 2022.pdf](#)
- 7.B. **Authorization for Preparation of FY 2023 Combined Budget and Appropriation Ordinance**
Approval
[Park Board Auth to Prepare 2023 Budget & Appropriations Ord 12-14-2022.pdf](#)
- 7.C. **Authorization to Solicit Proposals for Year 2023 General Obligation Park Bonds**
Approval
[Park Board Auth to Solicit 2023 GO Bond Proposals 12-14-2022.pdf](#)
- 7.D. **2023 Administrative and Operating Support Agreement between Peoria Park District Foundation and The Pleasure Driveway and Park District of Peoria, IL**
Approval
[PPD Recommendation 12-8-22 for 2023 PPD Foundation Operating Agr.pdf](#)
[PPDFoundationAdminAgreement2023.pdf](#)
- 7.E. **2023 Administrative and Operational Support Services Agreement between Peoria Zoological Society and Pleasure Driveway and Park District of Peoria**
Approval
[StaffRecommendationPPD-PZS2023.pdf](#)
[PZS Administrative Agreement 2023.pdf](#)
- 7.F. **2023 Administrative and Operating Support Agreement Between Heart of Illinois Special Recreation Association and The Pleasure Driveway and Park District of Peoria, IL**
[StaffRecDecember 2022 carryover request.pdf](#)
- 7.G. **Corn Stock Theatre 2023 Season Agreement**
Approval
[Board Memo - 2023 Corn Stock Theatre Agreement.pdf](#)

[2023 Corn Stock Theatre Agreement.pdf](#)

7.H. The Peoria Citizens Committee for Economic Opportunity, Inc. (PCCEO) Agreement Renewal

[Staff Recommendation for 2023-2025 Agreement.pdf](#)

[2023-2025 PCCEO CAA Agreement.pdf](#)

7.I. Approval of IAPD Credentials Resolutions

[IAPD 2022 Credentials Certificate Board Memo.pdf](#)

[IAPD 2023 Annual Conference Credentials Certificate.pdf](#)

7.J. 2023 Park Board and Committee Meetings Schedule

[2023 Meeting Schedule.pdf](#)

7.K. Ordinance 395 - Disposal of Personal Property

Approval

[Recommendation - Ordinance #395.pdf](#)

7.L. Proposal – Drone Light Show on June 10, 2023

Approval

[Recommendation - Drone Light Show on June 10, 2023.pdf](#)

7.M. Proposal – Big Bounce America

Approval

[Recommendation - Bounce Rental June 2023.pdf](#)

7.N. Approval of Union Council Labor Agreement

[Staff Recommendation Union Council.pdf](#)

7.O. PAV in the Park at Donovan Park

At its October 26, 2022 Board meeting, the Peoria Park District Board of Trustees agreed by consensus to invite the PAV in the Park organizers to present at its November 16, 2022 Board meeting. Representatives of the PAV board presented information about their project and public input was gathered as part of the public meeting and through email communications received by staff and board both before and after the meeting.

Per the original consensus agreement, at the December 14, 2022 Board meeting, Trustees will vote on whether the proposal to build a performing arts center/amphitheater and associated amenities in Donovan Park as presented by the Performing Arts Center Ltd Board of Directors should receive future consideration by the Board of Trustees.

Per Board policy, prior to any vote taken, a final request for public input will be offered.

8. CALENDAR OF CONSENT ITEMS

- 8.A. Ratification of Phone Poll Dated 11.17.22 for Approval of a Temporary Construction Easement - Mossville Soccer Complex**
[Brd Rec_GalenaRdEasement.pdf](#)
[Parcel 3_Updated Docs.pdf](#)
- 8.B. Request for Use - 2023 Eastside Volleyball - RiverPlex**
[Staff Recommendation 2023 Eastside Volleyball.pdf](#)
[2023 Eastside board letter to Peoria Park District.pdf](#)
- 8.C. Request for Use - Hotshots Basketball Academy - RiverPlex**
[Staff Recommendation HotShots 2023.pdf](#)
[HOTSHOTS PROPOSAL 2023-2024.pdf](#)
- 8.D. Request for Use - Peoria Frisbee Club - Bradley Park Disc Golf Course**
[1.14.23 Ice Bowl Staff Recommendation.pdf](#)
[Peoria Frisbee Club Ice Bowl Request.pdf](#)
- 8.E. Quote - Purchase of Pre-Owned Fitness Equipment for the RiverPlex Recreation & Wellness Center**
Approval
[Recommendation - Pre-owned Fitness Equipment - Riverplex.pdf](#)
- 8.F. Quote - Janitorial Services at the Equipment Service Center**
Approval
[Recommendation - Janitorial Services at ESC.pdf](#)
- 8.G. Quote - 2023 Annual Plants & Flowers**
Approval
[Recommendation - 2023 Annual Plants and Flowers.pdf](#)
- 8.H. Ammunition Purchase for Park Police Range Use per State of Illinois Contract**
Approval
[Recommendation - Duty and Practice Ammunition per State of Illinois Contract.pdf](#)
- 8.I. Proposal – Genie GS2632 Electric Scissor Lift - Sourcwell Contract**
Approval
[Recommendation - Genie GS2632 Electric Scissor Lift per Sourcwell Contract #041719-TER.pdf](#)
- 8.J. Proposal - Architectural Services - Golf Learning Center**
[Brd Rec_GLC-Architect Services.pdf](#)
- 8.K. Proposal - Site Engineering Services - Golf Learning Center**
[Brd Rec_GLC-Site Engineering Services.pdf](#)
- 8.L. Bid - Shed Roof - Tawny Oaks**

[Brd Rec_Tawny Oaks Shed Roof.pdf](#)

- 8.M. Franciscan Recreation Complex - Amendment to Lease Agreement**
[Board Recommendation - ROE.pdf](#)
[Amendment to Lease Agreement ROE.pdf](#)

- 8.N. Quote – Printing of PPD Sports and Camps Guides**
Approval
[Recommendation - 2023 PPD Sports & Camps Guide.pdf](#)

9. PENDING BUSINESS

10. CITIZEN REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

11. COMMUNICATIONS

- 11.A. HISRA Thank You**
[HISRA Thank You.pdf](#)

- 11.B. PPD Trails**
[Email - PPD Trails.pdf](#)

12. OTHER BUSINESS

- 12.A. CLOSED SESSION**
Approval of Motion to Convene into Closed Session under Illinois Open Meetings Act Section 2(c)(2) Collective negotiating matters between the Park District and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees.

13. ACTION STEPS REVIEW

14. ADJOURNMENT

NOTICE:

If special accommodation is needed to attend or to participate in a Peoria Park Board Meeting, please contact the Park Board Secretary, 681-2801.

Park District Board of Trustees Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: December 14, 2022

Submitted by: Alicia Woodworth

Submitting Department: Administration

Item Type: Minutes

Agenda Section:

Subject:

Approval of Minutes of November 9, 2022 and November 16, 2022 Regular Board Meeting

Suggested Action:

Attachments:

[11.9.22 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

[11.16.22 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE PLEASURE DRIVEWAY AND PARK DISTRICT OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS, HELD AT 6:00 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2022 HELD AT THE BONNIE NOBLE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Trustees Timothy Bertschy, Kyle Bright (v), Laurie Covington, Joyce Harant, Alexander Sierra, Vice President Jacqueline Petty, and President Robert Johnson.

Note: (v) = Attended Virtually

TRUSTEES ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Executive Director Emily Cahill, Brent Wheeler, Attorney Bill Streeter, Attorney Kevin Day, Becky Fredrickson, Nick Conrad, Kevin Davis, Matt Freeman, Chief Todd Green, Chanel Hargrave-Murry, Jeff Heiden (v), Willie Howe, Jacob Kuban (v), Scott Loftus, Matt Majors (v), Jess Main, Jonelle McCloud, Shalesse Pie, Karrie Ross, Doug Silberer (v), Melissa Sierra, Chuck Sims (v), Nicole Staley, Yvonne Strode, Jenny Swanson, Greg Walker, Sue Wheeler, and Alicia Woodworth.

Note: (v) = Attended Virtually

OTHERS PRESENT: None

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Robert Johnson presided and called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

3. MOMENT OF SILENCE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. MINUTES

4.A. Approval of Minutes of October 26, 2022 and November 2, 2022 Regular Board Meetings

Trustee Harant MOVED TO APPROVE the October 26, 2022 and November 2, 2022 Regular Board meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Trustee Covington and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Bertschy, Bright, Covington, Harant, Sierra, Vice President Petty and President Johnson. (Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays).

5. STAFF REPORTS

5.A. Executive Director

Emily Cahill welcomed new full-time staff members Lin Du, Senior Accountant, Andrew Wirtz, Landscape Foreman, LC Davis, Proctor Center Assistant Manager, and Michael McCann, Peoria Zoo Maintenance Foreman.

5.B. Superintendent of Planning, Design and Construction

Becky Fredrickson presented the October 2022 Project Report. *Please see Attachment A.* No projects are materially behind schedule.

5.C. Chief of Police

Chief Todd Green presented the October 2022 Police Activity Report. *Please see Attachment B.*

Trustee Sierra stated that he, Chief Green, Emily Cahill and Brent Wheeler recently met to discuss policing and security throughout the Park District. It was a very robust and ongoing conversation.

5.D. Scholarship Review

Emily Cahill introduced Kevin Davis who presented updates and improvements to the Scholarship Program. This is a change in benefit and not a change in eligibility. In evaluating the scholarship process, staff identified that there was an opportunity to make the registration easier for people who are in the Scholarship Program. Changes were made that eliminate barriers for people and hopefully increase participation. Kevin Davis stated that the new process is much simpler and easier to navigate. *Please see Attachment C.*

Trustee Bertschy stated that the disadvantage of the new improvements is that it costs taxpayers more money and asked what the budgetary impact of the change would be. Kevin Davis stated that he does not believe it will be significant. Summer camps are the most sought-after programming for which scholarship recipients redeem their benefits. Registration patterns historically do not suggest that full price paying patrons would be displaced. Over 80% of scholarship camp registrations come in May, June and July which at that point, full-paying patrons have already had the opportunity to register. It would take a significant change in order to experience a tipping point. This year \$21,000 was budgeted for scholarships. The 2023 scholarship budget is \$30,000 and it is expected that most of the budgetary impact would occur within that \$9,000. Also, other programming like swim lessons rarely fill to capacity.

Trustee Sierra clarified that membership scholarships apply only to RiverPlex, Peoria PlayHouse, and Proctor Center. With the new electronic method to register, will the traditional paper application be eliminated? Kevin Davis stated that the scholarship application itself will still be a paper application. However, to register for programming once scholarship is awarded, that registration can be done both electronically and by paper. Outside of the financial impact, are there any other potential unintended consequences that could occur in implementing this new process? Kevin Davis stated that he hopes the transition process for recipients is easy and provides greater accessibility to register for programming. Staff is prepared to help in any way they can to provide assistance when needed.

Trustee Bertschy asked what metrics would be utilized to see if this program is a success. Kevin stated that number of registrations would be the first thing to look at along with how many weeks of programming or individual programs are being registered for using scholarship redemptions. Also, are we serving more families or are we serving the same families for longer. Trustee Bertschy believes metrics should be tied to a goal. As such, he would like staff to revisit this with the Board next year and

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None at this time.

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7. A. 2023 Budget Presentation Follow Up / Q & A

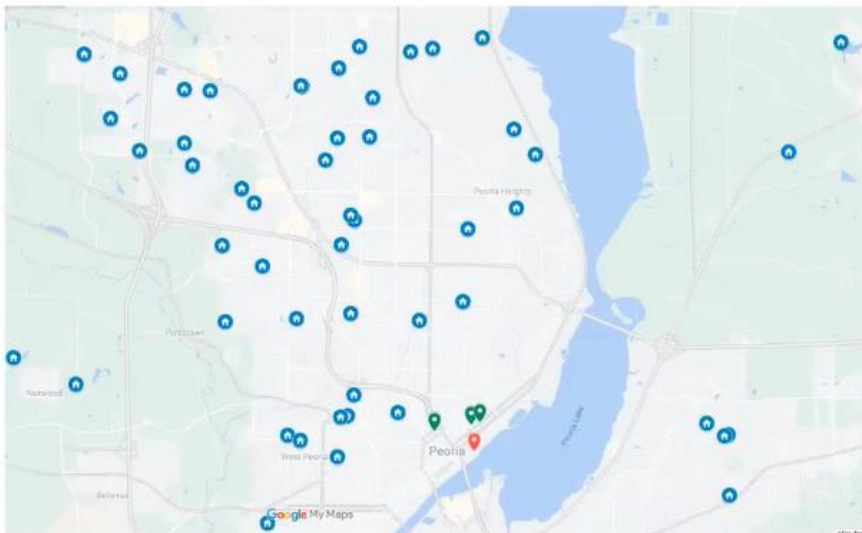
Emily Cahill stated that based upon questions received at last week's budget presentation, staff gathered more information to present tonight. There were three follow up items/questions from last week: RiverPlex camps, staff benefit value, and the impact of climate change on District properties.

Scott Loftus provided the following information on RiverPlex camp participants:

RiverPlex Camp Participants
2022
Distribution by Zip Code

61451	2
61523	1
61525	6
61528	1
61547	1
61548	7
61550	4
61554	1
61569	1
61571	1
61603	2
61604	10
61605	2
61606	6
61607	2
61611	7
61614	17
61615	27
61616	4
61734	1
TOTAL	103

The map below shows where those participants are in relation to the RiverPlex facility (in red):



2022 camp offerings compared to proposed 2023 camp offerings:

**Peoria Park District
Summer Day Camps
2022 vs. 2023**

<u>2022 Camps / Capacity per week</u>	<u>2023 Camps / Capacity per week</u>
Ancient Oaks Day Camp / 80 kids	Ancient Oaks Day Camp / 80 kids
Lakeview Day Camp / 60 kids	Lakeview Day Camp / 80 kids (+20)
Proctor Center Day Camp / 50 kids	Proctor Center Day Camp / 60 kids (+10)
RiverPlex Day Camp / 40 kids	Not offered (-40)
Not offered	Discover Day Camp / 28 kids (+28)
Peoria Zoo Camp / 20 kids	Peoria Zoo Camp / 20 kids
TOTAL SPOTS: 250	TOTAL SPOTS: 268 (+18)

President Johnson stated he will not be supporting the District's decision to not provide a camp at the RiverPlex. Trustee Sierra agreed stating he wants to see the camp remain at the RiverPlex this budget season. Trustee Harant stated that she wants to know what are the needs for camp for children in that neighborhood and what is the community capacity for providing such camps and programming. Vice President Petty stated that the needs of children in that area need to be addressed and she would like to see the Park District address and provide those needs not only to children, but families as well. Trustee Covington stated she reviewed the residential zip codes of the RiverPlex campers. As such, Lakeview Rec is closer to most of them as compared to the RiverPlex. Do not presume that all low income and high need kids are in zip codes 61603 and 61605. She would like to proceed for this year with the plan staff is presenting, moving the day camp from RiverPlex to Lakeview Rec Center. With that move, she would like to see the District provide transportation for those kids to Lakeview Rec. Through a long discussion, it was the consensus of the Board that staff make a change to the budget reflecting camp stays at RiverPlex as currently offered and bring it back at the next meeting for vote on the budget.

Shalesse Pie provided the employer-supported benefits to the PPD full time staff. Trustee Bertschy thanked Shalesse and confirmed that it was the information he requested at the last meeting.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.A. Approval of the 2023 Operating Budget

In order to provide adequate time for discussion and staff to provide more information, Trustee Sierra MOVED TO DEFER items 8.A., 8.B., and 8.C. until the next Regular Board meeting on 11.16.22. Motion seconded by Trustee Bertschy and carried on the

following roll call vote: Trustees Bertschy, Bright, Covington, Harant, Sierra, Vice President Petty and President Johnson. (Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays).

8.B. Approval of 2023 Bond Issue Budget

In order to provide adequate time for discussion and staff to provide more information, Trustee Sierra MOVED TO DEFER items 8.A., 8.B., and 8.C. until the next Regular Board meeting on 11.16.22. Motion seconded by Trustee Bertschy and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Bertschy, Bright, Covington, Harant, Sierra, Vice President Petty and President Johnson. (Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays).

8.C. 2023 Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan

In order to provide adequate time for discussion and staff to provide more information, Trustee Sierra MOVED TO DEFER items 8.A., 8.B., and 8.C. until the next Regular Board meeting on 11.16.22. Motion seconded by Trustee Bertschy and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Bertschy, Bright, Covington, Harant, Sierra, Vice President Petty and President Johnson. (Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays).

8.D. Quote – DJI Matrice 30T Drone for Park Police

Nicole Staley stated that quotes were solicited from three vendors for the purchase of a DJI Matrice 30T drone to be used by Park Police. The drone will help Park Police be more effective and efficient in performing their duties especially as it relates to surveillance and missing persons. Appropriate licensing and certifications are being budgeted for in the Police operating budget for 2023.

Trustee Bertschy MOVED TO APPROVE the Quote for DJI Matrice 30T Drone for Park Police. Trustee Sierra stated he will support this but drone technology, if not used appropriately, could be alarming for certain communities. Chief Green stated that a standard operating procedure policy on the use of drones is being developed. Motion seconded by Trustee Harant and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Bertschy, Bright, Covington, Harant, Sierra, Vice President Petty and President Johnson. (Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays).

8.E. Peoria Grown MOU and Lease

Emily Cahill stated that the Peoria Park District has collaborated with Peoria Grown to support their Market 309 project at Logan Recreation Center since January 2021. With the recent receipt of a grant from the National Recreation and Parks Association, Peoria Grown seeks to expand that relationship to include use of Trewyn Pavilion as a hub for their produce distribution efforts in Peoria. The group also seeks to collaborate on programming and data collection as part of the grant. District staff and Trustees Sierra and Vice President Petty met with Peoria Grown representatives to determine scope and the documents provided for review resulted from that initial conversation and subsequent work between staff and Peoria Grown. As such, staff recommends approval of the MOU and the proposed lease agreement for use of Trewyn Pavilion in 2023.

Trustee Sierra MOVED TO APPROVE the Peoria Grown MOU and Lease. Motion seconded by Trustee Bertschy and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Bertschy, Bright, Covington, Harant, Sierra, Vice President Petty and President Johnson. (Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays).

8.F. 2023 PPD/YMCA Dual Member Agreement

Brent Wheeler stated that the Peoria Park District's RiverPlex Recreation and Wellness Center collaborated with the Greater Peoria Area YMCA on a dual access agreement in 2022. Due to the very favorable response from the community, it is the desire of both entities to continue the agreement in 2023 with only a few minor changes to the arrangement. The agreement before you this evening has been recommended for approval by the RiverPlex / YMCA Joint Operating Committee.

Trustee Bertschy MOVED TO APPROVE the 2023 PPD/YMCA Dual Member Agreement. Motion seconded by Vice President Petty and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Bertschy, Bright, Covington, Harant, Sierra, Vice President Petty and President Johnson. (Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays).

8.G. Approval of Pre-Travel Expenses for Trustees Attendance at 2023 IAPD Conference

As required by state law and Peoria Park District policy, pretravel cost estimates were provided for Trustees who may express interest in attending the IAPD Annual Conference in Chicago, IL January 26-28, 2023. Staff recommends that the Board approve the pre-travel estimates for costs associated with the participation of Trustees Timothy Bertschy, Kyle Bright, Laurie Covington, Jackie Petty, Alex Sierra, Vice President Joyce Harant, and President Robert Johnson at the IAPD Annual Conference in Chicago, IL January 26-28, 2023. Please note that at this time, not all Trustees have indicated their intent on attending and therefore we do not have an exact number of Trustees attending.

Trustee Sierra MOVED TO APPROVE the Pre-Travel Expenses for Trustees Attendance at 2023 IAPD Conference. Motion seconded by Trustee Bertschy and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Bertschy, Bright, Covington, Harant, Sierra, Vice President Petty and President Johnson. (Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays).

9. CALENDAR OF CONSENT ITEMS

9.A. Bid – 2023 Golf Range Balls

9.B. Bid – Janitorial Services – Peoria PlayHouse and Children's Museum

9.C. Request for Use – Winter RiverFront Market – RiverPlex Recreation

9.D. Request for Use – 2023 Gimme Shelter - RiverPlex

Trustee Bertschy MOVED TO APPROVE Calendar of Consent Items 9.A. and 9.B. Motion seconded by Trustee Sierra and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Bertschy, Bright, Covington, Harant, Sierra, Vice President Petty and President Johnson. (Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays).

President Johnson MOVED TO APPROVE Calendar of Consent Items 9.C. and 9.D. Motion seconded by Trustee Bertschy and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Bertschy,

Bright, Covington, Harant, Sierra, Vice President Petty and President Johnson. (Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays).

10. CITIZEN REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Several comments made on Facebook live throughout the evening were read. Please see video at <https://fb.watch/hfkFlebggp/> for a full listing of the comments.

11. COMMUNICATIONS

None at this time.

12. OTHER BUSINESS

Trustee Sierra asked for an update on the lighting at MLK Park. Emily Cahill stated that as of this morning Ameren has not yet replaced the lights. The lighting evaluation cannot proceed until the lights are replaced and Ameren had previously found that one of their poles needed to be replaced. President Johnson requested the list of Ameren Board members so he may contact them and move this issue forward. Emily Cahill will provide him that information by tomorrow morning.

13. ACTION STEPS REVIEW

1. Work to develop a strategy to evaluate community capacity to provide camps in low income areas. How does the larger network of services respond to this need?
2. Develop a strategy around philosophy for future RiverPlex operations.
3. Staff benefits sheet will be sent to Trustees.
4. Send slides concerning factors that could potentially affect future budgets to Trustees.
5. Evaluate budgetary impact of additional hours at Gwyn Family Aquatic Center and provide to Trustees prior to next week's meeting.
6. Review the financial impact of the RiverPlex camp being added back into the budget prior to next week's meeting.
7. Provide President Johnson with contact information for Ameren.
8. Staff will reach out to the PAV in the Park group to inform them that their presentation is to be limited to 20 minutes.
9. Chief Green will work to develop a standard operating procedure around drone use.

14. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:15 pm Trustee Harant MOVED TO ADJOURN. Motion seconded by Trustee Bertschy and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Bertschy, Bright, Covington, Harant, Sierra, Vice President Petty and President Johnson. (Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays).

Full discussion can be viewed at the following link: <https://fb.watch/hfkFlebggp/>

Respectfully Submitted by Alicia Woodworth
Executive Assistant and Secretary to the Board

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POLICE ACTIVITY SUMMARY – October, 2022

**TOTAL NUMBER OF ALL REPORTS: 7****CRIME REPORTS**

<i>Location</i>	<i>Date/Time</i>	<i>Offense Type</i>	<i>Case #</i>
Glen Oak Park	10/1/22 – 1820	Mob Action Case Summary: 3 Juvenile Females Arrested and Cited for Fighting	22-135
Trewyn Park	10/10/22 – 1000	Criminal Damage to Property Case Summary: Unknown Suspect Damaged Freshly Laid Playground Surfacing	22-137
Donovan Park	10/10/22 – 1918	Motor Vehicle Burglary Case Summary: Wallet Stolen from Unlocked Vehicle	22-138
Gateway Building	10/12/22 – 2040	Criminal Damage to Property Case Summary: Juvenile Arrested for Damaging ATM Machine	22-139
Lakeview Park	10/26/22 – 1418	Criminal Trespass Case Summary: Adult Male Arrested for Trespass	22-142

MONTHLY TOTAL – CRIME REPORTS: 5**NON-CRIME REPORTS**

<i>Location</i>	<i>Date/Time</i>	<i>Offense Type</i>	<i>Case #</i>
Lakeview Park	10/5/22 - 1100	Other Investigation Summary: Trespass Process	22-136
Glen Oak Park	10/21/22 - 1523	Other Investigation Case Summary: Boyfriend/Girlfriend Disturbance	22-141

MONTHLY TOTAL – NON-CRIME REPORTS: 2**TRAFFIC CRASH REPORTS**

<i>Location</i>	<i>Date/Time</i>	<i>Tickets Issued</i>	<i>Case #</i>
Lakeview Park	10/18/22 – 0830	NA	22-140

MONTHLY TOTAL – TRAFFIC CRASH REPORTS: 1

October, 2022

TRAFFIC CITATIONS

<i>Location</i>	<i>Date/Time</i>	<i>Offense</i>	<i>Ticket #</i>

MONTHLY TOTAL – TRAFFIC CITATIONS: 0

ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS

<i>Location</i>	<i>Date/Time</i>	<i>Offense</i>	<i>Case #</i>
Glen Oak Park	10/1/22 – 1820	3 Tickets Written for Threatening, Abusive Language or Disorderly Conduct	22-135

MONTHLY TOTAL – ORDINANCE CITATIONS: 3

PARKING VIOLATIONS

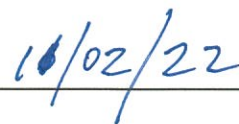
<i>Location</i>	<i>Date and Time</i>	<i>Offense</i>	<i>Ticket #</i>

MONTHLY TOTAL – PARKING VIOLATIONS: 0

Reviewed by:



Date:



October, 2022

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Peoria Park District

Scholarship Program

2022 Updates and Improvements

Review of General Information

- The Peoria Park District scholarship program is designed to assist in providing qualifying **PPD residents** access to our programs and facilities.
- Scholarships are issued based on **financial need**.
- Benefit opportunities include discounted memberships to the RiverPlex, Peoria PlayHouse, and Proctor Recreation Center; discounted enrollments in PPD activities and camps; and limited discounted facility admissions.
- Applicants must apply at Noble Center, RiverPlex, or Proctor Recreation Center, and must provide verification of PPD residency, as well as household income/benefit information.

Old Scholarship Award

KEVIN & RACHEL

Age: In the prime of their lives



HOUSEHOLD TOTAL

\$3329.50

Can be redeemed by anyone in the household, but once it's gone, it's gone

RUNNING TOTALS

FAMILY MEMBER	HOUSEHOLD ACTIVITY \$	INDIVIDUAL CAMP \$	PARK PASS	RIVERPLEX/ YMCA (Household membership)	PLAYHOUSE (Family membership)
Cecelia	\$100		\$28.50		
Owen	\$100	\$340	\$25.50		
Theresa	\$100	\$340	\$25.50		
Henry	\$100	\$340	\$25.50		
Elliott	\$100	\$340	\$25.50		
Oliver	\$100				
Kevin	\$100		\$29.50		
Rachel	\$100		\$29.50	\$900	\$80
TOTALS	\$800	\$1360	\$189.50	\$900	\$80

Has to be used by individual child to whom award is issued, and once it's gone, it's gone

- Family received a finite spending allowance based on household size and income
- Stipulations existed on which family members could pull from which allotment amounts, and for which programs
- Customer paid at least 5% of program cost, never to exceed \$5 per session
- Due to the program's complexity, system could not support online registration

New Scholarship Award

- Scholarship recipients receive substantial discounts on **unlimited** camp and program registrations
- Simpler structure means that families can now redeem their scholarship award **online**, as well as in person!
- Application process, residency requirements, renewal cycle, and approval thresholds will not change

What are "substantial discounts?"

APPROVAL LEVEL	PPD CAMPS AND PROGRAMS	RIVERPLEX AND PROCTOR MEMBERSHIPS	# APPROVALS AT THIS LEVEL IN 2022
Full Scholarship	90% off unlimited registrations	90% off regular membership rate	234
75% Scholarship	75% off unlimited registrations	75% off regular membership rate	17
50% Scholarship	50% off unlimited registrations	50% off regular membership rate	20
25% Scholarship	25% off unlimited registrations	25% off regular membership rate	3

*Note: Peoria PlayHouse Children's Museum explorer memberships will be available to scholarship recipients of all approval levels for \$25.00 per year.

What does 90% off mean to the customer?

The table below shows proposed pricing for 2023 for some of the District's most popular camps and programs. The columns display what a customer at each scholarship award level would expect to pay out of pocket for each program.

PPD Camps (Columns reflect **weekly** co-payment amounts.)

CAMP DESCRIPTION	COST PER WEEK OF CAMP	FULL SCHOLARSHIP CO-PAY PER WEEK	75% SCHOLARSHIP CO-PAY PER WEEK	50% SCHOLARSHIP CO-PAY PER WEEK	25% SCHOLARSHIP CO-PAY PER WEEK
Proctor Summer Camp	\$ 100.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 75.00
Lakeview Recreation Center Summer Camp	\$ 170.00	\$ 17.00	\$ 42.50	\$ 85.00	\$ 127.50
Ancient Oaks Day Camp @ Sommer Farm	\$ 180.00	\$ 18.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 90.00	\$ 135.00
Discovery Day Camp @ Noble Center	\$ 185.00	\$ 18.50	\$ 46.25	\$ 92.50	\$ 138.75
Peoria Zoo Camp	\$ 220.00	\$ 22.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 110.00	\$ 165.00

PPD Programs (Columns reflect **per session*** co-payment amounts.)

*Sessions may run anywhere from 4-12 weeks, depending on the program.

ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION	FULL SESSION COST	FULL SCHOLARSHIP CO-PAY PER SESSION	75% SCHOLARSHIP CO-PAY PER SESSION	50% SCHOLARSHIP CO-PAY PER SESSION	25% SCHOLARSHIP CO-PAY PER SESSION
Youth Basketball League @ Proctor	\$ 25.00	\$ 2.50	\$ 6.25	\$ 12.50	\$ 18.75
Cheer @ Proctor	\$ 40.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 30.00
Group Swim Lessons	\$ 44.00	\$ 4.40	\$ 11.00	\$ 22.00	\$ 33.00
Happy Feet Soccer	\$ 45.00	\$ 4.50	\$ 11.25	\$ 22.50	\$ 33.75
Youth Tennis Lessons	\$ 45.00	\$ 4.50	\$ 11.25	\$ 22.50	\$ 33.75
Youth Soccer League	\$ 65.00	\$ 6.50	\$ 16.25	\$ 32.50	\$ 48.75
Youth Basketball League @ Lakeview	\$ 65.00	\$ 6.50	\$ 16.25	\$ 32.50	\$ 48.75
Golf Lessons	\$ 70.00	\$ 7.00	\$ 17.50	\$ 35.00	\$ 52.50
Skating Lessons	\$ 82.00	\$ 8.20	\$ 20.50	\$ 41.00	\$ 61.50
Youth Dance Lessons @ Lakeview	\$ 138.00	\$ 13.80	\$ 34.50	\$ 69.00	\$ 103.50
Private Swim Lessons	\$ 170.00	\$ 17.00	\$ 42.50	\$ 85.00	\$ 127.50

What does 90% off mean to the customer?

The table below shows proposed pricing for 2023 for scholarship-eligible Peoria Park District memberships. The columns display what a customer at each scholarship award level would expect to pay out of pocket for each membership.

RiverPlex Memberships (Columns reflect **monthly** co-payment amounts.)

MEMBERSHIP TYPE	MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP COST	FULL SCHOLARSHIP CO-PAY PER MONTH	75% SCHOLARSHIP CO-PAY PER MONTH	50% SCHOLARSHIP CO-PAY PER MONTH	25% SCHOLARSHIP CO-PAY PER MONTH
RiverPlex 30 Under 30 Membership	\$ 29.00	\$ 2.90	\$ 7.25	\$ 14.50	\$ 21.75
RiverPlex Senior Membership	\$ 37.00	\$ 3.70	\$ 9.25	\$ 18.50	\$ 27.75
RiverPlex Adult Membership	\$ 50.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 12.50	\$ 25.00	\$ 37.50
RiverPlex Senior Joint Membership	\$ 58.00	\$ 5.80	\$ 14.50	\$ 29.00	\$ 43.50
RiverPlex Single Parent Membership	\$ 60.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 45.00
RiverPlex Couples Membership	\$ 70.00	\$ 7.00	\$ 17.50	\$ 35.00	\$ 52.50
RiverPlex Household Membership	\$ 80.00	\$ 8.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 60.00

Proctor Center Memberships (Columns reflect **yearly** co-payment amounts.)

MEMBERSHIP TYPE	ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP COST	FULL SCHOLARSHIP CO-PAY PER YEAR	75% SCHOLARSHIP CO-PAY PER YEAR	50% SCHOLARSHIP CO-PAY PER YEAR	25% SCHOLARSHIP CO-PAY PER YEAR
Proctor Center Family Membership	\$ 84.00	\$ 8.40	\$ 21.00	\$ 42.00	\$ 63.00
Proctor Center Adult Membership	\$ 60.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 45.00

*Note: Peoria PlayHouse Children's Museum Explorer Memberships will be available to scholarship recipients of all approval levels for \$25.00 per year.

Exercise 1: Proctor Summer Camp

HENRY
Age 9



Proctor Recreation Center Camp OLD MODEL

- Camper has \$380 award balance (maximum camp award under current model)

Camp Week	Regular Price	Scholarship Covers	Customer Co-Pay
Week 1	\$100.00	\$95.00	\$ 5.00
Week 2	\$100.00	\$95.00	\$ 5.00
Week 3	\$100.00	\$95.00	\$ 5.00
Week 4	\$100.00	\$95.00	\$ 5.00
Week 5	\$80.00	\$0.00	\$ 80.00
Week 6	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$ 100.00
Week 7	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$ 100.00
Week 8	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$ 100.00
TOTAL CUSTOMER EXPENSE			\$ 400.00

- Initial co-pay is less
- Beginning at Week 5, the customer's award balance runs out, and the customer is charged full price for each remaining week

Proctor Recreation Center Camp NEW MODEL

- Camper receives 90% off program fee, with no redemption limits.

Camp Week	Regular Price	Scholarship Covers	Customer Co-Pay
Week 1	\$100.00	\$90.00	\$10.00
Week 2	\$100.00	\$90.00	\$10.00
Week 3	\$100.00	\$90.00	\$10.00
Week 4	\$100.00	\$90.00	\$10.00
Week 5	\$80.00	\$72.00	\$8.00
Week 6	\$100.00	\$90.00	\$10.00
Week 7	\$100.00	\$90.00	\$10.00
Week 8	\$100.00	\$90.00	\$10.00
TOTAL CUSTOMER EXPENSE			\$78.00

- Initial co-pay is more
- However, the discount is applied without limitation, meaning the customer can enroll for the entire summer at less than 25% of what it would have previously cost out-of-pocket (\$78 vs. \$400)

Exercise 2: Youth Dance Lesson

THERESA
Age 12



Youth Dance Lessons OLD MODEL

- Family has \$200 to spend on programs (maximum program award for a family of 2* under current model)

Session	Regular Price	Scholarship Covers	Customer Co-Pay
Winter/Spring	\$138.00	\$133.00	\$ 5.00
Summer	\$138.00	\$67.00	\$ 71.00
Fall	\$138.00	\$0.00	\$ 138.00
TOTAL CUSTOMER EXPENSE			\$ 214.00

- Initial co-pay is less
- Beginning in the summer session, the scholarship balance runs out, and the customer begins paying the full cost out-of-pocket

****Note:** Under the current model, larger families will have greater spending balances, so since Theresa is part of a much larger family, her family's scholarship balance could conceivably cover the totality of these balances, minus copays. However, it would come at the expense of the family's other children having funds available to them.

Youth Dance Lessons NEW MODEL

- Participant receives 90% off program fee, with no redemption limits.

Session	Regular Price	Scholarship Covers	Customer Co-Pay
Winter/Spring	\$138.00	\$124.20	\$13.80
Summer	\$138.00	\$124.20	\$13.80
Fall	\$138.00	\$124.20	\$13.80
TOTAL CUSTOMER EXPENSE			\$41.40

- Initial co-pay is more
- However, the discount is applied without limitation, meaning the customer can enroll for the entire year at less than 20% of what it would have previously cost out-of-pocket (\$41.40 vs. \$214)

Why is the new model better?

- Supports equitable access by providing online registration availability, ensuring a comparable enrollment process for all PPD families. This is especially crucial for programs with competitive registration periods (camp, swim lessons, etc.)
- Simpler messaging! The old model was generous but confusing. Under the new model, “90% off all enrollments” is really all anyone needs to understand.
- Emphasizes year-long support at a consistent rate, as opposed to more heavily discounted support for a shorter time period. This seeks to ensure:
 - No lapse in services for families using summer camp for childcare
 - No loss of skill development in programs like dance, swimming, skating, etc., where capacity is built cumulatively.
- No one in the family gets left behind! Allotting more of your spending allowance to one child no longer means less for another child. Under the new model, everyone gets the same discount, without limit, all year long!



Proctor Recreation Center Camp NEW MODEL

Camp Week	Regular Price	Scholarship Covers	Customer Co-Pay
Week 1	\$100.00	\$90.00	\$10.00
Week 2	\$100.00	\$90.00	\$10.00
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Week 6	\$100.00	\$90.00	\$10.00
Week 7	\$100.00	\$90.00	\$10.00
Week 8	\$100.00	\$90.00	\$10.00
TOTAL CUSTOMER EXPENSE			\$78.00

Youth Dance Lessons NEW MODEL

Session	Regular Price	Scholarship Covers	Customer Co-Pay
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Peoria Park District
Scholarship Program
2022 Updates and Improvements

QUESTIONS?

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE PLEASURE DRIVEWAY AND PARK DISTRICT OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS, HELD AT 5:00 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2022 HELD AT THE BONNIE NOBLE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Trustees Timothy Bertschy, Kyle Bright, Laurie Covington, Joyce Harant, Alexander Sierra, Vice President Jacqueline Petty, and President Robert Johnson.

TRUSTEES ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Executive Director Emily Cahill, Brent Wheeler, Attorney Bill Streeter, Attorney Kevin Day, Becky Fredrickson, Nick Conrad, Matt Freeman, Chief Todd Green, Chanel Hargrave-Murry, Jeff Heiden (v), Willie Howe, Jacob Kuban (v), Scott Loftus, Matt Majors (v), Jess Main, Jonelle McCloud, Brittany Moldenhauer (v), Shalesse Pie, Karrie Ross, Doug Silberer (v), Nicole Staley (v), Yvonne Strode, Jenny Swanson, Greg Walker (v), Sue Wheeler, and Alicia Woodworth.

Note: (v) = Attended Virtually

OTHERS PRESENT: From the Peoria Astronomical Society – Eric Clifton, from the Peoria Municipal Band – David Liddle, from the Heart of Illinois Sierra Club – Joyce Blumenshine, from Hanson Professional Services – Cindy Loos, from Haynes Staffing and Consulting – Ivory Hayes, from the PAV in the Park group: Sara Connor-James, Nina Bush, Nick Maloof.

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Robert Johnson presided and called the meeting to order at 5:07 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

3. MOMENT OF SILENCE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. MINUTES

No minutes presented at this time.

5. STAFF REPORTS

5.A. Executive Director

Emily Cahill congratulated full time employee Alex Vargas as Riverfront Manager.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.A. Finance Committee – Approval of Accounts Payable

Trustee Bertschy reported the Finance Committee has examined the bills and approved unanimously and moves that the President and Secretary be authorized to issue orders on the Treasurer for the several amounts shown in the agenda and MOVED TO APPROVE the current listing of accounts payable. Motion seconded by Trustee Bright and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Bertschy, Bright, Covington, Harant, Sierra, Vice President Petty and President Johnson. (Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays).

7. CALENDAR OF CONSENT ITEMS

7.A. Easement Approval – Glen Oak Park

7.B. Bid – Peoria Zoo Boardwalk Repairs and Resurfacing

7.C. Bid – Purchase of Hay and Straw for the Peoria Zoo

Trustee Harant MOVED TO APPROVE Calendar of Consent Items 7.A. through 7.C.

Motion seconded by Vice President Petty and carried on the following roll call vote:

Trustees Bertschy, Bright, Covington, Harant, Sierra, Vice President Petty and President Johnson. (Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays).

8. PENDING BUSINESS

8.A. Approval of the 2023 Operating Budget

Per discussions at last week's Board meeting, Emily Cahill stated that staff present two options tonight – 1. To discontinue the RiverPlex camp and offer the Discovery camp at Noble Center as proposed in the 2023 operating budget. Have staff within that budget explore new ways to collaborate with other day camps in the area around and near the RiverPlex that would result in no material net change to the 2023 proposed budget or 2. Continue offering the RiverPlex camp similar to the current 2022 offering and remove the Noble Center proposed camp for 2023.

The impact to the 2023 proposed budget would be an increased tax subsidy of the RiverPlex of \$28,245. Another area where more information was requested was about Gwynn Family Aquatic Center where staff is proposing to keep the current subsidy level given the challenges we've had in recent years with the number of lifeguards. The current bank of hours budgeted can be shifted around to meet the demands of the user group.

Trustee Bertschy MOVED TO APPROVE the 2023 Operating Budget on condition the budget be modified to reflect the RiverPlex camp not be moved. Motion seconded by President Johnson and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Bertschy - Aye, Bright - Aye, Covington - Nay, Harant - Aye, Sierra - Aye, Vice President Petty – Aye, and President Johnson - Aye. (Results: 6 Ayes; 1 Nay).

8.B. Approval of 2023 Bond Issue Budget

Trustee Bertschy MOVED TO APPROVE the 2023 Bond Issue Budget. Motion seconded by Vice President Petty and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Bertschy, Bright, Covington, Harant, Sierra, Vice President Petty and President Johnson. (Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays).

8.C. 2023 Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan

Received and filed.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.A. Travel Expense Approval for President Robert Johnson to attend IAPD/IPRA Joint Conference Committee Meeting in Chicago, IL on December 1, 2022

Trustee Harant MOVED TO APPROVE the Travel Expense Approval for President Robert Johnson to attend IAPD/IPRA Joint Conference Committee Meeting in Chicago, IL on December 1, 2022. Motion seconded by Trustee Bright and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Bertschy, Bright, Covington, Harant, Sierra, Vice President Petty and President Johnson. (Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays).

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At 5:24 pm, due to the PAV in the Park group not in attendance and therefore unable to present, Trustee Sierra MOVED TO RECESS until 6:00 pm. Trustee Bertschy MOVED TO AMEND MOTION TO RECESS to recess until the arrival of the PAV in the Park group, not past 6:00 pm. Motion seconded by Vice President Petty and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Bertschy - Aye, Bright - Aye, Covington - Aye, Harant - Nay, Sierra - Aye, Vice President Petty – Aye, and President Johnson - Aye. (Results: 6 Ayes; 1 Nay).

At 5:55 pm, Trustee Sierra MOVED TO RECONVENE the Regular Board meeting. Motion seconded by Trustee Bertschy and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Bertschy, Bright, Covington, Harant, Sierra, Vice President Petty and President Johnson. (Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays).

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9.B. PAV in the Park Presentation

Sara Connor-James stated that the Pav in the Park group is here tonight at the unanimous invitation of the Board of Trustees as per the minutes of last month's meeting. She stated they are glad to have this opportunity to present tonight, however, their presentation is far from finished. They are still meeting with groups in the community and gathering input and info. *To view a full video recording of this presentation, please go to minute 44:00 of the full meeting at <https://fb.watch/hfmUTAnMOe/>.* Connor-James went on to list the names of community members that the group has already met with, gaining their support. She stated that this project is privately-funded, with a 1,500-seat pavilion built on the southeast corner of Donovan Park.

Connor-James clarified 1. That the Pavilion is a 501c3 non-profit organization and nobody on the PAV board is a developer or seeks to gain in any way personal or financial gain. 2. The Peoria Park District will receive over \$100,000 per year in donations with no financial outlay needed. 3. The City of Peoria, Peoria businesses and homeowners, schools, the arts, the tri-county area and all of downstate Illinois will benefit.

A diverse group of construction companies, including minority construction companies, will benefit from more than over 250 union jobs. Untold number of area businesses, hotels, restaurants and retail shops will benefit. The medical community will better attract and retain talent. Families and people from every walk of life will enjoy the magnificent world class gathering place for decades. The PAV in the Park group has no debt and has no investors. They will create an endowment for sustainability. They will interview two top venue management

and talent booking companies to ensure its success. The pavilion project will not cost the taxpayers a single penny. It will increase tax revenues for the area and the Park District will benefit significantly.

They will be investing in Donovan Park by installing over 250 varieties of natural vegetation and habitat. The group reached out to the Horticultural Department at Illinois Central College (ICC) for collaboration on a landscape and natural habitat design. As such, student Andrew Hechter of ICC was introduced to present more information on the ICC Horticulture Concept Plan.

Connor-James then introduced Nina Bush DeBello to present information on the issues with light, sound, heat and traffic. Bush DeBello stated that the group is working with ICC to develop light and sound barriers. The noise will be kept within the amphitheater and outside audible levels will be less than it is now. Neighbors will not experience increased noise levels. Working with light issues will promote community partnerships. In reference to the observatory, we are already at maximum light pollution at its current location in Donovan Park. Therefore, the pavilion will not impact the observatory. Reputable consultants and companies were consulted on this issue to ensure there will be no adverse effects from the pavilion in Donovan Park.

Connor-James introduced Joshua Gunn, CEO of the Peoria Area Chamber of Commerce and on behalf of the PAV group, to share his perspective. Gunn stated he is new fairly new to Peoria (3 years) and there's a consistent theme he's hearing about the challenges in the Peoria area. He stated Peoria is having a large problem in attracting and retaining talent. There's a lack of investment in vibrancy and excitement not only downtown, but also throughout the entire Peoria area. The arts can transform a community and help attract new talent. With this project increasing performance and music venues, it can transform the entire area.

Connor-James finished the presentation and stated that new and exciting details have been presented for the Pavilion in the Park as well as some clarification given. More research needs to occur. Peoria has a vested interest in this project and the Park District can be the catalyst to make this happen. The Pavilion in the Park at Donovan Park will give 90 years of community and beyond. Such a far-reaching project as this deserves careful consideration and informed community input.

Connor-James stated the PAV in the Park group is asking that the Park District form a select subcommittee to designate two Trustees, along with select members of the community groups, pavilion representatives and a member of the Park District staff, to work together and stay informed as to what the PAV in the Park group is doing to move forward and study deeply what is involved in the matrix of this project. This cannot be rushed and all need to take the time to ensure that it gets done right. Speaking directly to Trustee Sierra, she suggested that he chair the subcommittee, given his interest. Trustee Sierra responded stating the answer to that is no and that her suggestion was not appropriate. Connor-James stated that regardless, the PAV in the Park group asks that the District form a subcommittee because it requires much more conversation and discussion.

President Johnson stated that at this Board meeting, it is not the time to discuss things directly with Trustees and that creating committees is a Park District function. He wants everyone to have the opportunity to speak for or against the project but please be conscious of how long you speak and avoid unnecessary conversations. Addressing Sara Connor-James, Trustee Sierra stated that respectfully, her request that he chair a subcommittee was not appropriate. To further explain his interest in this project, he stated that just like any other project that is brought to the Park District Board, is to make sure that as public servant leader, he listen to all parties and make a moral, ethical, and just decision. That is his only interest here.

10. CITIZEN REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Several people addressed the Board both in favor and against the PAV in the Park at Donovan Park. *For a full video recording of those addressing the Board with their comments, please go to minute 1:22:41 of the full meeting at <https://fb.watch/hfmUTAnMOe/>.* In addition, emails that have been received from members of the community on this topic, have been shared with the Board. *Please see Attachment A.*

11. COMMUNICATIONS

None at this time.

12. OTHER BUSINESS

None at this time.

13. ACTION STEPS REVIEW

None at this time.

14. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:46 pm Vice President Petty MOVED TO ADJOURN. Motion seconded by Trustee Harant and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Bertschy, Bright, Covington, Harant, Sierra, Vice President Petty and President Johnson. (Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays).

Full discussion can be viewed at the following link: <https://fb.watch/hfmUTAnMOe/>

Respectfully Submitted by Alicia Woodworth
Executive Assistant and Secretary to the Board

From: Mary Spengler <mespeng@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 30, 2022 1:56 PM
To: PPD <ppd@peoriaparks.org>
Subject: Pavilion in the Park- why I oppose it

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Dear Peoria Park District Board,

I am writing you this letter to express my strong opposition to the Pavilion in the Park project proposal, which I understand is being once again presented to the board in November. My family and I live two miles from Donovan Park, and use this multiple times a week. As a lifelong Peoria resident who loves our city, its rich history, our parks and our entertainment, there are three reasons why I strongly oppose this project: 1) The environmental impact that will result from creating a large parking area and performance venue space, 2) The pre-existing oversaturation and underuse of performance venues already available to Peorians, and lastly, 3) The lack of originality of this proposal, and the profiting off of what should be a free and open space to all children and families who wish to enjoy the natural beauty of Donovan Park.

Donovan Park is a beautiful, and unmatched green space in this part of Peoria. Unlike forested parks and trails the city has to offer, which are amazing, Donovan has a mostly flat and open prairie setting, offering a number of natural prairie plants and native trees, while providing an especially safe and open atmosphere for parents with young children, who want to walk and explore nature, without the isolation or accessibility issues that other parks can have. For example, when my daughter was undergoing chemo treatment at 4 years old and immunocompromised with lower levels of energy, the quiet peacefulness of Donovan Park was priceless and made this park a wonderful place to get her outside for some fresh air away from crowds. Even now, we often visit this park to enjoy the herd of deer, and the owls, and the geese and the trees, and the truck sandpit for kids and we walk all over every bit of it! The space by the ponds is one of the most scenic spaces in the park, beautiful for taking photos especially when the sun is rising over the water. No amount of money the park district could make from this project would be worth the priceless green space this performance venue would be taking away from middle-class families in this city and neighbors of this park. Not to mention, with added car exhaust and loud music, what do we expect will happen to the ecosystem that thrives in this park?

Peoria has an oversaturation of performance venues, and many spaces that already exist are underused. We already have the Glen Oak Amphitheatre, the Peoria Civic Center, Expo Gardens, the Betty Jayne, the Scottish Rite Theater. We are soon to have the Madison Theater again. Peoria Public Library has large meeting spaces that are successfully used for live performances as well. Why strip away business from other local businesses and organizations, for yet another performance venue that may or may not be successful, but will regardless be taking away a free treasure from the public?

The Pavilion in the Park is not a unique or remarkably creative idea, and it doesn't give Peoria anything we don't already have in some capacity. If anything it would hurt other nearby properties such as the Expo Gardens and be stripping local residents of a green space that is unique and unmatched in its natural beauty and accessibility for young families. I am not in favor of allowing people who don't understand the needs or wants of central Peoria coming in and trying to make a profit or feed egos on projects without appreciation for what those of us who actually live here need or want to see. I know one thing: we do not

need or want yet another performance venue. The draw of Donovan Park is in the native plants and animals and trees, the access it gives city children to nature, and its value to our city will not come from loud music and ticket sales, but from finding ways to compliment the beauty this park already has to offer. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Mary Spengler
Peoria resident

From: Peoria Park District <noreply@peoriaparks.org>
Sent: Friday, November 04, 2022 3:38 PM
To: Emily Cahill <ecahill@peoriaparks.org>
Subject: PPD: Contact Form



Name
Karen Platte
Email
kjplatte@gmail.com
Phone
(970) 412-2924
Subject
Donovan Park
Message
Please do not build a music venue in Donovan Park. This area already has a wonderful music culture.

From: sheila hansen <sheilahansen@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, November 4, 2022 10:34:45 AM
To: rjohnson@peoriaparks.org <rjohnson@peoriaparks.org>
Subject: Protecting Donovan Park

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Dear Mr. Johnson,

Thank you for your support of keeping Donovan Park a green space in the city. Just this morning my dog and I enjoyed our

daily walk at Donovan Park.

I understand the pavilion proposal is coming up again. I encourage you to vote against it for some of these reasons:

Traffic considerations Proximity to residential neighborhoods Damage to the park itself and wildlife Light and noise pollution Dislocation of the Northmoor Observatory The close proximity of a hospital and a nursing home The park's recent accreditation as a Level 1 Arboretum The popularity of this park as a destination during the pandemic Destruction of walking/running paths Destruction of cross country skiing paths Stormwater drainage issues Negative impacts for existing music venues (including the publicly supported Peoria Civic Center).

Sincerely,

Sheila Hansen
217 E Hanover Pl
Peoria, IL 61614

From: Leslea Pettett <lpbw0613@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, November 04, 2022 6:07 PM

To: PPD <ppd@peoriaparks.org>

Subject: Donovan Park

Importance: Low

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Hello. I want to add to conversation. Donovan Park is beautiful. We love Donovan Park. We were born and raised here. We know, the community has had many generations of families enjoying Donovan Park. If Peorians had wanted a pavilion, they would have built one. It didn't happen. Why, tell us please, why do we really need to spend money on a pavillion. We are telling you that the Park is a special place. We want to keep it special. A pavilion would be devastating to the green space. The eco system will be destroyed. Then our beloved Donovan Park would slowly die. Our descendants will not know the Park as we have. It will be a dead space. Maybe we should just take pictures.

A Peoria Native,
Leslea A. Pettett

From: Eric Hutchison <erichutchison1@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 07, 2022 2:29 PM
To: Emily Cahill <ecahill@peoriaparks.org>
Subject: FYI - Donovan Park Pavilion project - please vote 'NO' (Nov_16 PPD board meeting).
Importance: Low

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Hello Executive Director Cahill - FYI. Today, I sent the following email to all PPD Board of Trustee members in prep for the Nov_16 board meeting.
Thanks you,
Eric Hutchison.

It's my understanding that the Donovan Park Pavilion development group will be presenting the proposed project at the Nov 16 Peoria Park District Board of Trustees meeting.

I urge you to vote a definite 'NO' on this project.

The pavilion project is contrary to the planned natural uses of the park. It also seems opposed to the majority of public feedback which I witnessed at last year's public meetings about the project.

Thank you,
Eric Hutchison
4110 N Hawthorne Pl
Peoria, IL 61614
email: ERICHUTCHISON1@HOTMAIL.COM
phone: 309-688-7038 (accepts voice & voice-mail only, no text).

From: Nancy McGinn <nancymcginn1@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 7, 2022 11:44:58 AM
To: Robert Johnson <rjohnson@peoriaparks.org>; asierra@peoriaparks.org <asierra@peoriaparks.org>
Subject: Donovan Park

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Please remember all the postcards and other notifications you received last year objecting to the Pavilion in Donovan Park.

Here are a few reasons why the Pavilion should not be in Donovan Park:

- Traffic considerations
- Proximity to residential neighborhoods
- Damage to the park itself and wildlife
- Light and noise pollution
- Dislocation of the Northmoor Observatory
- The close proximity of a hospital and a nursing home
- The park's recent accreditation as a Level 1 Arboretum
- The popularity of this park as a destination during the pandemic
- Destruction of walking/running paths
- Destruction of cross country skiing paths
- Storm water drainage issues
- Negative impacts for existing music venues (including the publicly supported Peoria Civic Center)

But most of all we need to keep all the green we can in the city. Once it's paved over, it's gone.

Thank you for your time in considering why we should keep Donovan green.

Sincerely,
Nancy McGinn

From: Parker McRae <rpmcrae@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, November 8, 2022 10:33:34 AM

To: rjohnson@peoriaparks.org <rjohnson@peoriaparks.org>; jpetty@peoriaparks.org <jpetty@peoriaparks.org>; tberty@peoriaparks.org <tberty@peoriaparks.org>; kbright@peoriaparks.org <kbright@peoriaparks.org>; lcovington@peoriaparks.org <lcovington@peoriaparks.org>; jharant@peoriaparks.org <jharant@peoriaparks.org>; asierra@peoriaparks.org <asierra@peoriaparks.org>

Subject: Proposed Pavilion in Donovan Park

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Dear Mr Johnson and other Peoria Park District Trustees:

As a resident of North Peora we would like to express our strong opposition to the construction of an entertainment pavilion on the Donovan Park grounds.

Donovan Park is a great asset for Peoria specifically for its rural appearance and quiet environment. It would be counter to these qualities to construct an entertainment facility within its boundaries.

Noise and light pollution in this location would be particularly harmful for the Northmoor Observatory, the recent Level 1 accreditation of the Arboretum, and the nearby Unity Point Proctor Hospital. Certainly there must be a more appropriate site for an entertainment venue, such as a rehabilitated Glen Oak Park.

We are not alone in our opposition to this venture. Please don't allow this to happen

Sincerely, and with the community in mind,

Parker and Ellen McRae
4513 N Miller Ave, Peoria Heights, IL 61616

From: Peoria Park District <noreply@peoriaparks.org>
Sent: Saturday, November 12, 2022 11:12 AM
To: Emily Cahill <ecahill@peoriaparks.org>
Subject: PPD: Contact Form



Name

Karen Ransone

Subject

Donovan Park Concert Venue

Message

I am writing to voice my opposition to the proposed Pavilion project at Donovan Park. We live just south of there and would be impacted by the noise and increased traffic. Please reject this proposal!

From: SUSAN CANTY <scanty5@sbcglobal.net>

Sent: Monday, November 14, 2022 1:13 PM

To: Laurie Covington <lcovington@peoriaparks.org>; Joyce Harant <jharant@peoriaparks.org>; Robert Johnson <rjohnson@peoriaparks.org>; Jackie Petty <jpetty@peoriaparks.org>; Tim Bertschy <tbertschy@peoriaparks.org>; Kyle Bright <kbright@peoriaparks.org>; Alexander Sierra <asierra@peoriaparks.org>; Emily Cahill <ecahill@peoriaparks.org>

Subject: Proposed Pavilion at Donovan Park

Importance: Low

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I am writing to voice my opinion about Donovan Park and the proposed development of a pavilion. Please, please vote to preserve the park as it is. The proposed pavilion will take up so much sorely needed green space in the center of the city. The space is wonderful the way it is and attracts all kinds of people to the area to participate in many outdoor activities. I myself have enjoyed running, walking and cross country skiing in this space. I have attended yoga classes and participated in an orienteering course.

In addition, I am concerned about the surrounding neighborhood and the light, noise pollution and increase in traffic that a project like this will bring to those areas. There will be damage to the park itself, interruptions of the paths used for walking, running and skiing. The light pollution will interfere with the telescope and observatory.

I am also concerned that this is a duplication of venues found elsewhere in the city: The Peoria Civic Center, Corn Stock Theater and Peoria Players. Peoria has a vibrant live music scene and these local places and artists should be supported.

In addition, according to the developers' paperwork, the concert promoters will be making a substantial amount of money, for their own financial benefit.

There are many other options to place a pavilion in the city. Locating this project in an underserved or vacant area is a much better use of our space.

Thank you,

Susan Canty
scanty5@sbcglobal.net

From: Mary Spengler <mespeng@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 14, 2022 3:56 PM
To: Donovan Park <donovanpark@peoriaparks.org>
Subject: No to Pavilion!

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Resending this to this email since I'm not sure whether I sent it to the correct park district email last time. WMBD article directed to this email, so here is my input:

Dear Peoria Park District Board,

I am writing you this letter to express my strong opposition to the Pavilion in the Park project proposal, which I understand is being once again presented to the board in November. My family and I live two miles from Donovan Park, and use this multiple times a week. As a lifelong Peoria resident who loves our city, its rich history, our parks and our entertainment, there are three reasons why I strongly oppose this project: 1) The environmental impact that will result from creating a large parking area and performance venue space, 2) The pre-existing oversaturation and underuse of performance venues already available to Peorians, and lastly, 3) The lack of originality of this proposal, and the profiting off of what should be a free and open space to all children and families who wish to enjoy the natural beauty of Donovan Park.

Donovan Park is a beautiful, and unmatched green space in this part of Peoria. Unlike forested parks and trails the city has to offer, which are amazing, Donovan has a mostly flat and open prairie setting, offering a number of natural prairie plants and native trees, while providing an especially safe and open atmosphere for parents with young children, who want to walk and explore nature, without the isolation or accessibility issues that other parks can have. For example, when my daughter was undergoing chemo treatment at 4 years old and immunocompromised with lower levels of energy, the quiet peacefulness of Donovan Park was priceless and made this park a wonderful place to get her outside for some fresh air away from crowds. Even now, we often visit this park to enjoy the herd of deer, and the owls, and the geese and the trees, and the truck sandpit for kids and we walk all over every bit of it! The space by the ponds is one of the most scenic spaces in the park, beautiful for taking photos especially when the sun is rising over the water. No amount of money the park district could make from this project would be worth the priceless green space this performance venue would be taking away from middle-class families in this city and neighbors of this park. Not to mention, with added car exhaust and loud music, what do we expect will happen to the ecosystem that thrives in this park?

Peoria has an oversaturation of performance venues, and many spaces that already exist are underused. We already have the Glen Oak Amphitheatre, the Peoria Civic Center, Expo Gardens, the Betty Jayne, the Scottish Rite Theater. We are soon to have the Madison Theater again. Peoria Public Library has large meeting spaces that are successfully used for live performances as well. Why strip away business from other local businesses and organizations, for yet another performance venue that may or may not be successful, but will regardless be taking away a free treasure from the public?

The Pavilion in the Park is not a unique or remarkably creative idea, and it doesn't give Peoria anything we don't already have in some capacity. If anything it would hurt other nearby properties such as the Expo Gardens and be stripping local residents of a green space that is unique and unmatched in its natural

beauty and accessibility for young families. I am not in favor of allowing people who don't understand the needs or wants of central Peoria coming in and trying to make a profit or feed egos on projects without appreciation for what those of us who actually live here need or want to see. I know one thing: we do not need or want yet another performance venue. The draw of Donovan Park is in the native plants and animals and trees, the access it gives city children to nature, and its value to our city will not come from loud music and ticket sales, but from finding ways to compliment the beauty this park already has to offer. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Mary Spengler
Peoria resident

From: John & Jill Wahlfeld <wmcb68@comcast.net>

Date: November 14, 2022 at 5:21:35 PM CST

To: Robert Johnson <rjohnson@peoriaparks.org>, Jackie Petty <jpetty@peoriaparks.org>, Tim Bertschy <tbertschy@peoriaparks.org>, Laurie Covington <lcovington@peoriaparks.org>, Joyce Harant <jharant@peoriaparks.org>, Alexander Sierra <asierra@peoriaparks.org>, Kyle Bright <kbright@peoriaparks.org>

Subject: OPPOSED TO DONOVAN PARK PAVILION PROPOSAL

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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PEORIA PARK DISTRICT BOARD:

My wife Jill and I will repeat our continuing total opposition to any further building or parking lot development at. Preserve green space through out the city! There are enough other locations where a pavilion can be built and contribute to our community.

We do not want the noise and traffic created by events held at the pavilion.

Jill's father, John R. Canterbury, MD., always touted the fact that Peoria had many green spaces throughout the city which he felt was so important to community health. Dr. Canterbury was a former Peoria Park District Trustee and later Board President.

We are 4th generation Peorians.

Thank you,
Jill and John Wahlfeld

Sent from my iPad

From: Melanie Andrews <melanieandrews520@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 14, 2022 7:25 PM
To: Donovan Park <donovanpark@peoriaparks.org>
Subject: Opposition to the Pavilion Proposal
Importance: Low

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To whom it may concern,

As a Peoria resident, living and working a few blocks from Donovan Park, I wanted to voice my opposition to the pavilion in the park proposal. Unfortunately, I am not able to attend the public meeting on Nov 16th.

My family and I frequently visit the park to play, wander through the grass & trees, enjoy the open green space, visit the observatory, and eat at Cyd's. We've enjoyed getting outside to watch the native restoration progress and hunt for the sculptures there. I would really hate to see such a special place diminished by one group's special interest. Please leave the park a park.

There are plenty of commercial spaces around Peoria needing some love & a face lift that could benefit from this group's funding. We have a limited amount of green space that is open for everyone to enjoy. I do not want the noise or light pollution from an event space like this in the neighborhood. I encourage the park district board to keep this pavilion out of our city's parks.

Thank you for your consideration,
Melanie Andrews

From: Jessica McKean <jessica.lynn.bailey@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, November 14, 2022 8:27 PM

To: Tim Bertschy <tbertschy@peoriaparks.org>; Robert Johnson <rjohnson@peoriaparks.org>; Laurie Covington <lcovington@peoriaparks.org>; Emily Cahill <ecahill@peoriaparks.org>

Subject: Donovan Pavilion plan

Importance: Low

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Hello Park District Board Members,

My name is Jessica McKean, I live at 6024 North Knoxville Ave. My husband and I are in full support of the Donovan Pavilion project. I live directly across from Keller Station and a short walk to Donovan Park. That park is plenty big for an entertainment center. We need new and fun things in this town to attract young people. There is still plenty of park space there, plus many many other park spaces throughout Peoria.

I am unable to attend the board meeting Wednesday and no one has asked us our opinions on using the space that is so close to our home. We are 100% on board with this project and hope that it moves forward.

Thanks,
JESSICA McKEAN

From: James Mattingly <jamattin7514@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 15, 2022 2:42 PM
To: Donovan Park <donovanpark@peoriaparks.org>
Subject: Proposed Pavilion
Importance: Low

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Dear Sir or Madam,

I live in the Hawthorne Hills subdivision, and am opposed to the proposed Pavilion at Donovan. The noise waiving up the natural valley of the park will make enjoying my yard during the warm months intolerable and will necessitate closing my windows and patio door in order to obtain a semblance of quiet.

It's being touted that the noise won't be at unacceptable levels. I live a mile from the old Monarch Entertainment facility. Even in the cold months with the windows closed, the noise of the percussion instruments travelled through the walls of my house.

The noise from Exposition Gardens travels throughout this area and during certain events it can be near impossible to hold a civil conversation outside without raising your voice.

I'm having a difficult time understanding how my tax dollars are going to be spent on something the area doesn't want or need. Could this money not be better spent refurbishing the band shell at Glen Oak Park, where the facility already exist?

A better question would be why hasn't the pavilion been proposed at the now closed Detweiller Golf Course or at the bottom of Detweiller Park?

I'm of the opinion the closing of Donovan Golf Course years ago, was planned to lead and encourage the public to embrace the construction of this pavilion. People living in this area do not want the pavilion located at Donovan Park.

Sincerely,

James Mattingly

From: Pamela Marshall <jpemarshall@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 15, 2022 3:05 PM
To: Donovan Park <donovanpark@peoriaparks.org>
Subject: Vote NO for the PAV in the Park project
Importance: Low

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Hello. My name is Pamela Marshall. I live in the Northmoor Hills neighborhood, at 5621 N Sherwood Avenue here in Peoria, along with my husband and our three children. We moved to Peoria from Decatur in 2014. I am writing to once again ask the Board of Trustees to vote NO on the Pavilion in the Park project at Donovan Park.

Yes, Donovan Park is the closest Peoria Park District Park to our house, and therefore I admit to having a very vested interest in what happens there, but it is more than just that. I simply don't believe that it is a wise decision for our park district and our community as a whole.

Is there truly the demand for another performing arts venue in the Greater Peoria area? There are already a plethora of indoor and outdoor venues of all sizes all across the city and the outlying communities as well as several restoration projects downtown that are ongoing with historical buildings where people already go to listen to live music, theater, or other performing arts. Just a few examples: Expo Gardens (just down the road from Donovan Park) and the Peoria Players Theatre (isn't all that far from Donovan Park either); Betty Jayne Brimmer Center for the Performing Arts and Tower Park (Peoria Heights); Peoria Civic Center, the Scottish Rite, the Riverfront Stage (Downtown Peoria); Three Sisters Park (Chillicothe); Five Points (Washington); Louisville Slugger Complex (Dunlap), etc. Additionally, there are churches all across the area that host their own concerts, speakers, and events (indoors and outdoors) as well as smaller venues like restaurants and bars/pubs including Cyd's in the Park which hosts live bands and Kellar Station which holds Drive in Movie Night that are right there at Donovan Park already!

In addition, let's not forget that the Peoria Park District has already committed to revitalizing the Bandshell and Amphitheater at Glen Oak Park as part of the revitalization and reimagination of Glen Oak Park project and the upcoming multi million dollar renovation of the historic Peoria Stadium that is a collaboration of the Peoria Park District and the Peoria Public Schools. I personally believe both of these EXISTING venues would provide excellent alternatives to the proposed location at Donovan Park to explore the potential public private partnership possibilities with the Pavilion in the Park project or others, to improve the facilities for the overall benefit of the community. Another existing venue that could also be explored as a possible partnership opportunity is the area of Laura Bradley Park that is used for Cornstalk Theater. Each of these EXISTING locations within the Peoria Park District could be improved and utilized more fully without destroying nearly 20 acres of green space and creating a new venue that would compete with performing arts venues all across the area, many of which are already struggling to sell enough tickets to remain financially sound.

I hope you will understand that I do not see this as simply a NIMBY issue. Yes, from our house we can already hear the loud activities at the Expo Gardens and Richwoods High School. I know others in our neighborhood can also hear Peoria Notre Dame's activities but that isn't the point, because I personally

want to see more activities and opportunities in Donovan Park. It is our neighborhood park as well as a unique park within the city that is enjoyed by many for various reasons due to its focus on nature; easy access and proximity from the bike path/Rock Island Trail, the Unity Point and OSF medical facilities; Kellar Station, and Junction City; it is home of the observatory; provides opportunities for cross-country skiing in the winter; is a nice place to walk and run or throw around a frisbee, football, play catch, or fly a kite; you can stop by and grab something to eat at Cyd's; etc. It has also been used for cross-country and other organized running events that frequently bring in people from outside of the community, which is always a wonderful thing.

If you look at the Peoria Park District map you will notice that there are far fewer parks with playgrounds and amenities for children in this part of town -- Donovan does NOT have a playground; the "playground" next to the Lakeview Recreation Center is not a traditional playground and is not fun for small children; the playground at Bike Safety Town is great only for very young children, etc. After the closing of the Lakeview Pool there has been no access to park district aquatics of any kind, etc. Our family would absolutely love to see a master development plan for Donovan Park include an inclusive playground, restrooms, and pavilion as well as a splash pad, perhaps even an outdoor ice skating rink in the winter. I'm definitely not opposed to large organized group activities, including live performances, being held at Donovan Park.

HOWEVER, allowing the Pavilion in the Park group to permanently destroy nearly 20 acres of green space in Donovan Park is not the answer to bringing more opportunities to our community and I do not believe it is a wise investment for the park district. If the PAV in the Park group truly wants to invest in Peoria there are other EXISTING Peoria Park District facilities in which they could surely seek to become an active partner in improving so that it can be more fully and efficiently utilized.

Please VOTE NO to the PAV in the Park at Donovan Park. Thank you for your time and for your service and dedication to the Park District and our community.

Pamela Marshall
Peoria, IL
217-433-6585

From: Therese Brink <therese.brink@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 15, 2022 4:13 PM
To: Donovan Park <donovanpark@peoriaparks.org>
Subject: Pavilion

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Dear Park Trustees:

A music venue is a bad idea at Donovan for so many reasons.

Here are a few:

1. The park is small, and any green space removed by this project will be missed by the people who use the park.
2. Having parking on the grass pavers is not a great idea. Underground animals would be displaced and leaking cars would pollute the ground.
3. More lights would not be a great idea for the observatory.
4. What happens if this venue fails? PPD is stuck with an empty pavilion. Peoria already has other music venues.
5. The pavilion would create noise in the area. I am not sure the neighborhoods surrounding the area would appreciate the additional noise. They already have to deal with Expo.
6. Who is this project really benefiting? Most of the people using the pavilion would almost come from upper middle/class to upper class. This project would benefit a minority of people and destroy the green space that users of Donovan currently enjoy. Once that green space is gone, well it is gone.
7. Most importantly, let's keep Donovan as green as possible for the flora and fauna that need all the green space they can get.

Sincerely,

Therese Brink

From: S K <sallykennedy55@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 15, 2022 11:50 PM
To: Donovan Park <donovanpark@peoriaparks.org>
Subject: proposed venue in Donovan Park

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Please do not allow this park to be torn up and commercialized. There are many venues in town already to have events, weddings, etc. that are not used to full capacity. This is a beautiful, natural park and is very special. I walk my dog there and train service dogs and take them there for walks and training. I see so many people there enjoying the park for its beauty. There are children and families there, we meet other dogs and dog owners. There are individual musicians who sit on a blanket and play a guitar. People are riding their bikes and getting exercise. You constantly hear how much they love the park.

People often find little positive to say about Peoria and stand behind things here, but people are standing behind this park in its natural state. People love this park. There is nature and wildlife that live in this park. People who live in the area don't want commercial development. People have been on Facebook stating they do not want it developed. There are so few beautiful, clean well maintained green spaces that people love in Peoria. There are music venues downtown, in the Heights, East Peoria, a new music use small development at the Friendly Valley. Three Sisters Park nearby has events and music. Glen Oak Ampitheater could be refurbished. I strongly feel this is not to serve the needs and the wants of the people, but to enrich the developers. People have spoken loudly that they do not want this. A Park District should be for Parks. Please do not let this beautiful area be paved with concrete, the loud buzz of building construction and the further reduction of land for animals and wildlife. Thank you for your time.

Sarah Kennedy
929 W Deerbrook Dr
Peoria, IL 61615
309-360-9941

From: Jennifer Donarski <micski22@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 15, 2022 11:11 PM
To: Donovan Park <donovanpark@peoriaparks.org>
Subject: Keep the green space
Importance: Low

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This space should continue to be a green space. No more light pollution, concrete, or increased parking. This area should have wild places for all animals and insects to thrive. You are representing a park district....please continue to do so. Not everything is about money or business. I just found out about this tonight. I am unable to attend the meeting tomorrow. Please, vote for what is right. Jen Donarski

From: David Commanday <dcommanday@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 15, 2022 10:29 PM
To: Donovan Park <donovanpark@peoriaparks.org>
Cc: Sara Connor James <hercscj@me.com>
Subject: In Support of the Pavilion in the Park
Importance: Low

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To the Trustees of the Peoria Park District:

As a citizen of Peoria City and County, I am writing to express my support for the proposed Pavilion in Donovan Park. This support is based on the cultural, economic, and civic benefits that would flow from the facility.

Here are my reasons:

The Pavilion would create a resource for both cultural and civic events that would be unique within our region. Currently there is no venue within a radius of 200 miles that combines the feel of an open air event with protection from the elements. Such a venue would offer a space that would add to, rather than compete with, standard indoor performance spaces already in use. In addition, the architectural design is promising of an acoustic that could support natural as well as amplified sound - serving both the classical and popular arts.

The plans as presented are respectful of the city, the neighborhood, the park, and the environment. The site chosen is located in the least-used and least-attractive corner of Donovan Park, and the Pavilion would be oriented in a direction that minimizes event sounds' impact on homes and businesses. The plans include consideration of existing infrastructure, and are mindful of groundwater management.

Donovan Park is located near the center of an expanded Peoria that includes North Peoria, Dunlap, and Peoria Heights. It is ten minutes from downtown, and located on public transit lines.

We as Peorians can be proud of the vast green space resources managed by the Peoria Park District, that surpass most cities in acreage per resident. As a taxpayer I am aware that such resources carry a cost of maintenance - so the prospect of generating revenue towards paying those costs from the imaginative and respectful use of a small number of acres is attractive. We need the parks, we need to keep and protect them, and I am in favor of dedicating these acres, nestled near Knoxville and a hospital, to help pay for Park District maintenance otherwise paid for only by taxes.

The Pavilion in the Park would benefit both local and Greater Peoria, in ways demonstrated by the success of venues such as Ravinia, Tanglewood, Aspen, Brevard, Saratoga, Red Rocks, and Hollywood Bowl.

Please give this visionary proposal the consideration and support that it merits.

Thank you,

David Commanday

From: Doug and Theresa Skibba <dtaskibba@sbcglobal.net>

Sent: Tuesday, November 15, 2022 10:27 PM

To: Donovan Park <donovanpark@peoriaparks.org>

Subject: Pavilion

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I support the pavilion in Donovan park!

From: Joyce Blumenshine <joblumen@yahoo.com>

Sent: Tuesday, November 15, 2022 10:23 PM

To: Robert Johnson <rjohnson@peoriaparks.org>; Jackie Petty <jpetty@peoriaparks.org>; Tim Bertschy <tbertschy@peoriaparks.org>; Kyle Bright <kbright@peoriaparks.org>; Laurie Covington <lcovington@peoriaparks.org>; Joyce Harant <jharant@peoriaparks.org>; Alexander Sierra <asierra@peoriaparks.org>

Cc: Emily Cahill <ecahill@peoriaparks.org>

Subject: Comment Letter from Heart of Illinois Group Sierra Club Regarding Concerns for Donovan Park

Importance: Low

Dear President Johnson and Peoria Park Board Trustees,

Copied below and attached on the Heart of Illinois Group Letterhead, is a comment regarding the Wednesday, November 16th, meeting regarding any potential Pavilion in the Park proposal.

Thank you,
Bob Jorgensen, Chair
Joyce Blumenshine, Co-Conservation Chair

November 15, 2022

To President Robert Johnson and Peoria Park Board Trustees,

Heart of Illinois Group Sierra Club urges the Park Board to continue your strong stand to protect and preserve public open space and the environmental values of Donovan Park.

Heart of Illinois Group Sierra Club will pay close attention to what the Pavilion in the Park people present at your upcoming meeting. We are very skeptical that anything the Pavilion Group would suggest is in keeping with our group's interests in seeing Donovan Park as a notable area arboretum and passive open space as the best interests for the future of the park.

Public green space in our view is not for the purposes of development. It is for the special purpose of protecting and preserving natural settings so that people for generations to come will have areas to be with nature and away from the development that has taken over so much of the Peoria area.

There are many options for outdoor event venues in the Peoria area. Our concerns include if any section of Donovan Park is sacrificed for development, what public park area will be next? Cyd's in the park is a re-use and re-purposing of an existing building, which is far different than allocating public land to a private entity for development.

We urge the Park Board to stand firm on protecting open green space and the environment.

Sincerely,

Bob Jorgensen, Chairman and Joyce Blumenshine, Co-Conservation Chair

From: sean0775 <sj.cassidy@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 15, 2022 9:50 PM
To: Donovan Park <donovanpark@peoriaparks.org>
Subject: Say 'No' to Pavillion in the Park

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There are empty buildings all over this city that could be used for a music venue. The river has flooded in recent memory, and green space is vital so water has somewhere to drain. Don't let a generational millionaire destroy a park just because she can.

Sean Cassidy

From: Karen Stewart <boundbrooker@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 15, 2022 9:18 PM
To: Donovan Park <donovanpark@peoriaparks.org>
Subject: Donovan Park Development
Importance: Low

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I am 100% against the proposed project at Donovan Park. It isn't needed and there are already several outdoor performance venues that would benefit from the money as upgrades.

Please do not approve this project.

Karen Stewart
11230 North Oakwood Drive, Peoria, IL 61615.

From: David Tomsovic <dmtomsovic@att.net>
Sent: Tuesday, November 15, 2022 6:38 PM
To: Donovan Park <donovanpark@peoriaparks.org>
Subject: No PAV in the Park
Importance: Low

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I urge you to vote down this proposal.

There are several venues in the area that will be competing for acts- Scottish Rite, Riverfront Park, Glen Oak Amphitheater, Betty Jane Bremer, Louisville Slugger, Madison Theater undergoing renovations.

This area is home to many native plants & trees. Seems silly to take away so much green space in the near center of the city for more brick & mortar when there are empty buildings all over the city.

The single access point & parking would not be conducive to any offering other than a park (or golf course, but that ship has sailed). Not to mention the adjacent neighborhoods having to deal with the additional traffic along with noise & light pollution.

If it is such a wonderful idea, why the need to piggy back onto tax payer supported land? Or why not put it out in Cassidy Park?

Regards
David

From: ShaVaughn Halihan <shevyhalihan@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, November 16, 2022 10:32 AM

To: Donovan Park <donovanpark@peoriaparks.org>

Subject: Donovan Park music venue

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Hello!

I am reaching out because many have heard about how the park is going to be replaced by a new music venue in Peoria. We completely disagree with this decision, and the community would be at a huge loss. Donovan Park is used daily for walks and adventure with our friends and pets, it is gorgeous there. Replacing the park with a boring venue is going to infuriate the public, and already has on social media. Please rethink this decision, we do not need to waste money on a space that is already well taken advantage of.

From: Rachel Emmett <2193945@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 16, 2022 10:11 AM
To: Donovan Park <donovanpark@peoriaparks.org>
Subject: Music venue-No
Importance: Low

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Please consider the existing music venues that have been successful and those that have failed recently. Please also consider the liability of these places versus the much needed green space and places for nature to exist. Please say no to the music venue. This park is much more important than another unnecessary music venue.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Rachel Emmett <2193945@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 16, 2022 10:52 AM
To: Emily Cahill <ecahill@peoriaparks.org>
Subject: Donovan Development

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Vote no! We just spent taxpayer money to bail out the civic center. Why would we destroy a very utilized and loved green space to have another failing music venue that would directly compete with the one we just saved?

Sent from my iPhone

From: Scott Loftus <sloftus@peoriaparks.org>
Sent: Wednesday, November 16, 2022 10:58 AM
To: Emily Cahill <ecahill@peoriaparks.org>; Alicia Woodworth <awoodworth@peoriaparks.org>
Subject: FW: Donovan Development

I don't know who this is or how they got my email but thought I would share since you are collecting comments.

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From: Rachel Emmett <2193945@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 16, 2022 10:53 AM
To: Scott Loftus <sloftus@peoriaparks.org>
Subject: Donovan Development

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Vote no! We just spent taxpayer money to bail out the civic center. Why would we destroy a very utilized and loved green space to have another failing music venue that would directly compete with the one we just saved?

Sent from my iPhone

From: Emily Arnold <emiarnold@dunlapstudents.net>

Date: November 16, 2022 at 12:55:55 PM CST

To: rjohnsoon@peoriaparks.org, Jackie Petty <jpetty@peoriaparks.org>, Tim Bertschy <tbertschy@peoriaparks.org>, Kyle Bright <kbright@peoriaparks.org>, Laurie Covington <lcovington@peoriaparks.org>, Joyce Harant <jharant@peoriaparks.org>, Alexander Sierra <asierra@peoriaparks.org>

Subject: Vote "no" on the Proposed Pavilion Concert and Parking Space

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Dear Members of the Peoria Park District Board,

I am writing as a citizen of Peoria, a supporter of the Donovan Park's green space, a hiker and skier, and a cross-country runner. **I am writing to urge you to vote "no" on the proposed pavilion concert and parking space.**

In my opinion, this project will negatively impact a vibrant part of our city.

- + jeopardize the park's recent accreditation as a Level 1 Arboretum
- + destroy walking, cross-country running, and cross-country skiing trails
- + negatively affect area traffic
- + close proximity to residential neighborhoods, hospital, and elder care facilities
- + damage to the park and the wildlife
- + bring added light and noise pollution
- + remove the Northmoor Observatory
- + will have a negative impact on existing publicly supported music venues

On top of all of these reasons, the developers of Pavilion in the Park intend to pay the Peoria Park District a fraction of their projected financial benefits. There is no reason to allow self-focused developers to continue to run our city and dictate the type of community we hope to create for all citizens.

Please protect the greater good and reject this proposal. Protect our green spaces and continue to be an organization that contributes to our community in healthy and vibrant ways.

Sincerely,
Emily MacIver Arnold

Park District Board of Trustees Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: December 14, 2022

Submitted by: Alicia Woodworth

Submitting Department: Administration

Item Type: Staff Reports

Agenda Section:

Subject:

Executive Director

Suggested Action:

Attachments:

Park District Board of Trustees Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: December 14, 2022

Submitted by: Rebecca Fredrickson

Submitting Department: Planning

Item Type: Staff Reports

Agenda Section:

Subject:

Superintendent of Planning, Design & Construction

Suggested Action:

Attachments:

[2022-11 Monthly Report_2.pdf](#)

**PLANNING, DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION DIVISION
MONTHLY PROJECT REPORT
NOVEMBER 2022**

PROJECTS IN PLANNING AND/OR DESIGN	PROJECTS OUT TO BID/QUOTE	PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION	COMPLETED PROJECTS
Bicycle Safety Town Bridge Handrail Upgrade Bike Trail Bridge Repair Bradley Upper Slide Replace Charter Oak Path Replace - Ph.1 Detweiller North Road Inlets Replace Detweiller Restroom Building Improvements Donovan Covered Storage Bldg Donovan Pump House Roof Replace FPNC ADA Access Improvements FPNC Office & Store Floor Replace FPNC Valley Loop Trail Bridges - Upgrades GLC Replace Leaking Buried Pipe - Pitch/Putt GLC Main Tee Improvements Golf Cart Path Improvements Gun Range Fence/Striping Improvements GVD Lower Bridge Column Repair GVD Lower Sediment Basin Improvement GVD New Sidewalk to Lower Pavilion GVD Pavilion Floor Repairs Kellogg Pump House B/F Preventor Repl. Kellogg Walking Bridge on #2 Kellogg Culvert Replace on #1 Lakeview Family Aquatic Center - Demo Lakeview Park Reline Culvert Lakeview Splashpad Luthy Conservatory Boiler Burner Replace Madison Extend Irrigation on #2 Madison Lean-To on Service Building Madison Pump House B/F Preventor Repl. Madison Concrete NE of Clubhouse Repl. Morton Sq. Sidewalks Newman Replace Isolation Valves Newman Irrigation Control/Satellite Boxes Newman Chemical/Storage Replacement Owens Generator Radiator Replace Owens Back Bridge Decking Replace Peoria Zoo Path Lights Peoria Zoo Red River Hog Fence Improv. Players Boiler Replace Playhouse Slate Roof Replace Proctor Gym Roof Proctor Balcony Upgrade Tawny Oaks Visitor Center A/C	Camp Wokanda Replace Well Transformer Detweiller House Carpet Tawny Oaks House Garage Roof Tawny Oaks Shed Roof	Camp Wokanda Iroquois Cabin Windows Camp Wokanda Shower House Furnace Repl. Central Park Pool Mechanical Upgrades Detweiller Cross Country Bridge/Culvert ESC Vestibule Roof Glen Oak Lagoon Path Glen Oak Lagoon Fence Removal GVD Service Building Roof Replacement GVD Storage Building Roof Replacement HISRA Painting Kellogg Storage Bldg Kellogg Lake Drain Tube on #6 Newman Storage Bldg Noble Center Front Doors Owens Front Doors Owens Interior Painting Owens Scoreboards Playhouse Inlet Repairs Proctor Office Flooring & Painting Proctor Roof Tile RiverPlex Resurface Pools Trewyn Park Improvements - Playground Trewyn Park Improvements - Site Work Zoo Boardwalk Decking Repl.	Bike Trail - Repave Chanute Section Bradley N. Fork Bridge Railing Upgrade Bradley Curb & Gutter Camp Wokanda Lodge Siding Replace Detweiller House Interior Painting Districtwide Chip & Seal Donovan Parking Lot Improv. By Dumpster FPNC Exterior Building Painting FRC Elevator Repair FRC Lobby Painting & Flooring GLC Front Column Repair GLC Erosion Repair at Radnor Glen Oak Lower Pergola Repairs Glen Oak Spray Patch Glen Oak Curb & Gutter Golf - 3 Forward Tees Gun Range Berm Improvement GVD WWI Terra Cotta Repairs Gwynn Basketball Courts Renovation Gwynn Playground Replacement Gwynn Pool Building Painting Kellogg Dredge Silt/Bridge on Hole #15 Kellogg Service Bldg Roof Replace Lakeview Rec Scoreboard Logan Replace Flooring Logan Roof Replacement Luthy South Entrance Improvements Madison Exterior Building Improvements Newman Pav. Behind Clubhouse Playhouse Paint Exterior Trim Pool Drain Cover Replacements Proctor Classroom A/C Proctor Locker Room Improvements RiverPlex Flat Roof Repairs RiverPlex Ext. Wall Repair RiverPlex Natatorium Painting RiverPlex Locker Room Improvements Sommer Day Camp Restroom Roof Repl Sommer Farm Day Camp Concrete Sommer Farm Garage Roof Replacement Stadium Roadway Improvements Trewyn Pavilion Flooring Asbestos Abatement Trewyn Restroom Floors Trewyn Park Improvements - Shelter Zoo East Perimeter Fence Improvement

Bold Type indicates projects that have moved to a new column since last month.

Park District Board of Trustees Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: December 14, 2022

Submitted by: Alicia Woodworth

Submitting Department: Police

Item Type: Staff Reports

Agenda Section:

Subject:

Chief of Police

Suggested Action:

Attachments:

[Police Report November 2022.pdf](#)

POLICE ACTIVITY SUMMARY – November, 2022



TOTAL NUMBER OF ALL REPORTS: 14

CRIME REPORTS

<i>Location</i>	<i>Date/Time</i>	<i>Offense Type</i>	<i>Case #</i>
Detweiller Park	11/8/22 - 1400	Criminal Damage to Property Case Summary: Unknown Suspect Damaged a Safety Fence	22-146
**Sankoty Trail	11/10/22 - 1620	Park Ordinance Violation Case Summary: Illegal Hunting on Park Property	22-148
Donovan Park	11/11/22 - 1430	Motor Vehicle Burglary Case Summary: Purse Stolen from Locked Vehicle	22-149
Forest Park Nature Center	11/12/22 – 1430	Motor Vehicle Burglaries Case Summary: 2 Separate Locked Vehicles	22-150
Bradley Park	11/14/22 - 0752	Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts Case Summary: Catalytic Converter Stolen	22-151
*HISRA	11/21/22 - 1330	Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts Case Summary: Catalytic Converters Stolen from PPD Vans	22-152
Glen Oak Park	11/22/22 - 1512	Park Ordinance Violation Case Summary: Adult Male Consuming Alcohol	22-153
Franciscan Center	11/27/22 – 1300	Criminal Damage to Property Case Summary: Damage to Barn	22-155
**Detweiller Park	11/29/22 - 1350	Park Ordinance Violation Case Summary: Illegal Hunting on Park Property	22-159

*In coordination with the Police Department Detective Bureau two adult males were arrested for this incident.

**Peoria Park District Police and IDNR are investigating these matters together.

MONTHLY TOTAL – CRIME REPORTS: 9

NON-CRIME REPORTS

<i>Location</i>	<i>Date/Time</i>	<i>Offense Type</i>	<i>Case #</i>
Detweiller Park	11/3/22 - 1403	Other Investigation Summary: Adult Male Causing Disturbance	22-143
Stadium Park	11/4/22 - 2054	Sick Cared For	22-144
Rock Island Trail	11/6/22 – 1557	Found Property	22-145

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Owens Center	11/8/22 - 1420	Sick Cared For	22-147
Bicycle Safety Town	11/26/22 - 1527	Sick Cared For	22-154

MONTHLY TOTAL – NON-CRIME REPORTS: 5

TRAFFIC CRASH REPORTS

<i>Location</i>	<i>Date/Time</i>	<i>Tickets Issued</i>	<i>Case #</i>
Lakeview Park	11/30/22 - 1114	NA	22-157

MONTHLY TOTAL – TRAFFIC CRASH REPORTS: 1

TRAFFIC CITATIONS

<i>Location</i>	<i>Date/Time</i>	<i>Offense</i>	<i>Ticket #</i>

MONTHLY TOTAL – TRAFFIC CITATIONS: 0

ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS

<i>Location</i>	<i>Date/Time</i>	<i>Offense</i>	<i>Case #</i>
Glen Oak Park	11/22/22 - 1525	Use of Alcohol	22-153

MONTHLY TOTAL – ORDINANCE CITATIONS: 1

PARKING VIOLATIONS

<i>Location</i>	<i>Date and Time</i>	<i>Offense</i>	<i>Ticket #</i>
Lakeview Park	11/13/22 - 1352	No Parking Zone	09260-09268
Lakeview Park	11/18/22 - 2151	No Parking Zone	09339

MONTHLY TOTAL – PARKING VIOLATIONS: 10

Reviewed by:

Chief Mark Green

Date:

12/01/22

November, 2022

Park District Board of Trustees Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: December 14, 2022

Submitted by: Alicia Woodworth

Submitting Department: Administration

Item Type: Minutes

Agenda Section:

Subject:

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility Committee

Approved Minutes of September 20, 2022, October 18, 2022, and November 15, 2022 Meetings

Suggested Action:

Attachments:

[9.20.22 Diversity Equity Inclusion Committee Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

[10.18.22 Diversity Equity Inclusion Committee Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

[11.15.22 DEIA Committee Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

DIVERSITY EQUITY AND INCLUSION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2022 AT 10:00 AM AT THE PEORIA PARK DISTRICT BONNIE NOBLE CENTER FOR ADMINISTRATION AT 1125 W. LAKE AVENUE, PEORIA, IL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vice President and Chair Jackie Petty, Trustee and Vice Chair Timothy Bertschy, Executive Director Emily Cahill, Sherry Carter-Allen, and Pastor Marvin Hightower (v)
Note: (v) = attended virtually

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ron Givens, Larry Ivory, and Gabe Jaja

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Vice President Jackie Petty, Trustees Timothy Bertschy, Joyce Harant, and Alexander Sierra

STAFF PRESENT: Executive Director Emily Cahill, Attorney Bill Streeter, Brent Wheeler, Becky Fredrickson, Matt Freeman, Mike Friberg, David Gray, Mary Harden, Scott Loftus, Shalesse Pie, and Alicia Woodworth
Note: (v) = attended virtually

OTHERS PRESENT: Mindi Garza (v)
Note: (v) = attended virtually

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice President Jackie Petty called the meeting to order at 10:03 am.

Emily Cahill introduced Chanel Hargrave-Murry, Supervisor of Community Connections. Peter Kobak previously held this position. Chanel will be working on building relationships within the community, expanding the District's DEI reach and working with David Gray and others on developing internships. The District is thrilled to have her here so please welcome Chanel.

2. MINUTES

2.A. Approval of 8.16.22 DEI Committee Meeting Minutes

Vice President Petty moved to approve the DEI Committee meeting minutes of August 16, 2022. Motion seconded by Member Carter-Allen. Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

3. PROCESS/POLICY UPDATES

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.A. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee Member Appointments

Vice President Petty stated that as approved by the Board, community members Sherry Carter-Allen, Ron Givens, Pastor Marvin Hightower, Larry Ivory, and Gabe Jaja are now officially members of the DEI Committee.

4.B. Pillar One: Equitable Access to Parks, Facilities, and Programming

Scott Loftus provided the final Summer of Fun statistics. *Please see Attachment A.* Approximately 15,000 passes were distributed to Peoria Public Schools students and organizations in zip codes 61603 and 61605, resulting in 12,657 participants this year, surpassing last year's total of 3,030 participants. If each of those visits lasted approximately 1 hour, that equals 527 days' worth of free, safe and positive programs during the summer months. Also, the District provided the Dream squared program which is continuing to be offered at Proctor Center. This summer, Dream squared had over 175 registrations, having surpassed last year's total of 80 participants. Jonelle McCloud is constantly innovating that program. The District now has an Education Manager that is working on STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) activities. A program that provides transportation from schools to the Proctor Center was created. The Dream Squared program teaches kids about drama, recreation, education, art, music and mindfulness and is offered Monday thru Friday.

Trustee Sierra stated that the numbers grew significantly the first year and asked if Scott Loftus could talk about what are some of the things that he saw that contributed to that positive growth. Scott stated he believes it was mostly word of mouth and Jonelle McCloud's and her team's community outreach efforts in recruiting summer participants to participate this fall. In addition, providing transportation was huge because in the past, it definitely was a barrier. Emily Cahill stated that last year's Sunday Funday transportation required a parent or guardian to ride with the kids but this year's transportation mechanism is different by removing that logistical requirement. Finding where the need is and shifting resources to meet that need is something that this team does really well.

4.C. Pillar Two: Focus on the PPD Workforce

Shalesse Pie presented the August 2022 workforce statistics. *Please see Attachment B.* Trustee Sierra asked if there are any community groups that could help with the District's Asian workforce numbers. Shalesse Pie stated that while the postings are sent to all area agencies and Chamber of Commerce organizations, she is not aware of any Asian-specific groups to send them to. Trustee Bertschy asked of the Park District's residents, what percentage is minority. Trustee Harant stated that through census data, there are approximately 23-25% minority residents in the Park District. Trustee Bertschy stated that the District's number of full-time minority employees is important in order to ensure that the workforce represents the community it represents and as such, a goal of number of minority full-time workers needs to be established. Shalesse Pie requested the committee's help in how best to determine that goal as much of this was determined in the redistricting process. Emily Cahill stated that the action step of finalizing the metrics to be used for DEI workforce tracking will be created. Staff will commit to getting that information to be discussed at the next meeting. Trustee Bertschy stated that the number he would start with are the those that were utilized during the redistricting process. Those numbers included the percentages of minorities within each of the Park District's voting districts. Mike Friberg stated that these numbers can be broken down by city, county, tri-county, age, workforce. It would be very helpful if the committee could give more direction as to what it's looking for. The District has performed this same analysis on construction workforce and the construction workforce pulls

from the tri county area, not just Peoria. Trustee Bertschy stated he would start with how many minorities are voting age. Once we have that direction, then we can have a goal to give the committee.

4.D. Pillar Three: Actively Promote and Encourage the Diversity, Equity and Inclusiveness of PPD-Funded Contractors and Suppliers

Attorney Streeter stated that at the last meeting, Becky Fredrickson presented a revised commitment document regarding contractors. The committee found it to be acceptable however, there were a few small revisions needed from a legal perspective. The committee wanted those legal revisions be presented today for consensus on whether to take to the Board for review. Trustee Bertschy asked for clarification on the exact changes that were made, who is to determine what is legally permissible as stated in the document and does Attorney Streeter give guidance on that? Attorney Streeter stated that the legally permissible statement refers to stringing bids, which is not legal. Trustee Bertschy asked why the forms are requested for bids over \$100k. Becky Fredrickson stated that when they met with Peoria Public Schools about their policy, they stated that although they had the requirement of \$100k, it didn't really apply until \$200k. The Park District felt comfortable at \$100k because contractors would tend to use subcontractors at that point and there would be more flexibility to try to get these numbers in different ways. Trustee Bertschy stated he could not vote in favor of \$100k until he knows what the percentage of bids the District has that are over \$100k. He believes it should be \$50k to \$100k. He believes this should be considered by the Board for their direction.

Pastor Hightower stated he agreed with Trustee Bertschy, for the District to determine first how many contractors use subcontractors in \$50k - \$100k projects. In addition, Pastor Hightower asked for feedback on the administration process for the policy. Becky Fredrickson stated that is in the terms of the document, that the District will make sure the contractors are responsible and responsive people, and then take to the Board for approval. Pastor Hightower stated that the DEI Committee should receive reports as the contract is being carried out to determine whether or not it is in compliance and not wait until the annual report to the Park Board of final statistics of Peoria Park District construction projects for Minority-Owned Businesses and Women-Owned Businesses and workforce participation numbers. In the document he sees a lot of responsibility but not any real accountability. If it is going to be an effective policy producing the results we are looking for, the document should have more "teeth" in it before going to the Board for approval. As such, he cannot vote for this.

Becky Fredrickson stated that she has spoken with Emily Cahill about the potential for hiring someone part-time where this would be their focus. The District is currently able to provide annual reports, but more regular reporting would require more resources. The District will continue receiving contractors' certified payroll as the job progresses and can compare it to what they already provided about the subcontractors, and with the new form, the hourly rates of pay. However, in terms of having documentation for the committee to review, it may be in everyone's best interest and to show commitment, to hire someone part-time that would focus on this. Pastor Hightower agreed with that and stated that this position needs to be filled before this document is approved by the Board. If the Park District can't do that because

of personnel, it may need to hire an outside consultant to do it. It is important in order for this to achieve the goal that we're after. It needs to be tracked and monitored consistently throughout the project, rather than at the end with the annual report when it's too late to have some effect.

Becky Fredrickson shared information about the staff resources needed to administer a project under the current system, noting that it takes approximately 20 – 100 hours to get a project to board vote. Concern was expressed about the impact of a board vote against an item on a technical point like how many parent or subsidiary companies they have. She understands what Pastor Hightower is saying about not voting for the document, but staff just spent a hundred hours' time developing the document and she wants to make sure that the committee understands. Pastor Hightower stated that the Park District gets paid to do that and isn't that your job? He stated that he believed these were excuses and that there needs to be a commitment to getting the desired results.

Trustee Bertschy asked Becky Fredrickson what she meant about the parent or subsidiary companies. Becky apologized and stated she shouldn't have used that as an example as it wasn't what she meant to say. Trustee Sierra stated that he didn't think Becky's intention was to get all the red flags. Becky stated it wasn't and she sincerely apologizes. Trustee Sierra stated we need to potentially hire someone to support the work that we're trying to do. Becky stated she didn't want anything to slow down the process. Trustee Bertschy stated that's a legitimate issue and Pastor Hightower and others recognize that because if you have all the policies in the world but you don't have staff, manpower and ability to enforce them, then the process fails.

Emily Cahill stated that's exactly right and she does want to be realistic and underscore for everyone what that looks like. When a request to add a full-time position is made, that requires an allocation of between \$80k and \$100k, depending on what their benefits package is. At present, there are insufficient resources to allocate these funds outside of a budget process. This is not the District trying to slow this down. It is realistically understanding that it is not budgeted for in 2022. Staff is working on a job description for support of this function.

District policy mandates a balanced budget and staff have been working through that budget process now for the revised budget for 2022 and the plan budget for 2023. The Planning Department has been the size that they have been for a very long time because the District does not have dollars to add, so this is not a mechanism of anything more than trying to be good stewards of the resources available to us.

Trustee Bertschy stated he appreciates what is being said and this is really the first time he thought about it this way. No one on the Board has the time, inclination, or the power really, to go and sit with the Planning staff and tell them they're only working 80% of what they should be doing. Trustees don't want to do that. Trustees have to trust staff to tell us, to accomplish what you want to know about. He thinks it has to be given to the Board to determine what they're willing to cut to accomplish this or if it should be taken out of reserves and he's supportive of that discussion.

Emily Cahill stated that the financial assessment is currently happening. This is to determine what is viable and what isn't. It's important to tell staff that this is critical so they can prioritize this. That valuation has to come to a point eventually where you communicate to staff that this is what you want say to prioritize in 2023's budget. Trustee Bertschy stated that's a Board discussion and he would much rather hear that from Emily and her staff than to say we can't do this. Emily Cahill stated that the Board is going to have to prioritize items and tell staff how to move that forward. This needs to be done in the next couple of weeks as part of our budget process. This is how this is supposed to work but it is a recognition of where we are in the budget process. She stated that in committees where there is policy being discussed, staff is in parallel trying to determine how to match resources to the committee's expectation. This is not unique to this situation.

Trustee Bertschy stated that the question of enforcement and administration of this policy is very critical. What he wishes he hears is the following: the reason this is so difficult for us is that we are limited and stretched in the manpower and if you want to do this that's fine, but we need more people and that took a long time to come out.

Trustee Sierra stated that when he hears when Trustees vote no that it hurts staff, he just doesn't understand it at all. Becky Fredrickson apologized saying it didn't quite come out how she meant. When staff puts 20 to 100 hours into a project, and then get to the point of having to say no to a contractor because they haven't met the requirements, she understands that. It's just that staff is stretched thin and it can be very frustrating. Vice President Petty stated that it's staff's job, that's all your job and when the committee says no, that just means do it differently and come back to the committee in a different manner. Trustee Sierra stated that it's a matter of perspective. When the committee says yes or no, the committee is doing their job and the way he's interpreting it, it's communicated to him that his no vote is an inconvenience to the work that you've already done. Becky Fredrickson stated that it's not what she meant and she sincerely apologizes for coming across that way. She understands that is the committee's role to approve or not approve and it's her place that if it doesn't go through the way staff had recommended it and it needs to come back with a different recommendation, when so much time and effort has been put in, it can be very crushing. Trustee Sierra stated he hopes that staff never feels that way. He wants everyone to work well with each other and that we understand that we're both just doing our job. Becky apologized and stated it's stressful for staff as well and it's good that we can communicate. We need to figure out how to work together and lay out the rules to start with. Trustee Sierra thanked Becky for saying that.

Pastor Hightower stated that's why good policy is important because it'll change behaviors of those contractors which in turn will help staff do their job. Because those contractors know that you are standing by your policy and will enforce and ensure that you're driving this good policy, they will act appropriately which will take some pressure off of you because those who are aren't willing to be a part of the policy won't bid. Vice President Petty stated that we want to drive behavior.

Trustee Bertschy asked Mike Friberg his opinion. Mike stated that he thinks the problem comes back to the fact that staff puts in all this time and know exactly what the result is going to be, because they're simply not minority workers in this community. If you get 100 construction workers, only four of them are going to be Black. Those are the numbers staff can't argue with. So, when staff brings something to the Board, it's not a shocker. We know what's going to happen and yet you've beat up on us. Mike Friberg told the committee that it's their job to go out and find them.

After Mike Friberg's comments upset the committee, Emily Cahill stated that it comes from a place of passion that staff want to see the same results that the committee does. It is a very difficult conversation and we're getting to the point here that this is part of the problem and not the solution. Over time, it has been a mechanism for staff to do more and try harder and it's reached its boiling point. She made it very clear that staff's strong emotions and feelings about this is only because they are working so hard to try to do this better and she wants to honor that for the committee. She stressed that we all need to communicate in a way that honors the fact that we're all in the same room and we're all spending a significant amount of time to this work because we want things to be better. We've tried a lot of things but that doesn't mean we're going to stop trying. This is really hard and we've tried lots of different things and we're willing to try lots of other things too but at some point, honoring the effort is essential.

Trustee Harant stated that for her, this highlights why this needs to be a city-wide effort for all to have the same type of policy. She believes that staff is committed to this process and it's hard when the minority contractors just aren't there. She believes we need to effectively communicate to the entities that are doing the contracting and hiring and to the union trades, do your jobs and get trained minorities. We all have the responsibility to collectively recruit, educate and train minority contractors and get them into the workforce. Staff feels the pressure. She understands that the committee members want to move forward but we all need to somehow respect each other's role and know that this work is bigger than just a policy.

She believes the Park District's goals have to match the City of Peoria's and the Peoria Public School's goals. That way we are setting a uniform commitment of governmental entities that will be carried out citywide. She appreciates the understaffing and frustrations staff has in trying to do everything. Trustee Harant would like some information before stating in the policy that we would go from \$50k to \$100k or down from \$100 to \$50k. She would want to know how many of those actually use subcontractors and how would we use this commitment document and can it be used if they're not subcontractors.

Pastor Hightower stated that he knows it's frustrating and hard, tough work. However, imagine his and other committee member's frustration as they're still fighting the same fight that their forefathers have been fighting. Minorities are still being underserved. The school district has a policy in place. The city is drafting a policy, and the county will be drafting a policy. They all have a DEI officer in place to help draft the policy. He feels that it's premature to draft a policy before we put the person or individual in place that we didn't know we

needed until today. He is frustrated and feels having a DEI person in place at PPD must be a priority for what we're doing. It's already being done in other entities and appears that PPD is a step behind.

Trustee Sierra addressed the Board members in the room, stating he thinks that the Board needs to have a very intentional conversation in the Strategy Ad Hoc Committee to talk about what do we as a board to honor the work staff does. For him, he thinks he already accomplishes this. He tries to give flowers. He tries to say thank you. He thinks he does this a lot but what he's hearing based upon this conversation, is that staff does not feel that way. He believes the Board should have a conversation about this. He doesn't want staff to think they're beating up on them, but also, he wants to understand what everyone is doing.

Sherry Carter-Allen told Mike Friberg that she didn't know if he was yelling at her personally, but don't he ever address her that way again. Do not ever glare at her and say what he said. She knows he was targeting her with his comments. She told Emily Cahill that to allow her staff to act in this manner with eyes rolling, it makes her wonder how intentional this all is for the Park District. It is all very frustrating to seem like they're begging for crumbs. She has been to many board and committee meetings and she has never ever been treated in this manner or seen board members talked to in this manner. But the point is, we will get results and we will get to the end of this. You have to have honest conversation and can't be worried about stepping on toes. Everyone brings their experiences to the table. This is a realistic issue. It's a very sensitive issue but you can't have staff disrespecting individuals that have been in this battle for a long time trying to get equality and equity for all people.

Emily Cahill thanked Sherry Carter-Allen for her comments and stated she appreciates them very much. Please know that the frustration comes from sitting around this table for a really long time trying to not only support the work but also to move it forward. We have been around this table collectively for 3-4 years now. Sherry Carter Allen stated that city, county and school district has a procurement plan that we have worked on. The Peoria Park District, like all entities with public municipalities, has to have a unified procurement plan. She appreciates Emily appreciating, but it's going to take some hard work. We understand this document is not where it needs to be. She's here to represent the NAACP, that's the oldest civil rights organization in the nation and we fight for all people. All people, not just Black people, not just people of color, but we fight for women, we fight for the disabled, so all that needs to be clear. But what we're not going to do is sit here and be disrespected. We're not going to sit here and make excuses for contractors who don't try. If we get the right policy in place, that takes the pressure off of your staff. So, if contractors don't want to comply with the Peoria Park District, then they don't get the work. If they don't get the work, then they suffer and we need to keep that in perspective.

Emily Cahill stated that she absolutely agrees. This policy has been in draft form with this committee since May so we are very supportive of moving this forward. Staff wants to get it to the Board level to get it approved and move this forward. The Park District's commitment has not wavered. The process for how we administer this is something that we are working on in parallel to make sure that this happens. Our commitment is no different now than it was at

any point during this process. She apologized if Ms. Carter-Allen felt disrespected and she certainly does not want her or anyone to feel that way. The committee's commitment not only to this organization but to our community is significant. She honors the frustration that staff feels. She will stand with them all the time. She also stands with the committee as we are here because we want to be here. This committee, this work, the commitment document, the work that we see across four pillars, could be put up against any other organization in this region as far as commitment and the way that resources are allocated. The Park District does not look at it as just a single note. The District is looking at all the things across its sphere of influence that it can do to make this community stronger and to address these issues. So, let us get this policy to the point where it needs to be to get it in front of the Board so that we know exactly what we're administering and so that we can allocate the appropriate amount of resources to it. We are doing everything that we can in our power and in our control to do that work so please never doubt that. There are points where we are all frustrated and that regardless of the issue, those things bubble up and when people feel that level of frustration, we need to honor and figure out why that is and address it.

Sherry Carter-Allen stated that she respects that, but at the end of the day, control your staff. She wants an apology and as a Vice President of the NAACP, to be attacked by your employees is unacceptable. Trustee Sierra stated that he totally agrees with her and the way that she was spoken to and staff's behavior was out of order. He stated that he is committed to connecting with Emily Cahill after this meeting so that this may be addressed.

Trustee Bertschy moved to take the policy as written and submit it to the Board to ask if it should be \$100k or \$50k, and also, that the Board consider the need for additional financial assistance for the Planning Department to address the issues that have been raised in today's meeting, as a part of the budgeting process. Sherry Carter-Allen seconded the motion.

Pastor Hightower stated that this policy is not ready in that there is nothing specifically written in the policy right now that there will be monitoring, tracking and reporting to this committee on a regular basis. We can not pass this policy without it. Vice President Petty agrees and does not believe it should go to the Board at this time. Trustee Bertschy stated that we need to get this in the budget. Vice President Petty stated that we can do that without this policy going to the Board. Trustee Sierra stated that he thinks the intent of it going to the Board is not to pass it. As discussed at the last Board meeting, we were going to see how today's meeting went and then take it back to the full Board so we all can work through this as a collective. Trustee Sierra assured Pastor Hightower that when we do talk before the Board, we will make sure that all members of this committee are invited to the meeting so that we can continue this discussion. We will not be adopting any policy at our next conversation.

Trustee Harant stated that placed into the committee charters is that when a committee is working on a policy and there's some key issues within it that need full Board discussion, before a recommendation is actually made in that policy to move forward, that we do that. Therefore, there's no intention of adopting anything. This is merely in order to get that feedback so when we come back, we'll know what the other Board members are thinking.

Trustee Bertschy stated that he would accept as a friendly amendment to his motion, Pastor Hightower's suggestion that as a part of that submission to the Board, we consider the appropriate way that there's a reporting back to the DEI Committee. As such, the motion as amended would be the following: That the committee is submitting this policy to the Board for its consideration with the following points to be considered in particular: the financial issues to support the Planning Department and the enforcement of this policy, whether the limit should be \$100k versus \$50K, and finally, how the policy would be enforced in a way that would provide the information of whether or not it's being followed back to this DEI Committee and to whoever is appointed as our DEI Officer on a regular basis.

Trustee Bertschy stated that if the policy cannot be approved at the time of presentation to the Board, he withdraws his motion. He feels there is no reason to bring it back to the committee as the Board ultimately has to vote on this document anyway. He stated we're at the point where there are three decisions left to be made: first, a financial decision that is important to our budgeting, second, whether or not we're going to address the practical realities that Becky has described in regard to the \$100K versus \$50k, and third, how we ensure that this document is enforced. Why after the Board decides those three things does it need to come back to this committee? Vice President Petty stated it's because it's the committee's document. Trustee Harant stated that we have a committee process that the Board has put in place. The Board set up a process that when a committee runs up against an issue or they need some further input, they go to the Board for input then back to the committee so that the committee puts its document together.

Trustee Sierra stated that there may be a misunderstanding. The point is ultimately to get the document before the Board for a final vote. But similar to the way the urban forestry proposal was handled, it was taken to the Board and then taken back to the committee.

Emily Cahill stated that she believes all objectives could be met. If everyone is agreeable, this can be discussed in the September 28 Strategy Ad Hoc Committee Board of the Whole meeting. There, we can get feedback on the three issues that are raised. We can work on that language with the Board's input, bring it back to this committee on October 18 and commit to it going on the October 26 Board agenda.

Sherry Carter-Allen stated that the committee's concern is that they don't feel the policy is ready. The committee does not want this policy taken to the Board for approval at this time. How do we know that won't happen? Emily Cahill stated that that won't happen if it is on a Strategy Ad Hoc Committee meeting agenda. Pastor Hightower stated he can live with that, as long as the policy is not to be approved at that time.

Trustee Bertschy stated he disagrees that things have to be reviewed by the Board and then back to the committee. Trustee Sierra stated that that's the process the Board agreed upon.

Vice President Petty stated that we've got work to do with this Board and this staff because nobody should feel this way. She agrees with Ms. Sherry and that we all need to apologize to

her for what's happened today. This should never ever happen again. As the Board's only employee, it is Emily Cahill's responsibility to take care of this and clean it up.

Mike Friberg stated that it is obvious to him and everyone in this committee that he needs to apologize. He lost his cool, especially to miss Sherry Carter-Allen. His behavior was inexcusable and he truly regrets it. It is based on the anger of 20 years of trying to do the right thing and he realizes that is not an excuse. He's really quite ashamed of how he handled himself in this discussion and this apology goes out to everyone in the room. He feels very ashamed that he embarrassed the Park District and himself with his behavior. Sherry Carter-Allen thanked Mr. Friberg for his apology and she accepts it. Just as Mr. Friberg said, certain things cannot happen because it defeats progress. Mr. Friberg is not the only one that owes this whole committee an apology but she appreciates that Mr. Friberg stepped up and apologized.

Trustee Bertschy withdrew his motion at this time based upon the discussion just had.

4.E. Pillar Four: Support Community Workforce Development

Scott Loftus presented the 2021-2022 ICJIA Grant intern data. We had 21 interns, 8 of which were college and 11 high school. Two had multiple interns with us. The internship program is grant-funded.

5. PENDING BUSINESS

Emily Cahill stated that an action step from last month was to create a cover letter that could be used to accompany the advocacy statement that this committee approved last month. This will go out to representatives of local municipalities and community leaders. A draft is provided to you today. She welcomes any feedback or edits and would like to send this out next week.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

None at this time.

7. ACTION STEPS REVIEW

1. Minority percentage of District workforce: finalize the metrics to be used for DEI workforce tracking
2. Track percentage of contracts that are \$100K or more and share with committee
3. How many contractors between \$50-\$100k use subcontractors?
4. Put Contractor Commitment document on next week's Strategy Ad Hoc Committee meeting agenda... address \$50k or \$100k threshold, regular reporting to the DEI committee (and allocation of resources to do that), and enforcement.
5. Put DEI"A" on next committee meeting agenda.
6. Emily Cahill will send follow up concerning today's conversation to Trustees and committee members.

8. NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, October 18, 2022 10:00 am

9. ADJOURNMENT

At 11:36 am Sherry Carter-Allen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion second by Trustee Bertschy and carried on unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted by Alicia Woodworth
Executive Assistant and Secretary to the Board

2022 Summer of Fun Totals – FINAL #'s

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P
1	Totals	6/1-6/6	6/7-6/13	6/14-6/20	6/21-6/27	6/28-7/4	7/5-7/11	7/12-7/18	7/19-7/25	7/26-8/1	8/2-8/8	8/9-8/15	8/16-8/22	8/23-8/29	8/30-8/31	
2	Gwynn Total	5690	29	444	1130	810	552	607	668	864	582	4	0	0	0	0
3	Owens Adult	49	0	3	14	12	0	2	5	3	9	0	1	0	0	1
4	Owens Child	355	0	18	32	28	10	86	125	23	32	0	1	0	0	4
5	Owens Total	404	0	21	46	40	10	88	130	26	41	0	2	0	0	5
6	PlayHouse Adult	928	4	87	104	131	119	116	101	51	93	27	28	38	29	14
7	PlayHouse Child	1795	4	164	304	282	232	208	180	85	157	44	45	48	42	25
8	PlayHouse Sibling	75	0	24	1	14	2	9	6	5	13	0	0	1	0	0
9	PlayHouse Total	2798	8	275	409	427	353	333	287	141	263	71	73	87	71	39
10	Golf Learning Center Total	236	0	3	14	17	18	22	26	24	46	10	23	23	10	4
11	Zoo Adult	1333	4	167	244	205	134	102	135	79	113	28	37	42	43	27
12	Zoo Child	1927	7	239	335	276	208	156	224	171	203	0	0	47	61	41
13	Zoo Sibling Child	231	2	24	13	13	16	14	9	5	25	47	57	2	4	0
14	Zoo Sibling Adult	38	3	8	1	7	3	4	2	1	1	0	2	1	5	0
15	Zoo Total	3529	16	438	593	501	361	276	370	256	342	75	96	92	113	68
16																
17	Total Redemptions	53	1181	2192	1795	1294	1326	1481	1311	1274	160	194	202	194	116	
18	Total Cost	\$296.00	\$7,606.00	\$12,410.50	\$10,815.50	\$7,949.50	\$7,805.00	\$8,736.00	\$6,332.00	\$7,560.00	\$1,343.50	\$1,671.00	\$1,760.00	\$1,678.50	\$989.00	
19																

2021 vs. 2022 Comparisons

Facility	2021	2022
Gwynn Family Aquatic Center	0	5690
Owens Center	45	404
Peoria PlayHouse	724	2798
Golf Learning Center	39	236
Peoria Zoo	2222	3529
TOTAL ADMISSIONS:	3030	12,657

2021-22 ICJIA Grant						
Internships						
Internship Position	Status	School	Location	Start Date	End Date	Notes
Education Intern	Completed	Bradley	Proctor Center	10/13/2021	12/17/2021	
Education Intern	Completed	Peoria High	Proctor Center	10/11/2021	12/31/2021	
Customer Service Intern	Completed	Peoria High	RlverPlex	10/25/2021	12/31/2021	
Athletics Intern	Completed	Bradley	Lakeview	11/16/2021	12/21/2021	
Customer Service Intern	Completed	Peoria High	Owens	1/11/2022	3/31/2022	
Marketing Intern	Completed	ISU	Noble Center	2/22/2022	8/15/2022	
HR Intern	Completed	Bradley	Noble Center	11/15/2021	8/15/2022	Moving to PT w/ HR
STEM Intern	Completed	Richwoods	PlayHouse	1/6/2022	5/27/2022	
STEM Intern	Completed	Richwoods	PlayHouse	1/6/2022	8/15/2022	
Horticulture Intern	Completed	ICC	Luthy	2/18/2022	7/31/2022	
Customer Service Intern	Completed	Peoria High	Peoria Zoo	1/12/2022	5/31/2022	Moving to PT w/ Zoo
Dance Intern	Completed	Richwoods	Lakeview	1/6/2022	5/31/2022	Moving to PT w/ Dance
Dance Intern	Completed	IVC	Lakeview	2/25/2022	8/15/2022	
Program Intern	Completed	Bradley	Camp/Recreation	4/18/2022	8/5/2022	Moving to PT w/ LRC
Art Apprenticeship	Completed	Richwoods	Logan	6/17/2022	8/15/2022	
Art Apprenticeship	Completed	Notre Dame	Logan	6/17/2022	8/15/2022	
Art Apprenticeship	Completed	Manual	Logan	6/17/2022	8/15/2022	
Art Apprenticeship	Completed	Manual	Logan	6/17/2022	8/15/2022	
Event/Wedding Intern	Current		Peoria Zoo	5/22/2022	9/15/2022	Split between grant cycles
IT Intern	Current	Bradley	Noble Center	3/7/2022	12/31/2022	Split between grant cycles
Athletics Intern	Current	Bradley	Lakeview	3/14/2022	12/31/2022	Split between grant cycles

August 2022

<u>Total Staff</u>			<u>Full-Time Staff</u>	
White Female	301		White Female	37
White Male	311		White Male	68
Asian Female	0		Asian Female	0
Asian Male	0		Asian Male	0
Black Female	61		Black Female	8
Black Male	70		Black Male	12
Hispanic Female	8		Hispanic Female	0
Hispanic Male	16		Hispanic Male	2
American Indian/Alaskan Native Female	0		American Indian/Alaskan Native Female	0
American Indian/Alaskan Native Male	0		American Indian/Alaskan Native Male	0
Native Hawaii/Pacific Islander Female	2		Native Hawaii/Pacific Islander Female	0
Native Hawaii/Pacific Islander Male	0		Native Hawaii/Pacific Islander Male	0
Other Female	2		Other Female	0
Other Male	1		Other Male	0
Two or More Races Female	5		Two or More Races Female	1
Two or More Races Male	1		Two or More Races Male	0
Total	778		Total	128
Total Minority	166		Total Minority	23
% Minority	21%		% Minority	18%
			Minority Leadership role as defined as able to hire/recommend for discipline/level of responsibility/lead staff/schedule staff and complete performance evaluations	56%
			Non-Minority Leadership role as defined as able to hire/recommend for discipline/level of responsibility/lead staff/schedule staff and complete performance evaluations	69%

DIVERSITY EQUITY AND INCLUSION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2022 AT 10:00 AM AT THE PEORIA PARK DISTRICT BONNIE NOBLE CENTER FOR ADMINISTRATION AT 1125 W. LAKE AVENUE, PEORIA, IL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vice President and Chair Jackie Petty, Trustee and Vice Chair Timothy Bertschy (in at 10:27 am), Sherry Carter-Allen, Pastor Marvin Hightower, Gabe Jaja (in at 10:07 am), and Executive Director Emily Cahill

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ron Givens and Larry Ivory

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Trustees Laurie Covington, Joyce Harant, Chair and Vice President Jackie Petty, and President Robert Johnson

STAFF PRESENT: Executive Director Emily Cahill, Attorney Bill Streeter, Brent Wheeler, Kyle Deeter, Becky Fredrickson, Matt Freeman, David Gray, Chanel Hargrave-Murry, Scott Loftus, Jonelle McCloud, Shalesse Pie, Karrie Ross, Nicole Staley, and Alicia Woodworth
Note: (v) = attended virtually

OTHERS PRESENT: None

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice President Petty called the meeting to order at 10:02 am.

2. ROLL CALL

3. MINUTES

3.A. Approval of 9.20.22 DEI Committee Meeting Minutes

The 9.20.22 DEI Committee meeting minutes will be presented for approval at the 10.18.22 meeting.

4. PROCESS/POLICY UPDATES

4.A. Diversity Equity Inclusion and ACCESSIBILITY Discussion

Emily Cahill stated that this committee started as the Diversity Committee, then Equity and Inclusion were added to the name and there has been a societal push to include Accessibility. Trustee Sierra had requested this change at the last meeting in September in which it was agreed that it would be placed on today's agenda. If the committee is agreeable, staff will move forward in changing the committee name from DEI to DEIA. Through discussion, the committee fully supports and unanimously agreed to change the name of the committee to Diversity Equity Inclusion and Accessibility (DEIA) Committee.

4.B. Follow Up on Minority Percentage of District Population

Emily Cahill provided information that Mike Friberg developed showing the Peoria Park District demographics. *Please see Attachment A.* Emily asked the committee for

guidance – what are the goals this committee is looking for in the PPD workforce numbers? This information was previously requested by Trustee Bertschy. A full discussion concerning this will be had at the next meeting.

President Johnson stated that the District needs to work on the culture because some minorities do not feel comfortable with the culture in management and he wants that to change. He's not comfortable with how the District processes minorities getting them into management positions. He stated that when minorities do get there, there's always something in the culture that makes them not want to stay at the District. He sees the workforce minority numbers but he would like staff to look into the reality of it.

Shalesse Pie stated that she reads every exit interview given and there are multiple reasons why people leave the District. Things that can be corrected are in fact corrected. The things that can't be i.e., insurance, vacation days off, etc., can not be remedied. Brent Wheeler stated that if there are examples of people leaving the organization because of a real or perceived culture issue, please provide details so the District can look into and correct them. Otherwise, there's nothing that can be done and as a leader in the organization, he needs to correct the issue but he can't if he doesn't know the specifics. Please if anyone has knowledge of individual instances, please pass them along. President Johnson said he gets several phone calls about this and will share at a later time.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.A. Pillar One: Equitable Access to Parks, Facilities, and Programming

Scott Loftus stated that yesterday, the District wrapped up the first quarter of the ICJIA grant. Thanks to Kyle Deeter, Grant Manager.

Supervisor of Community Connections, Chanel Hargrave-Murry, stated that Power Lunches will soon be relaunched in all Peoria Public High Schools. The intent is to give students more access and resources to what the Park District is doing. Information on scholarship opportunities and other college and community workforce prep resources will also be provided.

Proctor and Logan Recreation Centers General Manager, Jonelle McCloud, stated that through the ICJIA grant, the District created the Dream 2 after school program at Proctor Center – Drama, Recreation, Education, Arts, Music, and Mindfulness. Last year the District offered a drama program and this year we are partnering with Art Inc. in a performance for Black History Month. For recreation, in addition to basketball, soccer, volleyball, and kickball are offered. Black History will be taught by Shundell Broomfield this year. Music and Mindfulness – drumming will be taught by a drum teacher. With school scores available, increasing reading and math scores is a focus. Ag in the classroom will be added, introducing farming to the students. The number of students started at 27 and is now at 41. Transportation is provided for the students, from their school to Proctor Recreation Center. In addition to Peoria Public Schools students, we

also have students from Christ Lutheran School and Southside Christian Academy. The program is free. One of the requirements for students to stay in the program is that they must bring snacks. Parents/guardians are communicated with every week. Thanks to a donor for the STEAM Program – Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math, many fun and educational projects are enjoyed by the students.

5.B. Pillar Two: Focus on the PPD Workforce

Shalesse Pie presented the September 2022 workforce statistics. *Please see Attachment B.*

5.C. Pillar Three: Actively Promote and Encourage the Diversity, Equity, Inclusiveness and Accessibility of PPD-Funded Contractors and Suppliers

The commitment document, version dated 9.28.22, was discussed. *Please see Attachment C.* This is the version that the PPD Board recently discussed as requested by the DEI Committee. Yesterday, Vice President Petty distributed to the committee recommended changes to the document by the NAACP Labor and Industry Committee. *Please refer to Attachment D.* The changes/edits were discussed by the committee. Trustee Bertschy and other committee members agreed with and expressed their support for the NAACP changes. Through discussion, the committee agreed to have Attorney Streeter review the recommended edits and when his review is complete, Alicia Woodworth will send to the committee and NAACP for their review. It will then be discussed at the next DEIA Committee meeting on November 15, 2022.

5.D. Pillar Four: Support Community Workforce Development

Shalesse Pie stated that David Gray recently moved from his role as Human Resources Coordinator to Recruitment and Professional Development Manager. David Gray stated that he is very excited about the internship program as he himself once started as an intern and he's very familiar with how it can lead to a career. The District currently has 9 intern positions posted. The internships will run November thru February. The internships would be a 15 hour per week commitment for high school students and 20 hours per week commitment for college students. There are 22 applicants so far and interviews are currently being scheduled. Recruitment efforts are well underway.

6. PENDING BUSINESS

None at this time.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

None at this time.

8. ACTION STEPS REVIEW

1. Attorney Streeter to review edits to contractor policy as recommended by NAACP. Once reviewed, send to the committee and to NAACP for their review.
2. Add demographics to workforce target to next month's meeting agenda.

8. NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, November 15, 2022 10:00 am

9. ADJOURNMENT

At 12:06 pm Trustee Bertschy made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion second by Pastor Hightower and carried on unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted by Alicia Woodworth
Executive Assistant and Secretary to the Board



PEORIA PARK DISTRICT DEMOGRAPHICS

Per request, following is an overview of demographic data available related to the workforce in our community. Please note that data specific to the District is not available beyond basic demographics and so some reasonable inferences are necessary to determine what a target percentage is when setting a goal to “look like the community we serve.”

Here is an overview of the numbers provided in the charts that follow:

- District only demographics shows that 44.3% of the Peoria Park District is non-white.
- Peoria MSA demographics shows that the total workforce is 12.04% non-white.
- **2020 Peoria City employed population is 41.31% non-white.**
- **2020 Peoria County employed population is 26.85% non-white.**
- **2020 Peoria MSA employed population is 13.11% non-white.**
- Peoria MSA employment shows that construction makes up 6% of the Peoria MSA economy.
- 2019 Peoria MSA Construction workforce 11.2% non-white.

Population and Employment by Geography, Race, and Ethnicity

pop. 16 and over 2015	total	white	white percentage	black	black percentage	hispanic	hispanic percentage	asian	asian percentage	SOURCE
Peoria City	118,661	71,113	59.9%	31,525	26.6%	6,874	5.8%	6,330	5.3%	2015 B01001ABCD
Peoria County	186,221	131,532	70.6%	32,746	17.6%	8,639	4.6%	6,896	3.7%	2015 S0101
Peoria MSA	379,947	324,030	85.3%	34,806	9.2%	12,213	3.2%	8,462	2.2%	2015 B01001
Employed MSA	177,527	157,516	88.7%	11,944	6.7%	4,974	2.8%	4,200	2.4%	2015 C24030
Employed Illinois	6,086,226	4,639,495	76.2%	675,220	11.1%	931,937	15.3%	325,447	5.3%	
Employed USA	145,747,779	110,632,149	75.9%	16,147,976	11.1%	23,115,181	15.9%	8,028,478	5.5%	

total population 2020										
Peoria MSA	402,391	322,899	80.2%	36,738	9.1%	15,185	3.8%	9,162	2.3%	2020 P2
Peoria County	181,830	122,629	67.4%	33,635	18.5%	10,091	5.5%	7,730	4.3%	2020 P2
Peoria City	113,150	60,364	53.3%	31,213	27.6%	7,899	7.0%	7,184	6.3%	2020 P2

pop 18 and over 2020										
Peoria MSA	310,740	257,741	82.9%	25,299	8.1%	9,791	3.2%	6,828	2.2%	2020 P4
Peoria County	139,675	98,963	70.9%	22,834	16.3%	6,577	4.7%	5,719	4.1%	2020 P4
Peoria City	85,958	50,637	58.9%	21,225	24.7%	5,153	6.0%	5,295	6.2%	2020 P4

employment status, population 16 years and over 2020										
	in labor force	white	white percentage	black	black percentage	hispanic	hispanic percentage	asian	asian percentage	
Peoria City	47,817	28,066	58.69%	13,019	27.2%	3,248	6.8%	3,484	7.3%	2020 C23002ABCD, I
Peoria County	79,622	58,240	73.15%	13,878	17.4%	3,849	4.8%	3,655	4.6%	
Peoria MSA	175,345	152,362	86.89%	14,627	8.3%	3,837	2.2%	4,519	2.6%	

Peoria Park District

Total population residing in census blocks wholly or partially within District boundaries. Year 2020 decennial census data.

Race or Ethnicity	Actual count	Percentage
Total population	123,493	100.0%
Hispanic	8,292	6.7%
Not Hispanic	115,201	93.3%
White alone	68,779	55.7%
Black alone	32,476	26.3%
AIAN alone	247	0.2%
Asian alone	6,807	5.5%
Native Hawaiian alone	42	0.0%
Some other race	633	0.5%
Not Hispanic - two or more races	6,217	5.0%
Not Hispanic - Two races only	5,876	4.8%
Not Hispanic - White + Black	2,982	2.4%
Not Hispanic - White +AIAN	1,126	0.9%
Not Hispanic- White + Asian	643	0.5%
Not Hispanic-White + Native Hawaiian	38	0.0%
Not Hispanic- White + Some Other Race	654	0.5%
Not Hispanic- Black +AIAN	178	0.1%
Not Hispanic-Black +Asian	47	0.0%
Not Hispanic- Black + Native Hawaiian	2	0.0%
Not Hispanic- Black + Some Other Race	174	0.1%
Not Hispanic - AIAN + Asian	1	0.0%
Not Hispanic - AIAN + Hawaiian	-	0.0%
Not Hispanic - AIAN + Some other race	10	0.0%
Not Hispanic- Asian + Hawaiian	7	0.0%
Not Hispanic - Asian + Some other race	14	0.0%
Not Hispanic - Hawaiian + some other race	-	0.0%
Not Hispanic- 3 races	331	0.3%

source: Decennial Table P4: HISPANIC OR LATINO, AND NOT HISPANIC OR LATINO
BY RACE FOR THE POPULATION 18 YEARS AND OVER

source: Peoria Park District "Census Blocks In District.xlsx" derived from original
ArcMap work

Employment Within the Peoria MSA, 2015

2015: ACS 5-Year Estimates Selected Population on Detailed Tables - Civilian Employed population over 16 years.

Peoria Metro Area 2015

total pop. 376,987

total employed	
177,527	47%

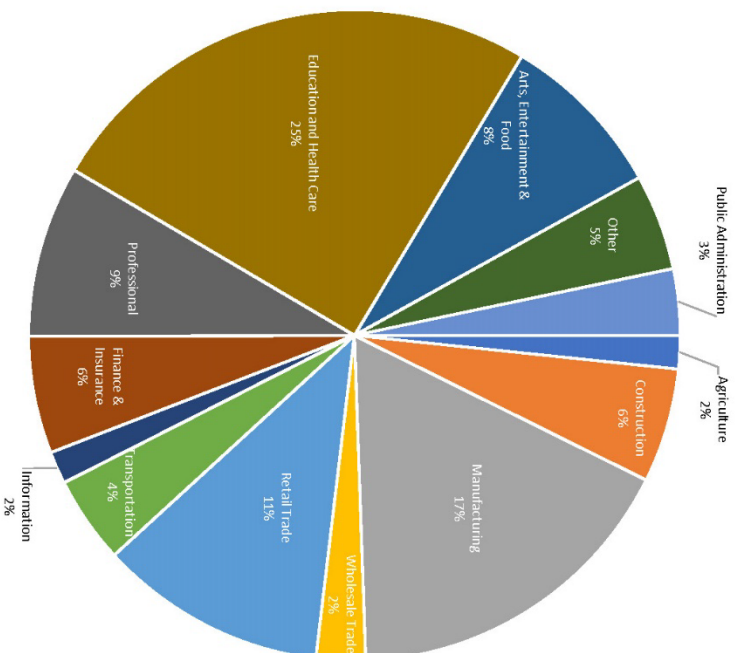
Race/Eth	Male	Female	Total	percentage of total workforce
White	82,278	75,238	157,516	88.73%
Black	4,912	7,032	11,944	6.73%
AIAN	153	111	264	0.15%
Asian	2,533	1,667	4,200	2.37%
Hispanic	2,922	2,052	4,974	2.80%
total	91,801	85,726	177,527	100.00%

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12.04%

Industry Sector	Race / Ethnicity	Male Count	Female Count	Total Count	Percentage of total employed workforce	Total workers in sector	percentage share of sector	Race / Ethnicity
Agriculture	white	2331	598	2929	1.65%	2,956	99.09%	White
	black	0	0	0	0.00%		0.00%	Black
	AIAN	0	0	0	0.00%		0.00%	AIAN
	Asian	0	0	0	0.00%		0.00%	Asian
	Hispanic	14	13	27	0.02%		0.91%	Hispanic
Construction	white	8748	783	9531	5.37%	10,201	93.43%	White
	black	216	21	237	0.13%		2.32%	Black
	AIAN	29	0	29	0.02%		0.28%	AIAN
	Asian	26	3	29	0.02%		0.28%	Asian
	Hispanic	375	0	375	0.21%		3.68%	Hispanic
Manufacturing	white	20239	6263	26502	14.93%	30,691	86.35%	White
	black	796	605	1401	0.79%		4.56%	Black
	AIAN	19	26	45	0.03%		0.15%	AIAN
	Asian	1304	375	1679	0.95%		5.47%	Asian
	Hispanic	826	238	1064	0.60%		3.47%	Hispanic
Wholesale Trade	white	3184	810	3994	2.25%	4,395	90.88%	White
	black	107	40	147	0.08%		3.34%	Black
	AIAN	30	0	30	0.02%		0.68%	AIAN
	Asian	6	12	18	0.01%		0.41%	Asian
	Hispanic	179	27	206	0.12%		4.69%	Hispanic
Retail Trade	white	9774	8756	18530	10.44%	20,278	91.38%	White
	black	671	470	1141	0.64%		5.63%	Black
	AIAN	0	28	28	0.02%		0.14%	AIAN
	Asian	43	114	157	0.09%		0.77%	Asian
	Hispanic	164	258	422	0.24%		2.08%	Hispanic
Transportation	white	5081	1770	6851	3.86%	7,758	88.31%	White
	black	422	147	569	0.32%		7.33%	Black
	AIAN	0	0	0	0.00%		0.00%	AIAN
	Asian	42	42	84	0.05%		1.08%	Asian
	Hispanic	213	41	254	0.14%		3.27%	Hispanic
Information	white	1448	1161	2609	1.47%	2,893	90.18%	White
	black	59	113	172	0.10%		5.95%	Black
	AIAN	0	0	0	0.00%		0.00%	AIAN
	Asian	28	10	38	0.02%		1.31%	Asian
	Hispanic	50	24	74	0.04%		2.56%	Hispanic
Finance & Insurance	white	3964	5770	9734	5.48%	10,424	93.38%	White
	black	112	216	328	0.18%		3.15%	Black
	AIAN	0	3	3	0.00%		0.03%	AIAN
	Asian	72	76	148	0.08%		1.42%	Asian
	Hispanic	124	87	211	0.12%		2.02%	Hispanic
Professional	white	7098	6120	13218	7.45%	15,301	86.39%	White
	black	566	492	1058	0.60%		6.91%	Black
	AIAN	30	5	35	0.02%		0.23%	AIAN
	Asian	365	162	527	0.30%		3.44%	Asian
	Hispanic	154	309	463	0.26%		3.03%	Hispanic
Educational and Health Care	white	8862	29809	38671	21.78%	45,048	85.84%	White
	black	853	3621	4474	2.52%		9.93%	Black
	AIAN	0	26	26	0.01%		0.06%	AIAN
	Asian	420	599	1019	0.57%		2.26%	Asian
	Hispanic	290	568	858	0.48%		1.90%	Hispanic
Arts & Entertainment & Food	white	5120	7321	12441	7.01%	14,973	83.09%	White
	black	660	887	1547	0.87%		10.33%	Black
	AIAN	28	11	39	0.02%		0.26%	AIAN
	Asian	174	104	278	0.16%		1.86%	Asian
	Hispanic	329	339	668	0.38%		4.46%	Hispanic
Other	white	3737	3905	7642	4.30%	8,538	89.51%	White
	black	220	240	460	0.26%		5.39%	Black
	AIAN	14	0	14	0.01%		0.16%	AIAN
	Asian	53	154	207	0.12%		2.42%	Asian
	Hispanic	118	97	215	0.12%		2.52%	Hispanic
Public Administration	white	3167	2172	5339	3.01%	5,917	90.23%	White
	black	230	180	410	0.23%		6.93%	Black
	AIAN	3	12	15	0.01%		0.25%	AIAN
	Asian	0	16	16	0.01%		0.27%	Asian
	Hispanic	86	51	137	0.08%		2.32%	Hispanic

Peoria Metropolitan Area Employment - 2015



Agriculture	2,956	1.65%
Construction	10,201	5.69%
Manufacturing	30,691	17.11%
Wholesale Trade	4,395	2.45%
Retail Trade	20,278	11.30%
Transportation	7,758	4.33%
Information	2,893	1.61%
Finance & Insurance	10,424	5.81%
Professional	15,301	8.53%
Education and Health Care	45,048	25.11%
Arts, Entertainment & Food	14,973	8.35%
Other	8,538	4.76%
Public Administration	5,917	3.30%
	179,373	100.00%

COMMITMENT TO

Participation and Workforce Goals for Peoria Park District Construction Contracts concerning Minority-Owned Businesses and Women-Owned Businesses and Minority and Women Labor.

I. OBJECTIVE

The Peoria Park District Staff and Board believe that diversity and equity are central to our mission. Diversity of race, color, gender, disability, age, and culture in our employees and those we work with is important to fairly represent the same diversity in our community. The differing perspectives available from a diverse workforce are important to solving the complex problems of our community.

As one of the four pillars of the **Peoria Park District's 4-Pronged Approach to Equity** document, **Pillar #3** is to **Actively Promote and Encourage the Diversity, Equity and Inclusiveness of Peoria Park District funded Contractors and Suppliers.**

The Peoria Park District actively promotes and encourages maximum participation of minorities and women on Park District construction, procurement, and maintenance contracts to ensure that those we serve and those we work with look like the residents of our community.

This goal is established with the following objectives in mind:

- 1.) To ensure that construction contracts are awarded and administered in a nondiscriminatory manner;
- 2.) To promote the District's use of Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Businesses by removing barriers and encouraging a level playing field on which such businesses can compete fairly for construction contracts;
- 3.) To strive to increase capacity and participation of minority and women labor as well as Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Businesses for Peoria Park District construction projects; and
- 4.) To ensure that goals for Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Businesses are narrowly tailored in accordance with applicable law.

The Park Board recognizes that it is required to comply with applicable bidding laws, federal and state constitutions, statutes, and rules and regulations, as well as any applicable local ordinances.

II. DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this Policy, the terms set forth below shall have the following definitions:

"Minority Person" shall mean a person who is a citizen or lawful permanent resident of the United States and who is any of the following: (a) American Indian or Alaska Native (a person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America, including Central America, and who maintains tribal affiliation or community attachment); (b) Asian (a person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent, including, but not limited to, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam); (c) Black or African American (a person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa); (d) Hispanic or Latino (a person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race); and (e)

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander (a person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands).

"Woman" shall mean a person who is a citizen or lawful permanent resident of the United States and who is of the female gender.

"Minority-Owned Business" means a business which is at least 51% owned by one or more minority persons, or in the case of a corporation, at least 51% of the stock in which is owned by one or more minority persons; and the management and daily operations of which are controlled by one or more of the minority individuals who own it.

"Women-Owned Business" means a business which is at least 51% owned by one or more women, or in the case of a corporation, at least 51% of the stock in which is owned by one or more women; and the management and daily operations of which are controlled by one or more of the women who own it.

"Qualifying Construction Contract" means all construction projects with an estimated total base cost of \$50,000 or more.

"Responsible Bidder" means a person who has the capability in all respects to perform fully the contract requirements and the integrity and reliability that will assure good faith performance.

"Responsive Bidder" means a person who has submitted a bid that conforms in all material respects to the invitation for bids.

III. PARTICIPATION GOALS and AFFIRMATIVE STEPS

A. Goals:

It is a goal of the Peoria Park District to encourage participation of minorities and women on Park District construction and maintenance projects through contracts and workforce.

~~Below are the Peoria Park District's goals for Qualifying Construction contracts:~~

Peoria Park District shall: (1) endeavor to award not less than 20% of the total dollar amount of the Park District's Qualifying Construction Contracts to Minority-owned Businesses and not less than 5% of the total dollar amount of the Park District's Qualifying Construction Contracts to Women-owned Businesses ("Participation Goals"); and (2) endeavor to ensure that a minimum of 20% of the total hours worked on any Qualifying Construction Contract are performed by Minority Persons and a minimum of 5% of the total hours worked are performed by Women ("Workforce Goals").

Participation Goals for Qualifying Construction Projects

Owned Business: 20%

Women-Owned Business: 5%

Workforce Goals for Qualifying Construction Projects

Minority Person: 20%

Women: 5%

B. Affirmative Steps:

The Park District shall take the following affirmative steps to ensure that its participation and workforce goals are met:

- 1.) Manage a no cost to contractor Equal Employment Opportunity process to ensure that all contractors doing business with the Peoria Park District have agreed to meet the EEO requirements concerning hiring per the Human Rights Act and rules and regulations of the Department of Human Rights;
- 2.) Place qualified Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Businesses on solicitation lists;
- 3.) Ensure that Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Businesses are solicited whenever they are potential sources, at varying sizes of projects;
- 4.) Include in all advertisements for bid (legal notice in the Peoria Journal Star), "Bidders are also advised that contract documents for this project include the non-discrimination, equal opportunity and affirmative action provisions in the Human Rights Act and rules and regulations of the Department of Human Rights. The Peoria Park District is an EEO organization and encourages participation by minority and female-owned firms."
- 5.) Notify applicable plan rooms and diverse agencies which have specific outreach and contacts with local Minority-Owned Businesses of current projects out for bid to encourage the broadest notification to Minority-Owned Businesses;
- 6.) Include in all bid documents, a current list of Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Businesses for general contractors to be able to contact;
- 7.) Provide access to a website for free download ability of bid documents for all contractors, including Minority-Owned Businesses and Women-Owned Business;
- 8.) When economically feasible and legally permissible, divide construction projects into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Businesses;
- 9.) Establish project and delivery schedules, when feasible, that encourage participation by Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Businesses;
- ~~10.) Require the general contractor on Qualifying Construction Contracts, if subcontracts are to be let, to follow the Good Faith Effort requirements defined below;~~
- ~~11.)~~ 10.) For transparency reasons, on construction bid projects to be awarded, provide the following documentation in staff recommendations to the Park Board: all contractors and agencies notified of the work, all contractors known to download the bid documents, and all contractors that bid on the work;
- ~~12.)~~ 11.) Track final statistics of Peoria Park District construction projects for Minority-Owned Businesses and Women-Owned Businesses and workforce participation numbers annually;
- ~~12.) Require the general contractor on Qualifying Construction Contracts, if subcontracts are to be let, to follow the affirmative steps listed above and the Good Faith Effort requirements defined below. ;~~

Good Faith Effort is defined below:

A good faith effort means the contractor actively and aggressively sought participation by Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Businesses and/or employment of Minority Persons and Women.

Evidence of good faith effort includes, as appropriate:

- Based on the trades and availability of contractors required to complete the project, a minimum of three minority/women owned firms must be contacted. The Park District's list of minority/women owned firms will be included in all bid documents.

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- The bidder shall negotiate in good faith with the potential minority/women owned firms by not imposing any conditions which are not similarly imposed on all other subcontractors and suppliers, or by denying benefits ordinarily conferred on subcontractors or suppliers for the type of work for which bids were solicited. Minority and women owned businesses must be notified at least 3 business days prior to bid opening to allow adequate time to review and provide bid.
- On all Qualifying Construction Contracts, the bidder must complete and include in the bid, the **Minority/Women Owned Contact Sheet** form. This form will include name of companies contacted, the time and date companies were contacted, the method by which the companies were contacted, the response by the companies contacted, the area of work the companies were contacted about, and bid amounts received from the companies along with other comments.
- The low bidder shall provide to the Park District upon request, copies of all correspondence including without limitation, faxes, letters, text messages, and emails sent to minority/women owned firms.

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Good faith effort also shall be evidenced by, where appropriate:

- Assisting interested Minority-owned and Women-owned Businesses in obtaining bonding, lines of credit or insurance;
- Seeking services from available minority and women community organizations, contractors' groups, business assistance offices and other organizations, as appropriate, to provide assistance in recruiting Minority owned and Women-owned Businesses;
- Providing payroll records or other evidence showing the percentage of Minority Persons and Women employees;
- If a Minority-owned and Women-owned Businesses is rejected, providing sound reasons for rejection;
- Assisting interested Minority-owned and Women-owned Businesses in obtaining necessary equipment, supplies or materials;
- All other good faith efforts or evidence of due diligence to meet the Park District's Workforce Goals;
- Fulfillment in the Affirmative Steps outlined in Section III.B above.

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IV. CONTRACT AWARD

The Park District Shall include within the bid documents for each Qualifying Construction Contract:

- 1.) The goals set forth in this Commitment Document;
~~2.)~~ Documentation to be returned by the bidder regarding compliance with EEO efforts and the ability to meet the goals in this Commitment Document. (including without limitation, Company Ownership Form, EEO Form, Workforce Profile, Minority/Women Owned Contact Sheet, Contractor/Subcontractor Workforce Plan).

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Contracts will be awarded to the lowest Responsible and Responsive Bidder. Bids or proposals submitted without the required documentation identified in this policy are considered unresponsive and will be rejected.

V. PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

The Executive Director of Parks & Recreation or designee shall:

- 1.) Administer and enforce the provisions of this Commitment Document; ~~and~~
- 2.) Monitor, ~~and track, and report~~ contractors' compliance over the contract duration to ensure compliance with this document; ~~and~~
- 3.) Submit quarterly report with statistics of Peoria Park District construction projects for Minority-Owned Businesses and Women-Owned Businesses and workforce participation numbers to DEI Committee ~~and to the Park Board~~ for review; ~~and~~
- 4.) Submit an annual report to the Park Board of final statistics of Peoria Park District construction projects for Minority-Owned Businesses and Women-Owned Businesses and workforce participation numbers.

VI. PENALTIES

A. The Executive Director of Parks & Recreation or designee may assess appropriate penalties against any contractor who fails to meet the Park District's Workforce Goals and fails to provide evidence of a good faith effort toward meeting the goals. Such penalties include, but are not limited to:

1. Directing corrective action, as appropriate and practical, to meet the Park District's Workforce Goals or to show a good faith effort toward meeting the goals;
2. Assessing a fine or penalty not to exceed \$2,000 for each offense, and each day on which a violation occurs or continues shall be considered a separate offense;
3. Withholding the fine or penalty assessed from the unpaid portion of the contract; and
4. Recommending that the contractor not be considered a responsive and/or responsible bidder for future Park District projects until the contractor provides evidence of making a good faith effort toward meeting the Park District's Workforce Goals for minority-owned and women-owned businesses.

VII. APPEALS

Any penalty assessed as described in Section VI may be appealed by filing a notice of appeal to the Park District Board within five (5) calendar days of receipt of the notice of penalty. Thereafter, the Park District Board or Board-appointed hearing officer will conduct a hearing, at which time the contractor may present evidence of its good faith efforts to meet the Park District's Workforce Goals.

If a hearing is held before a Board appointed hearing officer, the hearing officer shall submit a report and recommendation to the Park Board following the hearing. The Park Board will then decide whether to adopt or reject the hearing officer's report and recommendation. The decision of the Park District Board shall be final.

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Total Staff			Full-Time Staff	
White Female	275		White Female	38
White Male	301		White Male	71
Asian Female	6		Asian Female	0
Asian Male	4		Asian Male	0
Black Female	57		Black Female	9
Black Male	69		Black Male	13
Hispanic Female	6		Hispanic Female	0
Hispanic Male	13		Hispanic Male	2
American Indian/Alaskan Native Female	0		American Indian/Alaskan Native Female	0
American Indian/Alaskan Native Male	0		American Indian/Alaskan Native Male	0
Native Hawaii/Pacific Islander Female	2		Native Hawaii/Pacific Islander Female	0
Native Hawaii/Pacific Islander Male	0		Native Hawaii/Pacific Islander Male	0
Other Female	2		Other Female	0
Other Male	1		Other Male	0
Two or More Races Female	5		Two or More Races Female	1
Two or More Races Male	1		Two or More Races Male	0
Total	742		Total	134
Total Minority	166		Total Minority	25
% Minority	22%		% Minority	19%
			Minority Leadership role as defined as able to hire/recommend for discipline/level of responsibility/lead staff/schedule staff and complete performance evaluations	58%
			Non-Minority Leadership role as defined as able to hire/recommend for discipline/level of responsibility/lead staff/schedule staff and complete performance evaluations	72%

**DIVERSITY, EQUITY, ACCESSIBILITY, AND INCLUSION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD TUESDAY,
NOVEMBER 15, 2022 AT 10:00 AM AT THE PEORIA PARK DISTRICT BONNIE NOBLE CENTER FOR
ADMINISTRATION AT 1125 W. LAKE AVENUE, PEORIA, IL**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vice President and Chair Jackie Petty, Trustee and Vice Chair Timothy Bertschy (in at 10:10 am), Pastor Marvin Hightower, and Executive Director Emily Cahill

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sherry Carter-Allen, Ron Givens, Larry Ivory, and Gabe Jaja

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Chair and Vice President Jackie Petty, Trustee and Chair Timothy Bertschy, Trustees Laurie Covington (v), Joyce Harant, and Alexander Sierra (v)
Note: (v) = Attended Virtually

STAFF PRESENT: Executive Director Emily Cahill, Attorney Bill Streeter, Brent Wheeler, Kevin Davis, Kyle Deeter, Becky Fredrickson, Matt Freeman, Chanel Hargrave-Murry, Scott Loftus, Shalesse Pie, Karrie Ross, Nicole Staley, and Alicia Woodworth

OTHERS PRESENT: Mindi Garza (v)
Note: (v) = Attended Virtually

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice President Jackie Petty called the meeting to order at 10:03 am.

2. ROLL CALL

3. MINUTES

3.A. Approval of 9.20.22 DEI Committee Meeting Minutes

Executive Director Cahill moved to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2022 meeting. Motion seconded by Pastor Hightower. Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

4. PROCESS/POLICY UPDATES

Emily Cahill stated that the District is currently reviewing its working groups structure in order to make sure that it is mirroring the pillars and honoring how it connects staff to the different committees in its structure. Staff continues, from a DEIA perspective, to evaluate and be intentional with membership, structure and focus. By January, the District hopes to have a clearer line between committees and staff working groups so that it can ensure it is effective and making progress. The District looks forward to finalizing that structure and presenting to the committee in the near future.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.A. Pillar One: Equitable Access to Parks, Facilities, and Programming

Scott Loftus introduced Kevin Davis, Business Systems Supervisor. Kevin gave a brief overview of the new Scholarship Program. *Please see Attachment A.* The Scholarship Program is designed to assist in providing qualifying PPD residents access to programs and facilities and are issued based on financial need. Benefit opportunities include discounted memberships to the RiverPlex, Peoria PlayHouse, and Proctor Recreation

Center. Substantial discounts on PPD activities and camps and limited discounted facility admissions are also offered. Applicants must apply at the Noble Center, RiverPlex, or Proctor Recreation Center and must provide verification of PPD residency as well as household income/benefit information. Beginning in December 2022, the scholarship awards can be redeemed online. The PPD Scholarship Program is unique in its comprehensiveness. Many neighboring park districts do not offer a scholarship program.

5.B. Pillar Two: Focus on the PPD Workforce

Shalesse Pie presented the October 2022 workforce statistics. Trustee Bertschy suggested including past information in order to evaluate trends and compare this month's numbers with previous months. Shalesse Pie will start providing past 6 months, past 3 months and past month statistics starting with the November 2022 report.

Trustee Bertschy stated that last month, the committee requested the comparison of the total minorities in the District to the number of minorities in the District's workforce. In order to develop the comparison goal, he suggests that in upcoming meetings, the committee focus on what really should be the target in minority hires within the staff.

As requested in a prior committee meeting, Shalesse Pie researched and located an organization that reaches out to Asian communities in the area and they are now receiving District job postings and employment information.

5.C. Pillar Three: Actively Promote and Encourage the Diversity, Equity, Inclusiveness and Accessibility of PPD-Funded Contractors and Suppliers

Emily Cahill stated that since the last meeting, staff and Attorney Streeter have been working to address the issues raised about the contractor commitment document. In addition, from an administrative perspective, staff has been working internally to implement the policy. Apologizing for the delay, Emily respectfully requests a little more time to review the document in order to assess the legal risks associated with the changes in the document. Also, to ensure that the NAACP has sufficient time to review the document before it comes back to this committee. Emily stated that staff's target would be to present the document to the committee some time the week after Thanksgiving or sooner. The committee recommended meeting on December 13 to finalize the document for Board review, rather than waiting until the next meeting scheduled in January 2023. Those in attendance agreed.

5.D. Pillar Four: Support Community Workforce Development

Shalesse Pie stated that recruitment and hiring efforts have been underway for the newest group of interns. David Gray has been working with PPD staff to interview and place interns for the November – February session. As of the morning of, 11.9.22, five new interns have accepted positions, with two more offers out, one additional interview scheduled, and applications still being accepted.

Confirmed interns so far:

Athletics – Lakeview Rec (1)

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Customer Service – Lakeview Rec (1)
STEM – Peoria PlayHouse (1)
Education – Proctor Rec (2)

Trustee Sierra asked how many interns are from 61603 and 61605 as targeted by the ICJIA grant? Emily Cahill stated that currently, there are only 4 interns but as new interns are hired, that information will be collected and reported at the DEIA Committee meetings going forward in addition to sharing last year's intern data. Chanel Hargrave-Murry stated she is actively recruiting students from those areas and it is anticipated the majority of the new interns will be from 61603 and 61605.

6. PENDING BUSINESS

None at this time.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

Trustee Bertschy stated that in light of the committee adding Accessibility to its name, going forward, he would like the committee be more intentional in addressing the needs of the disabled community. In 2023, he would like the committee to take it upon itself to determine how to be better focused on the disabled community, such as focusing on hiring interns and staff who are physically, mentally, and developmentally disabled but able to perform the job functions. Also, determine what grants are out there that the District may obtain in this regard. How the District can further work with HISRA, EPIC or other organizations that the District does not currently have a direct connection with and involve them in more of our activities. The committee agreed. This topic could also be included in other District committees and community organizations; however, this committee would be the start of that discussion. Vice President Petty stated this can be focused on starting in 2023. Emily Cahill stated that this can be incorporated into District working groups to help develop a plan.

8. ACTION STEPS REVIEW

1. Starting in 2023, include discussion on accessibility for those with physical, mental and developmental disabilities.
2. Have contractor policy language to the committee by November 30 and provide time table for Board review.
3. Develop a format for providing previous workforce demographics and build out a target for the comparison of the PPD workforce to the PPD community it serves.
4. Provide demographics for PPD interns to date.
5. Alicia Woodworth will send out a calendar invite and notice for a DEIA Committee meeting on Tuesday, December 13, 2022 at 10:00 am.
6. The December 13 meeting agenda will include the contractor policy document review, demographics report for interns, November and workforce data.

8. NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, December 13, 2022 10:00 am

9. ADJOURNMENT

At 10:57 am Pastor Hightower made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion second by Trustee Bertschy and carried on unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted by Alicia Woodworth
Executive Assistant and Secretary to the Board



Peoria Park District

Scholarship Program

2022 Overview

General Information

- The Peoria Park District scholarship program is designed to assist in providing qualifying **PPD residents** access to our programs and facilities.
- Scholarships are issued based on **financial need**.
- Benefit opportunities include discounted memberships to the **RiverPlex, Peoria PlayHouse, and Proctor Recreation Center**; substantial discounts on **PPD activities and camps**; and **limited discounted facility admissions**.
- Applicants must apply at **Noble Center, RiverPlex, or Proctor Recreation Center**, and must provide verification of PPD residency, as well as household income/benefit information.
- Award can be redeemed online (beginning December, 2022)

What are “substantial discounts?”

APPROVAL LEVEL	PPD CAMPS AND PROGRAMS	RIVERPLEX AND PROCTOR MEMBERSHIPS	# APPROVALS AT THIS LEVEL IN 2022
Full Scholarship	90% off unlimited registrations	90% off regular membership rate	234
75% Scholarship	75% off unlimited registrations	75% off regular membership rate	17
50% Scholarship	50% off unlimited registrations	50% off regular membership rate	20
25% Scholarship	25% off unlimited registrations	25% off regular membership rate	3

*Note: Peoria PlayHouse Children’s Museum explorer memberships will be available to scholarship recipients of all approval levels for \$25.00 per year.

What does 90% off mean to the customer?

The table below shows proposed pricing for 2023 for some of the District's most popular camps and programs. The columns display what a customer at each scholarship award level would expect to pay out of pocket for each program.

PPD Camps (Columns reflect **weekly** co-payment amounts.)

CAMP DESCRIPTION	COST PER WEEK OF CAMP	FULL SCHOLARSHIP CO-PAY PER WEEK	75% SCHOLARSHIP CO-PAY PER WEEK	50% SCHOLARSHIP CO-PAY PER WEEK	25% SCHOLARSHIP CO-PAY PER WEEK
Proctor Summer Camp	\$ 100.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 75.00
Lakeview Recreation Center Summer Camp	\$ 170.00	\$ 17.00	\$ 42.50	\$ 85.00	\$ 127.50
Ancient Oaks Day Camp @ Sommer Farm	\$ 180.00	\$ 18.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 90.00	\$ 135.00
Discovery Day Camp @ Noble Center	\$ 185.00	\$ 18.50	\$ 46.25	\$ 92.50	\$ 138.75
Peoria Zoo Camp	\$ 220.00	\$ 22.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 110.00	\$ 165.00

PPD Programs (Columns reflect **per session*** co-payment amounts.) Sessions may run anywhere from 4-12 weeks, depending on the program.

ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION	FULL SESSION COST	FULL SCHOLARSHIP CO-PAY PER SESSION	75% SCHOLARSHIP CO-PAY PER SESSION	50% SCHOLARSHIP CO-PAY PER SESSION	25% SCHOLARSHIP CO-PAY PER SESSION
Youth Basketball League @ Proctor	\$ 25.00	\$ 2.50	\$ 6.25	\$ 12.50	\$ 18.75
Cheer @ Proctor	\$ 40.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 30.00
Group Swim Lessons	\$ 44.00	\$ 4.40	\$ 11.00	\$ 22.00	\$ 33.00
Happy Feet Soccer	\$ 45.00	\$ 4.50	\$ 11.25	\$ 22.50	\$ 33.75
Youth Tennis Lessons	\$ 45.00	\$ 4.50	\$ 11.25	\$ 22.50	\$ 33.75
Youth Soccer League	\$ 65.00	\$ 6.50	\$ 16.25	\$ 32.50	\$ 48.75
Youth Basketball League @ Lakeview	\$ 65.00	\$ 6.50	\$ 16.25	\$ 32.50	\$ 48.75
Golf Lessons	\$ 70.00	\$ 7.00	\$ 17.50	\$ 35.00	\$ 52.50
Skating Lessons	\$ 82.00	\$ 8.20	\$ 20.50	\$ 41.00	\$ 61.50
Youth Dance Lessons @ Lakeview	\$ 138.00	\$ 13.80	\$ 34.50	\$ 69.00	\$ 103.50
Private Swim Lessons	\$ 170.00	\$ 17.00	\$ 42.50	\$ 85.00	\$ 127.50

What does 90% off mean to the cust

The table below shows proposed pricing for 2023 for scholarship-eligible Peoria Park District memberships. The columns display what a customer at each scholarship award level would expect to pay out of pocket for each membership.

RiverPlex Memberships (Columns reflect **monthly** co-payment amounts.)

MEMBERSHIP TYPE	MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP COST	FULL SCHOLARSHIP CO-PAY PER MONTH	75% SCHOLARSHIP CO-PAY PER MONTH	50% SCHOLARSHIP CO-PAY PER MONTH	25% SCHOLARSHIP CO-PAY PER MONTH
RiverPlex 30 Under 30 Membership	\$ 29.00	\$ 2.90	\$ 7.25	\$ 14.50	\$ 21.75
RiverPlex Senior Membership	\$ 37.00	\$ 3.70	\$ 9.25	\$ 18.50	\$ 27.75
RiverPlex Adult Membership	\$ 50.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 12.50	\$ 25.00	\$ 37.50
RiverPlex Senior Joint Membership	\$ 58.00	\$ 5.80	\$ 14.50	\$ 29.00	\$ 43.50
RiverPlex Single Parent Membership	\$ 60.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 45.00
RiverPlex Couples Membership	\$ 70.00	\$ 7.00	\$ 17.50	\$ 35.00	\$ 52.50
RiverPlex Household Membership	\$ 80.00	\$ 8.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 60.00

Proctor Center Memberships (Columns reflect **yearly** co-payment

MEMBERSHIP TYPE	ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP COST	FULL SCHOLARSHIP CO-PAY PER YEAR	75% SCHOLARSHIP CO-PAY PER YEAR	50% SCHOLARSHIP CO-PAY PER YEAR	25% SCHOLARSHIP CO-PAY PER YEAR
Proctor Center Family Membership	\$ 84.00	\$ 8.40	\$ 21.00	\$ 42.00	\$ 63.00
Proctor Center Adult Membership	\$ 60.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 45.00

*Note: Peoria PlayHouse Children's Museum explorer memberships will be available to scholarship recipients of all approval levels for \$25.00 per year.

Exercise: Program Registration



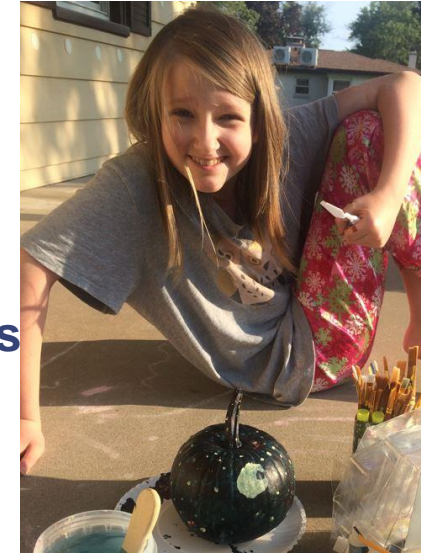
HENRY
Age 9

Proctor Recreation Center
Summer Camp

Camp Week	Regular Price	Scholarship Covers	Customer Co-Pay
Week 1	\$100.00	\$90.00	\$10.00
Week 2	\$100.00	\$90.00	\$10.00
Week 3	\$100.00	\$90.00	\$10.00
Week 4	\$100.00	\$90.00	\$10.00
Week 5	\$80.00	\$72.00	\$8.00
Week 6	\$100.00	\$90.00	\$10.00
Week 7	\$100.00	\$90.00	\$10.00
Week 8	\$100.00	\$90.00	\$10.00
TOTAL CUSTOMER EXPENSE			\$78.00

THERESA
Age 12

Youth Dance Lessons



Session	Regular Price	Scholarship Covers	Customer Co-Pay
Winter/Spring	\$138.00	\$124.20	\$13.80
Summer	\$138.00	\$124.20	\$13.80
Fall	\$138.00	\$124.20	\$13.80
TOTAL CUSTOMER EXPENSE			\$41.40

Summary

- Supports equitable access by providing:
 - **Unlimited*** discounts on program and camp registration
 - Discounts on memberships to select PPD facilities, and limited discounts on select facility admissions
 - **Online*** as well as in-person registration options
- Available to qualifying Peoria Park District residents only.

*New beginning in December 2022!



Peoria Park District
Scholarship Program
2022 Overview
QUESTIONS?

October 2022

Total Staff	-	-	Full-Time Staff	
White Female	268		White Female	37
White Male	295		White Male	70
Asian Female	6		Asian Female	1
Asian Male	4		Asian Male	0
Black Female	59		Black Female	9
Black Male	76		Black Male	14
Hispanic Female	6		Hispanic Female	0
Hispanic Male	15		Hispanic Male	3
American Indian/Alaskan Native Female	2		American Indian/Alaskan Native Female	0
American Indian/Alaskan Native Male	0		American Indian/Alaskan Native Male	0
Native Hawaii/Pacific Islander Female	0		Native Hawaii/Pacific Islander Female	0
Native Hawaii/Pacific Islander Male	0		Native Hawaii/Pacific Islander Male	0
Other Female	2		Other Female	0
Other Male	1		Other Male	0
Two or More Races Female	5		Two or More Races Female	1
Two or More Races Male	1		Two or More Races Male	0
Total	740		Total	135
Total Minority	177		Total Minority	28
% Minority	23.92%		% Minority	20.74%
			Minority Leadership role as defined as able to hire/recommend for discipline/level of responsibility/lead staff/schedule staff and complete performance evaluations	75%
			Non-Minority Leadership role as defined as able to hire/recommend for discipline/level of responsibility/lead staff/schedule staff and complete performance evaluations	61%

Park District Board of Trustees Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: December 14, 2022

Submitted by: Alicia Woodworth

Submitting Department: Administration

Item Type: Minutes

Agenda Section:

Subject:

Planning Committee

Approved Minutes of October 4, 2022 Meeting

Suggested Action:

Attachments:

[10.4.22 Planning Committee Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 3:00 P.M. ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2022, AT THE BONNIE NOBLE CENTER FOR PARK DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, 1125 W. LAKE AVENUE, PEORIA, ILLINOIS.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Trustee and Chair Joyce Harant, Trustee and Vice Chair Laurie Covington, and Executive Director Emily Cahill

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Trustees Laurie Covington (in at 3:06 pm), Laurie Covington, Vice President Jackie Petty (in at 3:05 pm), and President Robert Johnson

STAFF PRESENT: Becky Fredrickson, Mike Friberg, Mary Harden, Jacob Kuban, Brent Wheeler (in at 3:06 pm), and Alicia Woodworth

OTHERS PRESENT: Peoria Heights Trustee Brandon Wisenburg

1. CALL TO ORDER

Trustee Joyce Harant called the meeting to order at 3:01 pm.

2. MINUTES

2.A. Approval of September 6, 2022 Planning Committee Meeting Minutes

Trustee Covington moved to approve the minutes from September 6, 2022.

Motion seconded by Executive Director Cahill and carried on unanimous voice vote.

3. NEW BUSINESS

3.A. Peoria County Roadway Improvements and Mossville Soccer Site Impact

Becky Fredrickson stated that staff received documentation from Peoria County that they will be doing road improvement work on Old Galena Road near the Mossville Soccer site. When they do that improvement work, they will need from the District a temporary easement of .095 acres and additional right of way of 0.144 acres. This property was acquired using IDNR grants and as such, the District is waiting to hear back from IDNR as to the required process needed to take in order to give the county the temporary easement. The right of way portion would be a permanent easement. The committee gave consensus to take to the Board for approval when the District receives the needed information from IDNR.

3.B. Peoria Heights Parks Tour Update

Becky Fredrickson stated that last week, she and Matt Freeman toured several parks in Peoria Heights. Peoria Heights Trustee Brandon Wisenburg accompanied them on the tour of five parks: Tower Park, Wiley Haynes Park, Lions Park, Columbus Park, and Poplar Lane Park. This tour was to get the inventory and existing condition of the parks and determine what maintenance and updates opportunities exist for collaboration. Mr. Wisenburg stated he appreciates the Park District's time taken to walk through the parks. Becky stated there are a few items that the District could help with and there are a few larger items that need further evaluation by staff.

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Staff will continue to evaluate opportunities for further collaboration.

4. PENDING BUSINESS

4.A. Outstanding Action Items

Urban Forest Proposal

Matt Freeman stated that Park District, City of Peoria, and Peoria County staff met yesterday to review the needs for better communication, best practices and things that are happening in Peoria. They should be prioritized in a way that has the greatest impact on livability and vibrancy in addition to other factors that are part of the urban forestry proposal. Currently there is no real cohesive plan for the McKinley and Harrison School sites. PPD staff have talked about the need to have focused conversations about those sites and with Peoria Housing Authority (PHA) on how to make sure that green space is a part of their plan. PPD staff are also trying to work with the Peoria Area Association of Realtors (PAAR) to coordinate efforts with their Counselors of Real Estate assessment.

Trewyn Park Improvements Update

Mary Harden shared that the installation of the playground safety surfacing was started yesterday and should be completed today. Once completed, it will take approximately 48 hours to cure before use. In order to deter use prior, fencing surrounding the playground has been installed and the area is monitored during the day. The District is waiting for the fencing to be installed surrounding the basketball courts. Once the fencing comes in and installed, the contractor will install the basketball hoops. Fencing will be along 3 sides only and only approximately 2/3 of the way on each side. The park is looking very nice and Mary Harden encourages everyone to stop by and see it.

PAAR Council Meeting Attendee Discussion

Please see Urban Forest Proposal above.

Donovan Sculpture Garden Update

Emily Cahill stated that this morning she shared with the Planning Committee the Donovan Sculpture Garden survey results. Given the Park District's shortage of staff time and with budget and other important items to work on, she wants to empower the organizers to do it. Currently there is not a clear leader of the group. The original organizers need to determine how to recruit new members to move this. The sculptures that are there are there for two years and therefore would be moved in 2023 if the artist so chooses. From the survey, many people expressed interest in helping but not necessarily leading the effort for replacement or transition.

Art Work Request by Uplands and West Bluff Neighborhood at Upper Bradley Park

Trustee Harant stated that she and President Johnson will attend next week's neighborhood association meeting to talk about the PPD policy and determine what exactly they are wanting.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

5.A. Sustainability Action Program Update

Jacob Kuban stated that two 3" Scarlet Oaks and two 3" Elms have been planted near the new Gwynn playground. 15 Belden Burlap trees will be planted throughout parks and golf courses. This spring, 15 oak trees were planted at Kellogg and 2 were planted at Newman. In September, staff planted 750 species of prairie plugs at Bradley, Trewyn, Glen Oak, Grandview, and Donovan Parks. Two acres total of prairie and savanna species of seed will be planted at Bradley, Trewyn, and Grandview Parks. Last year 12 acres of prairie seed was planted at Donovan Park and a half-acre of prairie seed mix was planted at Glen Oak Park near where the tennis courts were. Funded by a grant, 15 acres of prairie pollinator seed and 15 acres of wet pollinator seed will be planted at Detweiller Riverside. One acre of prairie seed will be planted at Robinson Park.

President Johnson asked how do we get inner-city kids interested in environmental issues? Jacob Kuban stated that for the past couple years he has been working with Sarah Chapman of Peoria Public Schools in coordinating student environmental activities. In addition, Jacob has had summer interns at Donovan Park. He shows them pruning techniques, the importance of weeding beds, planting trees, etc. Jacob would like to see this expanded throughout the Park District. The environmental staff also goes to Proctor Recreation Center for programming and is part of the STEAM education curriculum. A donor has provided flower bulbs that just arrived where staff will work with students at Proctor to plant them. The District works with students to let them see what's possible and get them excited about the environment and what they can do to help. Summer camp students get the opportunity to go to Forest Park Nature Center, Camp Wokanda, spending time on trails, etc.

5.B. Springdale Cemetery Savanna Update

Emily Cahill stated that she is still waiting on the survey results for the final map from the city. Patrick Urich had indicated that the city is very close to completing the map to be presented to Mark Matuszak for review. The deed transfer would occur after approval by the Springdale Authority. As soon as the meeting with the Authority can be scheduled, Emily Cahill will notify Trustee Harant.

5.C. North Valley Constituents Follow Up: Glen Oak Park Roads

Trustee Harant stated that she and Emily Cahill met with community members to hear their concerns. Emily Cahill stated that the road situation could not be changed until springtime. She would like feedback from the Board about what voices would drive that change. As it stands, the general feedback about the current road situation at Glen Oak Park has been very positive from users. Discussion with the committee members and Trustees in attendance occurred

with all agreeing that the current set up will remain for safety reasons and will be reevaluated next spring.

Trustee Harant stated that a report by the Illinois 30 by 30 Conservation Task Force was distributed to the committee. *Please see Attachment A.* This was created by the initiation of a Pontiac IL high school group. It outlines the conservation and environmental efforts the state of Illinois can do.

6. ACTION STEPS REVIEW

1. Schedule committee meeting in November.
2. Obtain cost estimate for safety lights at MLK Park.

Outstanding Action Step Items to Discuss at next meeting:

Springdale Savanna Update
Collaborative Efforts with Peoria Heights Update
Urban Forest Proposal
PAAR Council Meeting Discussion
Donovan Sculpture Garden Update
Art Work Request by Uplands and West Bluff Neighborhood at Upper Bradley Park

7. NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting is to be determined. Trustee Harant requested another meeting be scheduled before the end of the year to finalize outstanding items.

9. ADJOURNMENT

At 4:11 pm Trustee Covington made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion second by Executive Director Cahill and carried on unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted by Alicia Woodworth
Executive Assistant and Secretary to the Board

Illinois 30 by 30 Task Force

Report to the Illinois General Assembly

September 2022



“A conservationist is one who is humbly aware that with each stroke,
he is writing his signature on the face of the land.”

~ Aldo Leopold



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Executive Summary

The Illinois 30 by 30 Conservation Task Force was created by statute drafted by students at Pontiac Township High School and authorized by the Illinois General Assembly. The task force conducted three public listening sessions during the spring of 2022 to learn more about current conservation efforts in Illinois and to seek input on how to reach the formidable goal of conserving 30% of the state's land and water by 2030.

The Illinois 30 by 30 Conservation Task Force Act calls our attention to the twin crises of biodiversity loss and climate change that threatens our way of life locally, nationally, and globally. In 2019, scientists across the globe released findings that to avoid the worst impacts of the biodiversity crisis, society must reach 30% land and water conservation by 2030. The 30 by 30 metric is critical as an interim goal to meet broader land and water protection and climate milestones by 2050.

Illinois has significant strengths to be leveraged to contribute to the national 30 by 30 efforts. Illinois benefits from strong public support for investment in nature, a strong cultural connection to our natural areas, and support for conservation in the political arena. While this plan is centered on land and water protection, the inclusion of nature-based solutions that provide long-term co-benefits to wildlife, communities, and sensitive ecosystems will ensure the biodiversity crisis is not siloed from the climate crisis.

Currently, about 4.2% of Illinois land is permanently conserved by easement or government ownership. That figure nearly doubles when land currently enrolled in government programs, such as the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Conservation Reserve Program and the State of Illinois' Forestry Development Act, is included. The task force heard presentations from state agencies describing current programs to help protect clean air, land, and water while providing additional ecosystem services.

To reach 30%, Illinois would have to conserve an acreage equal to the area of New Jersey, about nine million additional acres. Today, nearly 75% of the state's land area is in row crop agriculture, pasture, hay production, or other agricultural use. Privately owned natural lands, urban and developed areas, roadways and other uses make up the rest. Voluntary conservation practices by private landowners, encouraged by program incentives where possible, must be a significant part of any statewide 30 by 30 conservation strategy.

Information presented during the listening sessions on current statewide conservation efforts, ranging from formal governmental protection through land acquisition to incentives for voluntary private land conservation, suggest an all-of-the-above approach, significantly scaled up, would be necessary to achieve any statewide 30 by 30 goals.

The work of the 30 by 30 Conservation Task Force represented a high-level exploration of how the 30 by 30 initiative might be implemented in Illinois. Through a series of five 90-minute public meetings, the task force created a snapshot of the status of land and water conservation in Illinois, explored limitations and opportunities for a 30 by 30 initiative in Illinois, and solicited the opinions of organizations and the public on the topic. This report contains recommended strategies for moving forward, but it is not a detailed road map.

Specific recommendations include supporting and funding increased conservation capacity by public and private organizations, improving coordination and collaboration by conservation organizations, removing barriers to conservation, and encouraging more innovative conservation programs. A statewide framework for achieving 30 by 30 in Illinois and a possible leadership structure is also proposed.

A recommended next step would be to task a leadership group with creating a statewide implementation framework for achieving 30 by 30 in Illinois, possibly modeled off the Chicago Wilderness Green Vision, that would include a more focused examination of the recommendations in this report, solicit public opinion, and develop a plan of action. In addition, such a plan should consider what actions count toward the 30 by 30 goals; foster equity, inclusion, and accessibility; and align with existing conservation plans in Illinois

Illinois will have to consider a variety of non-traditional land conservation strategies beyond formal protection to achieve 30 by 30 goals. It will require strong partnerships across all sectors of Illinois society. The state also will need to ramp up existing conservation programs, including incentivizing landowners, providing more technical assistance, and continuing to acquire sensitive and high-quality natural areas from willing sellers.

I: Introduction

Student Call to Action

We are in the middle of the sixth mass extinction, and the first to be caused by humans. About 150 species go extinct every day, nearly 1,000 times the rate it would be if not for humans invading every stretch of our planet.

With only three percent of our state's land and water conserved, more than 54,000 species are at risk. We have a long way to go. Humans created this issue and humans have the power to reverse it.

What we do know is that this is Illinois' last chance to jump on the global 30 by 30 initiative and make a significant positive impact. We have the opportunity to lead the way to protect our country's natural gifts for the future.

Collaboration has to be at the core of everything we do. Each of you are here because your voice and perspective are valuable. It is easy to point fingers and place blame, but we want to avoid seeing our obstacles as enemies because what we are facing is not one person or group but 100 years of apathy towards our planet.

With these words, the student 30 by 30 Conservation Task Force members from Pontiac Township High School set the stage for the work of the task force itself. Created through legislation passed by the Illinois General Assembly and signed into law by Governor JB Pritzker in 2021 ([Public Act 102-0618](#)), the Illinois 30 by 30 Conservation Task Force was directed to explore the application of this global conservation concept to Illinois. How can Illinois contribute to the goal of conserving 30% of the planet's land surface area by the year 2030?

II. Task Force Structure, Directives and Process

Website

The Task Force consisted of 23 members drawn from Illinois state government agencies, members of the Illinois General Assembly, environmental and agricultural organizations, environmental science teachers and students, higher education academicians, and outdoor sports (*Appendix I*). It was chaired and supported by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

Guided by the legislative finding that Illinois must establish a bold goal to protect 30% of the state's land by the year 2030, the task force was required to solicit public input by holding at least three listening sessions to explore the following focus areas:

- Identify the resources currently available and understand how they are being utilized to protect land and water resources.
- Determine what resources and incentives landowners and the private sector can use to restore degraded natural areas and to manage their resources sustainably.
- Identify financial resources from the private sector, philanthropy, and public sources to expand protections and to help manage lands and waters for conservation (defined as the ability of the state to manage more public lands for the benefit of future generations).

- Develop recommendations to conserve and protect 30% of Illinois' land and water by 2030.

The Task Force was further directed to create a report summarizing the findings that would suggest how Illinois might set such a bold goal for conservation and identify strategies it can pursue to reach it.

Task Force Meetings: The Task Force convened an initial organizational meeting that provided an overview of the Illinois 30 by 30 conservation initiative and an overview of the current state of conservation efforts in Illinois. The Task Force decided at this meeting to host three listening sessions organized around three major landscape types in Illinois: agricultural; urban; and rural public and private natural lands, including woodlands, wetlands, and grasslands.

Each listening session began with short presentations that described past and current conservation programs and activities implemented directly by public agencies or through public agency support for private landowners in the three focal landscape types. One of the two urban presentations was made by Chicago Wilderness, an alliance of several hundred public and private organizations that build on the 100-year-old tradition of land conservation in the greater Chicago region. These contextual presentations were then followed by Task Force discussion and oral public comments. Written comments were also accepted at any time and made part of the administrative record.

The Task Force meeting following the last listening session included a discussion of the listening session comments and a proposal for a statewide vision for 30 by 30. Task Force members also discussed strategies for scaling up existing programs to meet 30 by 30 objectives.

The Task Force recognizes that more voices need to be heard as goals, strategies and actions are developed. Indigenous people whose ancestors called Illinois home have a unique and spiritual connection to the land. Their input and perspective will be invaluable to the Task Force. Introductory letters were sent to Indigenous tribal governments prior to listening sessions, but no responses have been received. Due to the compressed time frame of the Task Force listening sessions and report due date, it is the hope of Task Force members that outreach to Indigenous tribes continues as recommendations of this report are developed and discussed. Additionally, Pontiac Township High School students and teacher Paul Ritter have reached out to establish relationships and dialogue with Indigenous youth living in Illinois and the Midwest (*Appendix II*).

III. Climate Change, Biodiversity Loss, and the Origins of 30 by 30

The world is facing the twin crises of biodiversity loss and climate change, and there is recognition that we need to act now. Both are negatively impacting humanity and the overall fabric of life. Conservation of land and water can mitigate both crises by providing habitat, carbon sequestration, and climate resiliency.

Agreement on this comes from science-driven institutions like the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform for Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, as well as from human rights organizations and business-oriented bodies like the World Economic Forum.

Biodiversity loss – the loss of plants and animals through extinction – is primarily due to loss of habitat which people continue to convert to other uses. These losses can be felt on a local and a global scale, where species may become rare or disappear altogether even if they may persist elsewhere.

Globally, the evolution of new species and extinction of existing species has been a continuous process throughout the history of life on Earth. However, due to habitat loss and changing land uses, the current global extinction rate is estimated to be 1,000 times the historic background level. Land use changes mean there is less land available to support a diversity of plant and animal life. To bring this process back into balance, people will need to protect and conserve more natural land and find ways for lands converted to human use to support additional biodiversity.

The climate change crisis is due to increased greenhouse gases, such as carbon dioxide (CO₂) produced by the burning of fossil fuels, that trap heat in the atmosphere. This extra CO₂ and heat fuels average temperature increases, makes oceans more acidic, creates more frequent and prolonged droughts and floods, and results in other climate cycle instabilities. Climate change creates its own extinction threat as ecosystems change faster than species can adapt. It also presents major threats to human health and welfare, as impoverished populations around the world are less likely to have the financial resources required to offset negative consequences.

There are two important approaches to reduce the growing concentration of atmospheric greenhouse gases. The most urgent approach is to reduce and eventually eliminate carbon emissions that result from the burning of fossil fuels. The second is to increase the amount of carbon pulled out of the atmosphere and sequester it. The most immediately available and least costly method for doing this is through natural removal of CO₂ by plants and storage in vegetation and soils. One school of scientific thought is that there is no pathway to mitigating climate change without efforts to protect and restore nature to expand upon natural carbon sequestration.

30 by 30 Global Origins

In consideration of the need to address these interrelated crises, a science-based policy proposal called the Global Deal for Nature (GDN) was proposed in 2019 to address both planetary emergencies with one strategy. The need for global protection of a minimum of 30% and up to 70%, or even higher, of the land and sea on Earth is well supported in the literature. The call for 50% of the Earth is a mid-point of these values and is supported by a range of studies. Thus, the GDN calls for maintaining and restoring half of the planet's lands and waters by 2050. Conserving 30% of Earth's natural lands and waters by 2030 is proposed as a milestone toward the larger end goal.

An international coalition of more than 90 countries, including the United States, has pledged to the goal of conserving a minimum of 30% of the planet's land and water by 2030.

National Initiative

President Joe Biden signed an executive order in January 2021 that led to the launch of the “Conserving and Restoring America the Beautiful” 30 by 30 initiative in May 2021. The report laid out eight principles governing America's 30 by 30 approach. These include the importance of locally

led and designed conservation; benefits to all people; job creation; respect for private property rights and the contributions of private property owners; and science as a foundation. More recently, the “America the Beautiful Challenge” was announced, making more than \$1 billion available for projects to implement this plan.¹

State of Illinois Legislative Efforts

The national initiative was stepped down to the State of Illinois when students at Pontiac Township High School reached out to their state elected officials and drafted legislative language proposing an Illinois 30 by 30 Conservation Task Force.² This legislation was introduced in 2021, passed unanimously by the General Assembly, and signed into law by Governor JB Pritzker.

Defining Lands and Waters Contributing to 30 by 30

The GDN uses the words “protection,” “reserves,” and “conservation” in various contexts when discussing the 30 by 30 initiative, but clearly anticipates that lands and waters included in the 30 by 30 calculus will have legal or other protections for effective long-term conservation of nature. The GDN also recognizes that biodiversity is not uniformly distributed around the planet, that some areas will contribute to the global 30 by 30 protection goal more than others, and that all areas can contribute through inclusion of additional sustainable use targets that partially address the biodiversity and climate change objectives.

The Task Force discussed the application of this concept to Illinois and considered how agriculture is a predominate land use in the state (75% of the state’s land area), which practically precludes achieving the 30 by 30 goals exclusively through formal protection. Task Force members agreed to consider conservation practices and sustainable uses private landowners adopt voluntarily, either through their own resources or with the support of government incentive programs, in conjunction with formal protection as part of the Illinois strategy.

IV. Current State of Land and Water Conservation in Illinois

Land Use in Illinois

Current Land Cover Distribution

- Most land in Illinois is used for agriculture.³
- Most land in Illinois is privately owned.⁴

National Land Cover Comparison

- Illinois is much more agricultural than most of the United States, significantly less forested, and modestly more urban.

¹ [WH Press Release](#)

² [Task Force Bill](#)

³ [Environmental Research Service](#)

⁴ [1990 Census](#)

Historic Land Cover Trends

- Since 1800, Illinois land has been converted from primarily natural prairie and forests to farmland, infrastructure, or urban areas.⁵

For purposes of 30 by 30, land and water conservation can be roughly divided into two categories: 1) permanent dedicated protection through fee simple and easement acquisition, and 2) voluntary conservation practices by private landowners accomplished solely by the landowner or through government incentives.

Lands and waters under permanent, dedicated protection – such as parks, fish and wildlife areas, refuges, nature preserves – are mapped and recorded, and accurate acreages are available. Similarly, privately owned lands and waters that are enrolled in government-sponsored conservation programs are well documented, and total land and water areas can be calculated. This report does not account for privately owned lands and waters that have been informally set aside by the landowner for their own conservation purposes.

Currently, 4.2% of the total land area in Illinois is formally protected for conservation purposes through public and private mechanisms. Dedicated nature preserves are considered to provide the highest level of protection. They can be either publicly or privately owned and are protected in perpetuity.

Regionally, the highest percentage of land area formally protected is in the northeast region of the state (12%), where most land acquisition for conservation is done by county forest preserve and conservation districts, federal natural resource agencies, and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. Highly agricultural east-central Illinois is at less than 2% protected. Of the statewide total of 1.5 million protected acres, only about 27,000 acres (.07%) have been formally protected in the last five years. Clearly, the pace and scale of fee simple and easement acquisitions alone are not enough to satisfy the protection-based goals of 30 by 30, which would require an additional area the size of New Jersey (9 million acres) to come under formal protection.

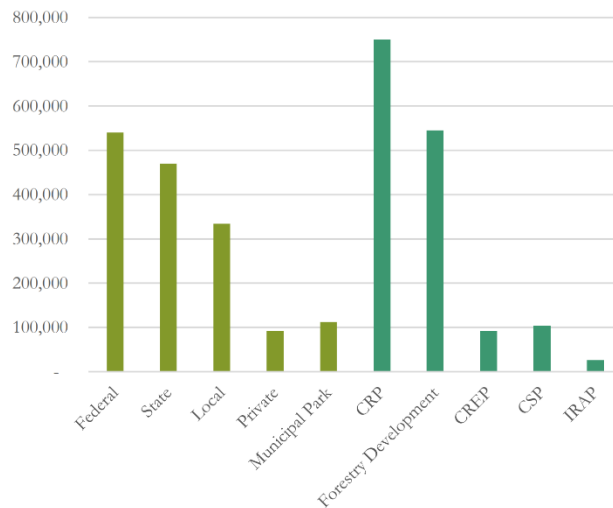
Adding natural lands to the statewide protected lands portfolio is important, but to scale up efforts in this highly modified Illinois landscape we must also look to other land conservation mechanisms and practices, particularly those adopted voluntarily by private landowners. The reality is that most lands that provide conservation benefit in Illinois are not publicly owned or protected in perpetuity.

Many of these private landowners receive incentives through state and federal programs, meaning landowners are paid a stipend to defray the cost of the conservation practices implemented. These lands are worthy of consideration when looking for large acreages in Illinois that provide ecosystem services and advance the climate change and habitat goals of 30 by 30. With some programs and practices overlapping, an estimate without some duplications is difficult to derive. However, acreage enrolled in some of the larger, more common programs provides a general sense of the contribution these lands can have on large scale conservation efforts.

⁵ USFS Report

Expanding the Umbrella

- Areas do not have to be legally protected in order to provide a conservation benefit.
- The Conservation Reserve Program and Forestry Development Programs both partner with private landowners to ensure conservation practices on their land.
- These two programs alone include roughly **as much land as all formal protection combined.**
- Different programs contribute to goals like biodiversity and climate mitigation in different ways



*CRP - Conservation Reserve Program, CREP - Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, CSP - Conservation Stewardship Program, IRAP - Illinois Recreational Access Program

The green bars on the left in the graph above represent lands in formal permanent protection. The teal bars on the right side of the graph represent lands enrolled in voluntary incentive-based conservation programs and practices. These show a few of the larger programs designed to promote conservation management on lands that are not permanently protected for conservation purposes. For comparison, the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) and Forestry Development Act (FDA) programs total about as much land as all other protected lands combined. These lands are protected only for the life of the agreement dependent on compliance with program rules.

These conservation agreements are not equivalent to legally protected parks and wildlife areas, but they still need to be considered in a full accounting of conservation. Since these lands are not protected long term for conservation, they cannot be viewed through the same lens as those protected in perpetuity. They will need to be accounted for programmatically over time to ensure they continue to contribute consistently to the total land conservation effort. Some examples highlighted through the listening sessions and from Task Force members include:

- During the past 10 years, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources has acquired about 20,000 acres in fee simple acquisitions. However, the Illinois Recreational Access Program (IRAP) has engaged more lands (by acreage) with far less public funding required. And while IRAP assists landowners with habitat management, the overall management of the property remains with the landowner. Acres come into the program, and some may leave the program when agreements expire. Regardless, the success of programs such as IRAP should inform strategies going forward.
- The Forestry Development Act provides a reduced property tax rate to private forest owners that enter into agreements to manage their timber through timber stand improvement, control of exotic species, or wildlife habitat development. This program is delivered by IDNR's Division of Forestry and is limited only by the number of interested landowners and

the number of district foresters that work with landowners on the program sign-up and management plans. Enrolled properties are concentrated in northwest, west, and southern portions of the state where the most forested land occurs.

- The Forest Legacy Program (FLP) is a conservation program administered by the U.S. Forest Service in partnership with state agencies to encourage the protection of privately owned forest lands through conservation easements or land purchases. Protection of private forests through FLP maintains a multitude of public benefits including recreation, wildlife habitat, and timber products. Currently, there are three areas of eligibility in Illinois and eight properties enrolled.
- The Illinois Nature Preserves Commission has two programs that offer the highest level of legal protection for natural land in Illinois – the Dedicated Nature Preserve and the Registered Land and Water Reserve. Both offer permanent protection and management assistance to maintain the natural ecological conditions of the site. These programs primarily focus efforts on the highest quality natural communities remaining in the state. This is accomplished by seeking formal protection of Illinois Natural Area Inventory (INAI) sites. The INAI is a systematic, comprehensive statewide inventory of high-quality natural areas, currently totaling more than 1,500 sites.
- Partners for Conservation and Fall Covers for Spring Savings are two programs administered by the Illinois Department of Agriculture that support conservation practices on agricultural lands. Partners for Conservation provides cost-sharing assistance for a variety of conservation, nutrient, and sediment management practices. Fall Covers provides a crop insurance discount for farmers who plant cover crops. During the past three years, requests for participation have been twice the available funding but still resulted in 150,000 acres put under cover crop management. Considering two-thirds of Illinois is in row crop production, the potential for carbon storage and water quality benefits is significant through these programs if they can be scaled up.

There are large federal agricultural programs that provide similar conservation benefits. These include U.S. Department of Agriculture programs such as Environmental Quality Incentives Program, Conservation Stewardship Program, and Regional Conservation Partnership Program. More than 1.5 million acres are currently under contract for these three programs in Illinois, with an additional 100,000 acres in agricultural conservation easements.

V: Comments and Recommendations from the Task Force and the Public

The remainder of the report body summarizes comments and recommendations, organized thematically, and linked to the document or comment.

Modes of Conservation

Permanent Protection

- Publicly owned lands and waters for habitat or recreation⁶
- Conservation land trust owned lands and waters⁷
- Privately owned lands under easements

Conservation Practices

- Voluntary temporary protection programs, like CRP and IRAP⁸
- Technical and financial assistance programs, like Partners for Fish and Wildlife⁹
- Certification programs like Conservation at Home¹⁰
- Natural lands and waters, outside of any program¹¹

Additional Programs and Protections

- Regulatory programs¹²
- Agricultural incentive programs like Fall Covers for Spring Savings¹³ at the state level; also USDA agricultural programs including Environmental Quality Incentives Program, Conservation Stewardship Program, and Regional Conservation Partnership Program
- Voluntary programs like the Pollinator-Friendly Solar Site designation¹⁴

Measuring of Conserved Areas

Measuring Conserved Land Amounts¹⁵

- Overall acreage percentages
- Breakdown by geographic area
- Discussion of access to conserved lands

Measuring Conserved Land Contributions¹⁶

- Measuring contributions to biodiversity
- Measuring contributions to climate change mitigation

⁶ [DNR Presentation – Natural Lands and Waters](#)

⁷ [DNR Presentation – Launch Meeting](#)

⁸ [CREP Presentation](#), [DNR Presentation – Natural Lands and Waters](#)

⁹ [PFW Presentation](#)

¹⁰ [Chicago Living Corridors](#)

¹¹ [TF Member - Austin Omer](#)

¹² [IEPA Presentation](#)

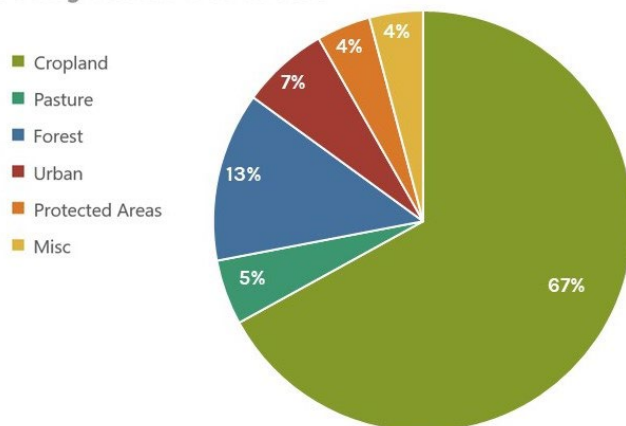
¹³ [IEPA Presentation](#), [IDoA Presentation](#)

¹⁴ [DNR Presentation – Launch Meeting](#)

¹⁵ Based on data acquired from public agencies/I-View

¹⁶ Based on existing reports from public agencies/University of Illinois

Where to seek conservation value and ecosystem services



Strategies and Recommendations

The strategies and recommendations below emerged from the listening sessions and comments received through the website. A framework for how these might be considered and synthesized into an action plan is presented in the final section of this report.

Build Conservation Capacity

Increase conservation agency staffing

- Increase long-term funding for state and local conservation agencies to national standards¹⁷
- Prioritize hiring new site staff to properly manage existing public lands and waters
- Hire new administrative and program staff necessary to manage expanded voluntary incentive programs
- Explore developing conservation workforce programs modeled on the Conservation Corps¹⁸

Increase voluntary conservation program funding

- Increase overall funding levels of voluntary conservation programs to incentivize protection of high-value lands¹⁹
- Secure stable funding sources for programs to insulate from budget shocks²⁰
- Increase funding levels for agricultural incentive programs, considering 75% of Illinois is in agricultural land uses

¹⁷ [PRN](#), [PSCC](#), [NLI](#)

¹⁸ [CW](#)

¹⁹ [AFT](#), [US PIRG](#), [PSCC](#), [CW](#)

²⁰ [TF Member – Jason Bleich](#)

Manage existing conservation areas strategically

- Explore how to adjust management of public conservation areas to increase natural habitat, carbon sequestration, and climate resiliency²¹
- Explore targeted dedications of public conservation areas to add additional protections²²

Acquire new conservation areas strategically

- Increase funding for land acquisitions through the Real Estate Transfer Tax²³
- Prioritize land acquisitions to promote increase habitat connectivity, carbon sequestration, climate resiliency, and open space access²⁴

Improve Coordination and Collaboration

Increase awareness of conservation program benefits

- Promote the benefits of sustainable agricultural practices on costs and productivity²⁵
- Promote the social, health, and economic benefits of urban forestry and green space²⁶
- Connect residents to nearby outdoor opportunities

Disseminate and encourage best practices for private landowner conservation

- Consolidate best practices for private landowner habitat management in a central location²⁷
- Expand private habitat registration programs statewide²⁸

Improve coordination between public and private conservation efforts

- Create a statewide conservation coordination body to share improve inter-organization cooperation, share best practices, and strengthen advocacy efforts²⁹
- Develop partnerships with state agencies, local governments, and private organizations to support the goals of 30 by 30³⁰
- Create a statewide inventory of all conservation programs³¹
- Share information in the Illinois Natural Areas Inventory with nonprofit and local partners³²

²¹ [PRN](#), [Friends of Bell Smith Prairie](#)

²² Internal suggestion

²³ [PSCC](#), [PRN](#), [NLI](#)

²⁴ [PRN](#) (implied by others)

²⁵ [TF Member – Matt Montgomery](#), [Pontiac students](#)

²⁶ [DNR Presentation – Urban Forestry](#), [TF Member – Todd Katz](#), [Paul Ritter](#)

²⁷ [Naperville Park District](#)

²⁸ [Openlands](#), [Chat Comments](#)

²⁹ [TF Discussion – Cities and Towns](#)

³⁰ [TF Discussion – Cities and Towns](#), [CW](#)

³¹ [TF Member – Paul Ritter](#)

³² [PSCC](#)

Align programs with local priorities and values

- Provide opportunities for local communities to provide feedback on current programs³³
- Actively engage local communities in preparation for new programs and open spaces

Remove Barriers to Conservation

Reduce regulatory barriers to conservation

- Allow denser urban land use to reduce the need for greenfield development³⁴
- Remove regulations and homeowner association rules barring native plants on lawns to allow native lawns³⁵
- Amend federal regulations barring stacking of benefits on conservation lands³⁶

Improve conservation funding accessibility

- Provide technical assistance to disadvantaged communities with applying for and implementing grant projects³⁷
- Reduce grant matching requirements for disadvantaged communities

Reduce risk for conservation program participation

- Ensure private individuals are not left with undue costs if public programs lose support³⁸

Increase opportunities for conservation land trusts to contribute

- Make additional sources of conservation funding available to conservation land trusts³⁹

Encourage Innovative Programs

Develop new programs to address current gaps in conservation strategy

- Explore new programs to improve integrated floodplain management⁴⁰
- Explore new programs to convert turf to native plants in communities and along the right of way⁴¹
- Explore new programs to increase adoption of regenerative agricultural practices⁴²
- Explore new programs to decrease greenfield development of natural and agricultural areas, such as agricultural conservation easements⁴³
- Explore changes to environmental consultation and review processes⁴⁴

³³ [IEC](#)

³⁴ Internal suggestion, in response to many comments asking for policies to curb the expansion of urban/suburban sprawl, including [Stacy Bowman](#), [AFT](#), [Chat Comments](#)

³⁵ [CW](#), [Chat Comments](#)

³⁶ [TF Discussion – Review Meeting](#)

³⁷ Internal suggestions, currently being done by IDNR

³⁸ [Chat Comments](#)

³⁹ [PSCC](#)

⁴⁰ [American Rivers](#)

⁴¹ [CW](#), [UIC](#), [Chat Comments](#)

⁴² [Liberty Prairie Foundation](#), [Louis Nelms](#)

⁴³ [Stacy Bowman](#), [The Conservation Fund \(coalition\)](#), [PSCC](#), [AFT](#)

⁴⁴ [PSCC](#), [PRN](#)

A Statewide Vision for Conservation

Most land in Illinois, and essentially all waters, are impacted by or directed toward human use. Even protected areas, which make up a tiny fraction of the landscape, are managed by people to meet human priorities. Our footprint is enormous, but climate change and the associated biodiversity loss threaten human well-being and eventually our very existence. What can change is how we reconcile ourselves with the natural world that we all share, even as we abate the most serious consequences of these twin threats. This can start with a statewide vision for conservation

A vision for the Illinois landscape was drafted based on commonly expressed values presented during the listening sessions. A shared vision is necessary to develop collective goals and recommendations so that we are motivated to action, assess our progress, and celebrate our successes.

We envision an Illinois:

- where the landscape maintains native species, is resilient to climate change, and provides equitable access to nature's benefits to all residents;
- where people in Illinois live and work in safe and healthy communities with vibrant economies, have equitable local access to open spaces, and live in a sustainable relationship with nature; and
- where private landowners regularly adopt voluntary conservation measures that sustain Illinois' native plant and animal communities, mitigate climate change, and support recreational and economic activities throughout the state.

Developing Statewide Framework for Achieving 30 by 30

Comprehensive and Holistic Approach Modeled from the Chicago Wilderness Green Vision

The Chicago Wilderness partnership clearly articulated the need for a comprehensive and holistic approach based on their Green Vision for the Chicago Metropolitan Area. The need for such an approach across the highly modified landscapes of Illinois – the majority of which are working landscapes – was suggested through the various presentations and reinforced by other commentors.

The capacity to achieve the goals of 30 by 30 will come not just from traditional conservation lands and waters, but from activating every land use type – agricultural, residential, and corporate – to contribute to overall health for nature and for people. All land types have crucial and complementary roles to play in sustaining healthy ecosystems.

For example, significant 30 by 30 acreage could come through voluntary regenerative practices on working agricultural lands. In urban areas, green infrastructure that includes greenway corridors, residential backyards, corporate campuses, rights of way, revitalized brownfields, and green roofs could all contribute to the goals of 30 by 30.

Adding lands to formal conservation holdings would have to focus on those lands offering the highest gains for biodiversity such as securing protections for all remaining lands on the Illinois Natural Areas Inventory along with other high-quality preserves. Of primary importance also will be protecting critical lands and waters identified in watershed plans; expanding and connecting existing conservation holdings; protecting remnant oak ecosystems; and protecting large sites with remnant natural communities.

Defining goals, standards, and metrics; establishing baseline conditions; and tracking progress are all central elements of the proposed Chicago Wilderness framework. A central interactive platform would be necessary to manage the entire project as a statewide enterprise.

What Counts?

About 96% of Illinois' land area is under private ownership, and 75% is under some form of agricultural land use. It is not realistic or reasonable to suggest that 30% of the state should be put under permanent protection and restored to perennial native plant communities, nor is this anticipated under the global framework.

The Global Deal for Nature acknowledges that biodiversity is not uniformly represented across the planet and that biodiversity protection (with its attendant carbon storage benefits) should be focused on the most biodiverse regions. But it acknowledges areas under existing intensive human use can be managed differently to better store carbon and enhance biodiversity conservation, and thus support the overall objectives of 30 by 30.

In addition to fully considering traditional formal protection accomplishments and strategies in Illinois, the Task Force listening sessions focused on voluntary actions on private lands as a necessary strategy to contribute to the 30 by 30 goals. The Task Force did not address the questions of what counts under what conditions and in what percentages.

A statewide framework would need to develop a **principled, science-based approach to determining “what counts”** toward 30 by 30. Establishing a standard baseline will require extensive consultations with a variety of stakeholders and should be calibrated to reflect a multifaceted perspective, taking into consideration factors such as parcel size, landscape position, resiliency potential of habitat, and whether said parcel is under long-term or interim protection. It requires such consultations to be informed by cultural considerations and principles of ecology. Further, achieving the goals of 30 by 30 will require innovation that embraces the opportunities to work with diverse landowners to restore and connect habitat, as well as meet challenges like flood risk and climate change.

Foster Equity Throughout Goal Implementation

While much emphasis has been placed on the ecological significance of our lands and waters, the historical and cultural significance of these places cannot be overlooked. Stewardship efforts led by Indigenous peoples should receive formalized safeguards to ensure the continuation of traditional ways of life and rights, including customary hunting, fishing, and gathering practices. Conservation approaches must include attention to diverse perspectives, prioritizing inclusion and environmental

justice. This must be done with special consideration given to communities with most potential for greenspace expansion and the associated economic and job-creation benefits.

Alignment with Existing Plans

In addition to the Chicago Wilderness Green Vision, an **Illinois 30 by 30 strategy should be in alignment with the biodiversity goals of other existing state and local conservation plans**, including but not limited to the State Wildlife Action Plan, [Illinois Forest Action Plan](#), State Water Plan, [State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan](#), and the Forest Preserves of Cook County's Next Century Conservation Plan. This should be actualized by leveraging all forms of public funding and programs across agencies and levels of government, such as the Land and Water Conservation Fund, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, and state land and water conservation programs. Approaches should incorporate accelerated investment in land acquisition, permanent conservation easements, and augmented partnerships with non-governmental and community-based organizations. This must entail creative thinking to explore a wide variety of conservation mechanisms and pathways.

Leadership Structure for Strategy Development

Recommendations from Task Force members included the creation of a coordinating council or working group under the Illinois lieutenant governor's office to bring together relevant staff from agencies and non-governmental organizations to develop a strategy for implementation of 30 by 30. Non-governmental organization participants would include a cross-section of the conservation community but also a proportionate number of representatives from organizations beyond the realm of conservation to ensure equity goals are met.

The work of this group could solidify Illinois as a leader and model state concerning land protection, climate smart land use decisions, and equitable access in the Midwest.

Appendix I: Task Force Members

Website:

John Rogner, Chair	Assistant Director, Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources
Rep. Thomas Bennett	State Representative
Rep. Robyn Gabel	State Representative
Sen. Jason Barickman	State Senator

Sen. Dave Koehler	State Senator
Brian Rennecker	Bureau Chief of Land and Water, Department of Agriculture
Todd Rettig	Deputy Director, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
Mike Vanderhoof	Bureau Chief of Planning, Department of Transportation
Lindsay Keeney	Conservation Director, Illinois Environmental Council
Dr. Austin Omer	Associate Director of Natural Resource Policy, Illinois Farm Bureau
Todd Katz	Environmental science teacher
Paul Ritter	Environmental science teacher
Emilie Collins	Environmental science student
Ava Nollen	Environmental science student
Emma O'Lone	Environmental science student
Olivia Schickel	Environmental science student
Jim Herkert	Executive Director, Illinois Audubon
Ellicia Sanchez	External Affairs, The Nature Conservancy
Kyle Rorah	Regional Director of Public Policy, Ducks Unlimited
Dr. George Czapar	Associate Dean and Director Emeritus, University of Illinois Extension

KJ Johnson	President, Illinois Fertilizer and Chemical Association
Dr. Matt Montgomery	Pioneer Field Agronomist, Corteva Agriscience
Jason Bleich	Private Lands Biologist, USFWS - Partners for Fish & Wildlife Program

Appendix II: Outreach to Indigenous Nations

- Letter of introduction to Indigenous nations



Illinois Department of Natural Resources

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JB Pritzker, Governor
Colleen Callahan, Director

Dear [title and name],

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I am the Assistant Director of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and currently serve as the Chair of the Illinois 30 by 30 Conservation Task Force. In connection with the global effort of the same name, the Task Force was created by the Illinois State Legislature last year with the purpose of gathering input on how to improve and expand conservation of land and water in the part of the world now called Illinois.

As part of this work, the Task Force is responsible for pursuing meaningful engagement with Indigenous communities who were forcibly removed from this land and for respecting your priorities for the stewardship of natural and cultural areas. To this end, in addition to general listening sessions already scheduled for March (schedule attached), we would like to hold one or more virtual meetings dedicated exclusively to hearing from representatives of Indigenous nations in April and May of this year.

If you or a representative of your nation would like to speak at any of these meetings, feel free to connect via the links provided or to provide written comments if that is preferred. If dedicated virtual meetings are preferred, please let me know and we can work with you to schedule these later in Spring.

We understand that your time is very valuable and appreciate any input you would like to provide. We are also hopeful that this can be the start of a longer engagement process that will extend after the Task Force concludes in July, as discussions of the 30 by 30 goals continue.

Sincerely,
 John Rogner
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 Illinois Department of Natural Resources
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Pontiac Township High School students and teacher Paul Ritter contacted the Odawa Nation, a nation related to but separate from the Ojibwe and Potawatomi Nations. The goal of the conversations was to establish a dialogue between students and to elicit comments from students and elders.

A call was held with the Wisdom Circle of the Odawa Nation headquartered in Traverse City, Michigan, for input on 30 by 30. Chief Pontiac was head of the Ottawa (Odawa) Nation, thus the connection between Pontiac Township High School and the Odawa.

Primary concerns expressed by elders were re-establishing balance between human needs and nature. Elders advocated adopting a holistic approach that includes people as part of the community of living things, with an operating system focused on not taking more than you need from nature. They emphasized young people need to be part of the conversation and the importance of every effort to care for the Earth, such as picking up trash while hiking. Finally, they stressed the importance of not overharvesting timber, fish stocks and other resources, while putting time and resources into restoration of the land and controlling invasive species.

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Follow this link for [meeting agendas, minutes, and recordings](#).

Presentations

Pontiac Students: Call to Action

- Emilie Collins and Keagan Hall, former students at Pontiac Township High School who led the effort to draft and pass the founding legislation for the task force, presented on some efforts they and their fellow students have been involved in.
 - P2D2: an internationally recognized prescription drug disposal program, benefiting both public and environmental health.
 - Operation Endangered Species: a local student-led movement to reintroduce the Alligator Snapping Turtle, which has raised \$150,000 and released 500 turtles since it started in 2011.
 - 30 by 30 Summit: a meeting of 125 students in January 2020 in support of Illinois contributing to the 30 by 30 movement.
 - Peace by Youth: an international effort involving 140 teachers across five countries engaging their students in the 30 by 30 effort.
- Olivia Schickel, Ava Nollen, and Emma O'Lone, current students at Pontiac Township High School, presented a call to action on the environmental crisis.
 - We are in the middle of the sixth mass extinction and the first to be caused by humans. About 150 species go extinct every day, nearly 1,000 times the rate it would be if not for humans invading every stretch of our planet.
 - With only 3% of Illinois' land and water conserved, more than 54,000 species are at risk. We have a long way to go. Humans created this issue and humans have the power to reverse it.
 - What we do know is that this is Illinois' last chance to jump on the global 30 by 30 initiative and make a significant positive impact. We have the opportunity to lead the way to protect our country's natural gifts for the future.
 - Collaboration has to be at the core of everything we do. Each of you are here because your voice and perspective are valuable. It is easy to point fingers and place blame, but we want to avoid seeing our obstacles as enemies because what we are facing is not one person or group but 100 years of apathy towards our planet.

John Rogner: Overview of the Thirty-by-Thirty Conservation Movement

- Chair Rogner provided background information on the 30 by 30 movement globally and in Illinois.
 - The movement began in 2019 with a scientific paper calling for a "Global Deal for Nature." In response to two global emergencies, biodiversity loss and climate change, the paper called for setting aside 30% of land and water by the year 2030, to provide habitat for species and to mitigate climate change through carbon sequestration and green infrastructure.
 - It notes that there is no evidence saying that 30% is enough, and more may be needed.
 - This 30% need not be evenly distributed across the planet. Some areas are more valuable as species habitat, others for agriculture for human use.
 - In 2021, President Biden issued an executive order adopting 30 by 30 as a goal for the nation, based on eight principles:

- Pursue a collaborative and inclusive approach to conservation
- Conserve America's lands and waters for the benefit of all people
- Support locally led and locally designed conservation efforts
- Honor tribal sovereignty; support priorities of tribal nations
- Pursue conservation and restoration approaches that create jobs and support healthy communities
- Honor private property rights; support voluntary stewardship efforts of private landowners and fishers
- Use science as a guide
- Build on existing tools and strategies with an emphasis on flexibility and adaptive approaches
- The movement faced pushback in the United States initially from those who feared it would lead to a federal land grab, so the principles sought to make this a collaborative process, working with local governments, tribes, and landowners.
 - The principles also stressed this is about more than just conservation, that the movement should consider how conservation can create jobs and increase access to nature, especially in underserved communities.
- Illinois' neighbors in the Corn Belt are looking to us to see how 30 by 30 is pursued in a state that is 96% privately owned and three-quarters agriculture.

IDNR Staff: The State of Conservation in Illinois

- Todd Strole, director of the Illinois Nature Preserves, provided background on the current state of land conservation in Illinois and how close the state is to achieving 30 by 30.
 - Overall, two-thirds of land in the state is used for crops, with another 5% in dedicated pasture and some forested land also used for pasture, totaling roughly three-quarters of all land in the state being used for agriculture in some way. Only 4% of the state is currently "protected."
 - Nationally, 13% of land is protected, and much less is used for cropland.
 - "Protected" in Illinois includes only land that is formally set aside for conservation purposes; it does not include a lot of other land that has conservation value.
 - Currently, 4.2%, or 1.5 million acres, of land in Illinois is protected. To reach 30%, another 9 million acres would have to be added.
 - Only 27,000 acres were added in the past five years.
 - Regionally, the northeast and southern regions of the state have a greater share of protected land due to large public holdings like Shawnee National Forest, while central Illinois is primarily devoted to agriculture.
 - Protected land is largely publicly owned, with half a million acres federally owned alone, and is mostly directly owned rather than protected by easements.
 - Some land is protected as nature preserves, the highest level of protection the state can give.
 - These amounts can overlap if land is protected in different ways.
 - There are also numerous programs that are not "protection" but do provide conservation value, such as the Conservation Reserve Program, Forestry Development Program, Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, Conservation Stewardship Program, and Illinois Recreational Access Program, which in total actually include more land than all protected areas combined.

- Other programs include Partners for Conservation, Stream Bank Stabilization, and the Solar Pollinator Program

Task Force Discussion

- John Rogner
 - I believe we need to focus on a “conserve” definition over a “protect” definition. Due to the composition of land in Illinois, it will be hard to get anywhere if we do not work with private landowners to improve the conservation value of their land.
- Sen. Koehler
 - That would not require any changes in language.
- Lindsay Keeney
 - I like that we are emphasizing a creative focus here, since there has been some concern from the agricultural community, fears of 30% of land being set aside for conservation and not agriculture.
- Sen. Bennett
 - Hopefully, the broad array of task force members helps, too, ensuring there are many perspectives.

Public Comments (spoken)

Kerry Leigh, Natural Land Institute

- I want to be sure some time is spent in the listening session on discussing barriers. This is an important lens to look at these problems through. For example, how would we fund management of new protected lands? How can we help private landowners overcome barriers to conservation on their lands?

Jim Anderson, Lake County Forest Preserve District

- There is overlap among all of these topics, so I just want to be sure we think about that and don’t keep them too siloed.

Chat Discussion

Sacred Natural Sites

- Abigail Derby Lewis, Field Museum
 - In terms of conservation inclusion, it is worth noting that Sacred Natural Sites (SNSs) are areas of land and water with spiritual significance to peoples and communities and absolutely “count” toward conservation. Formalizing the role of Indigenous partners in this process is critical. Here’s a recent article that may be of interest and possibly a model for how to consider SNS in this 30 by 30 framework. <https://www.researchgate.net/publication/358211273> Sacred natural sites classification framework based on ecosystem services and implications for conservation

Residential Areas

- Todd Katz
 - If I think about how my neighbors in suburbia could be contributing to conserving 30% of their land, does that look like utilizing their roofs for solar panels? Given that footprint would account for around 30% of their plot?
- Abigail Derby Lewis

- Urban will look really different! I think that is one way, Todd. Plus, replacing lawn with native landscaping. Turns out, urban places can collectively add up to big gains for conservation.
 - <https://www.frontiersin.org/articles/10.3389/fevo.2019.00220/full>
- Todd Katz
 - That's a great point Abigail. Then just a matter of removing the local laws against having "weeds" and "long grass" in one's yard.
- Jim Anderson
 - Reaching out to organizations across the state who are part of these landscapes. I also think we need to have crosswalks between the landscape groups. I also second Todd Katz that we need to include residents and homeowners and their backyard habitats.
- Abigail Derby Lewis
 - Indeed. Here is one way we've come at the issue in Chicago: a native garden registry <https://news.wttw.com/2021/09/14/native-garden-registry-gets-green-thumbs-city-council>

Written Comments

Lydia Scott, Morton Arboretum

I received the notice from Chicago Wilderness about the 30 by 30 Task Force and I wanted to be sure you were aware of some of the work we have been doing that may help inform your efforts.

First, there is an [Oak Ecosystem Recovery Plan](#) that we developed in 2015. It uses pre-settlement, 1939 and 2010 [maps](#) of remnant oak ecosystems to help us prioritize our work, which would include preservation of oak ecosystems from development and other impacts.

Jennifer Vuitel, East-West Gateway Council of Governments

East-West Gateway has a planning initiative called Ecological Approach to Infrastructure that may be useful to you. To paraphrase our web page (www.ewgateway.org/eco), the Ecological Initiative, as it is also known, focuses on the region's ecologically significant natural resources, while using mapping technology to help better inform transportation planning decisions. The resulting datasets provide environmental data for conservation, mitigation, and restoration, as well as useful information on the location and extent of ecologically significant areas.

We are currently working on new 10-meter land cover and ecological significance data layers for the entire EWG region, which includes Madison, St. Clair, and Monroe counties in Illinois (available this summer). All data is available free of charge. Please take a look and let me know if you have any questions.

There is one caveat, though. Because the ecological significance ratings rely heavily on soil types in addition to land cover data, it is not particularly useful for urban/suburban areas because those soil types are all "disturbed."

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Ecological Approach to Infrastructure Development Land Cover and Ecological Significance Data

Purpose

The Ecological Approach to Infrastructure is an ongoing planning effort by East-West Gateway Council of Governments (EWG) to link transportation and development with environmental decision-making. The Ecological Approach focuses on the region's ecologically significant natural resources, while using mapping technology to help better inform planning decisions. Avoiding or minimizing environmental impacts early in the planning process (pre-NEPA) can lead to significant cost reduction and a streamlined environmental review process. Early avoidance can also advance projects while preserving and restoring wildlife habitat, improving water quality, protecting cultural and historical resources, and reducing stormwater and flooding issues.

What it is

The Ecological Approach to Infrastructure data layers highlight areas of ecological significance for the purpose of identifying areas that offer exceptional promise for conservation of viable, functional landscapes through time. In addition, smaller, yet functional patches that support regionally or nationally significant communities or populations of species of conservation concern and deserve special consideration as ecologically significant areas, are also addressed.

Coverage

The land cover and ecological significance layers were created for the eight-county EWG planning region surrounding St. Louis in Missouri and Illinois. This includes the Illinois counties of Madison, Monroe, and St. Clair, and the Missouri counties of Franklin, Jefferson, St. Charles, and St. Louis, and the City of St. Louis. Additionally, there are restoration and preservation ranking layers for the Lower Meramec River in Missouri and Lower Silver Creek in Illinois. There is also a one-meter resolution land cover data layer covering urbanized areas in the EWG region.

Cost

FREE. Initial data gathering, conceptualization of methods, and technical work was completed by Missouri Resource Assessment (MoRAP) and EWG staff and paid for by funding from the Missouri and Illinois Departments of Transportation.

Explanation of the Ecological Significance Ranking

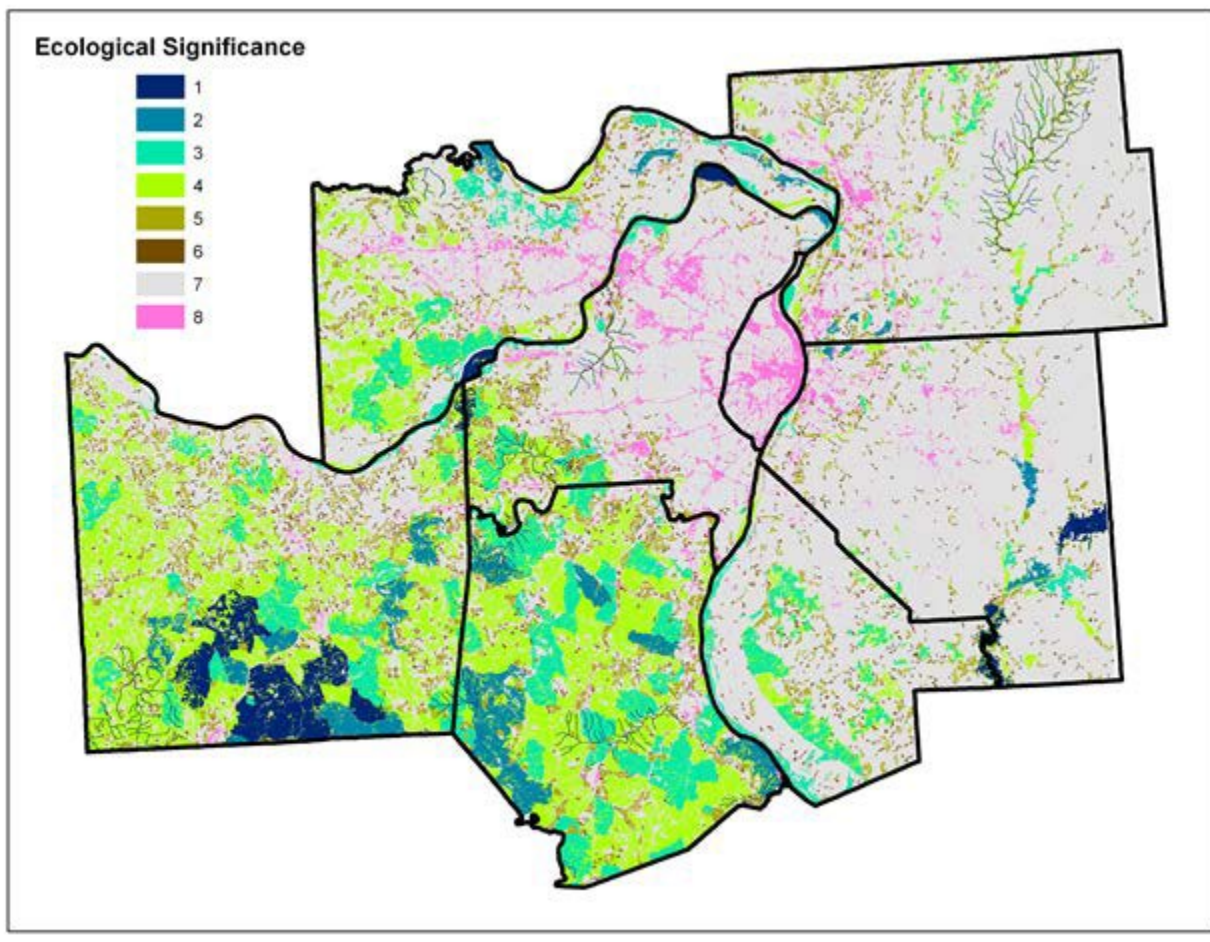
The ecological significance layer is determined through rankings. Significance was assigned to land cover patches based on values for attributes such as size, area of significant natural communities, and number of rare species occurrences. From there, land patches were ranked in tiers.

- Tier 1: Maximum Significance. Only 2.9% of the region is ranked Tier 1. This selection set consists of 50-meter buffers on either side of the center line of streams within watersheds identified as aquatic conservation opportunity areas in Missouri or biological significant streams in Illinois. The focus for Tier 1 is on riverine communities of conservation significance, and coarse-filter elements of natural diversity (e.g., large patches and large areas of significant natural communities).
- Tier 2: Very High Significance. This selection includes patches constituting 2.7% of the region. The focus for Tier 2 is both on coarse-filter (large patches, area of significant natural communities) and fine-filter (globally rare species) elements of natural diversity.

- Tier 3: High Significance. This tier comprises 7.1% of the region and incorporates a variety of coarse-filter and fine-filter targets, as well as the area of public lands, which relates to maintenance of long-term ecosystem functionality.
- Tier 4: Medium Significance. About 14.7% of the region is Tier 4, which includes all remaining natural and semi-natural patches greater than 100 hectares, and all cultural and successional vegetation types that are immediately adjacent to Tier 1, 2, or 3 patches. Emphasis is on overall ecosystem functionality based on patch size.
- Tier 5: Medium Low Significance. This tier is about 4.1% of the region and consists of all remaining natural and semi-natural patches between 20 hectares and 100 hectares. It also emphasizes functionality. These patches may require additions or active management to remain viable over time.
- Tiers 6, 7, and 8 are of Low Significance, Very Low Significance, and Minimum Significance respectively. Together, they make up 68.5% of the region and include the smallest patches of natural and semi-natural land, cropland, and areas of urban high intensity.

Depiction of the Ranking

The image below from the Ecological Approach to Infrastructure report highlights the few remaining areas in the region that comprise the top three tier levels of ecological significance.



How to get it

The Ecological Approach to Infrastructure Development Report and all available data layers can be found at www.ewgateway.org/eco. For questions regarding the data, email gisservices@ewgateway.org. A new, higher resolution data layer (10 meter) and accompanying ecological significance ranking layer for the entire EWG region will be available in fall 2022.

Appendix V: Agricultural Areas Listening Session

Presentations

Brian Rennecker: Illinois Department of Agriculture Conservation Programs

- Brian Rennecker, bureau chief of Land and Water, presented on the Illinois Department of Agriculture's programs for promoting conservation practices on agricultural land.
 - Vision: To promote and regulate agriculture in a manner which encourages farming and agribusiness while protecting Illinois consumers and natural resources.
 - Belief: Agricultural sustainability rests on the principle that we must meet the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.
 - Partners for Conservation
 - In partnership with Soil and Water Conservation Districts, the Department of Agriculture runs a cost-share program for the implementation of conservation tillage and cover crops to improve soil health, slow erosion, enhance water infiltration, smother weeds, control pests and disease, and increase biodiversity.
 - Had \$2.9 million and \$2.4 million in allocations statewide in 2019 and 2020, respectively.
 - Covered 56% of adoption costs, with remaining balance paid by landowners.
 - Practices included terraces, grass, waterways, water and sediment control basins, grade stabilization structures, crop residue management, cover crops, nutrient management plans.
 - Of 1,925 projects in 2019-2020, the most common practice was cover crops.
 - Soil erosion was maintained or reduced at or below tolerable levels at 60,283 acres.
 - Indicated 20,006 tons of sediment did not reach Illinois waterways.
 - And reduced nutrient loading.
 - 21,535 pounds of nitrate-nitrogen and 10,170 pounds of phosphorus diverted from loss.
 - Fall Covers for Spring Savings
 - A new program for us, just in the third application cycle.
 - Provides a \$5 per acre discount on crop insurance for lands not enrolled in another federal or state program on a first-come, first-serve basis during enrollment period.
 - Each year have an abundance of applications:
 - **2019:** 50,000-acre program filled in 10 days
 - 113,000 total acres requested

- **2020:** 50,000-acre program filled in 10 hours
 - 185,050 total acres requested
 - **2021:** 100,000-acre program filled in nine hours
 - 172,652 total acres requested
- This highlights that sustained effort from the agricultural sector has made a key impact on nutrient loss reduction.
 - But it is still critical to keep an eye on nutrient levels leaving the state to determine if current strategies are enough to reach reduction goals.

Todd Rettig: IEPA Conservation Programs

- Todd Rettig, deputy director, presented on Illinois Environmental Protection Agency programs impacting conservation in agricultural areas.
 - How our practices differ from other programs:
 - Focus is not on owning real property, and in fact own none, but instead focus on ecosystem services through regulation and funding.
 - 319 Program (Nonpoint Source Management Program)
 - Funding from USEPA, through IEPA.
 - Similar to issues discussed previously, this deals with contaminants washed into rivers, lakes, and streams by runoff and rainfall.
 - Provides technical or financial assistance for a variety of projects.
 - Has reduced flow of chemicals into waterways by:
 - 1,113,495 pounds total nitrogen
 - 499,620 pounds total phosphorus
 - 5,592,051 pounds total suspended solids
 - 634,069 tons sediments
 - Other benefits include:
 - Local watershed-based planning
 - In-field and edge-of-field agriculture conservation practices
 - Streambank and shoreline protection
 - Wetland creation and restoration
 - Livestock and pasture management
 - Tree planting and woodland improvement
 - Ponds and detention basins
 - Urban green infrastructure practices
 - There are other similar programs:
 - Other programs provide funding and expertise for similar kinds of ecosystem service conservation projects, not just at IEPA but at other state and federal agencies as well.
 - 319 Examples:
 - Copperas Creek Watershed Project
 - Developed locally lead watershed-based plan for Copperas Creek.
 - Installed streambank stabilization and agricultural best management practices (BMPs) in the Copperas Creek watershed, a tributary of the Mississippi River. BMPs implemented included about 2,450 feet of streambank stabilization, two acres of filter strips; three grade

stabilization structures; 3.4 acres of grassed waterways; and 1,365 feet of water and sediment control basins.

- Otter Lake Watershed Plan and TMDL Implementation
 - Updated the existing watershed-based plan for the Otter Lake and implemented BMPs to reduce nonpoint source pollution in the Otter Lake watershed. BMPs included 2,413 linear feet of shoreline stabilization, 100 acres of cover crops (50 acres/year for two years), one water and sediment control basin, three ponds, one sediment basin, and wetland restoration.
- Raingarden/Bioswales at Tower Lakes
 - Installed 4,971 square foot bioswale (rain garden), restored 0.4 acres of wetland to further absorb and treat the water coming out of the bioswale, and a 7,798 square foot bioswale (rain garden). Construction of the bioswales included excavation, engineered topsoil, and native vegetation.
- Overall, it would be difficult to conserve the required number of acres for 30 by 30 through public ownership, but these programs can protect and preserve ecosystem services to the same ends of healthier ecosystems, better habitat, and improved biodiversity.
 - One of the eight principles was building on existing strategies with an emphasis on flexibility. These kinds of programs can fit into that principle.

IDNR Staff: Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)

- Michelle Bloomquist, CREP manager, presented on the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program.
 - Goals
 - To improve water quality and fish and wildlife habitat.
 - Takes frequently flooded, environmentally sensitive crop land and puts it into conservation easements.
 - It is a partnership program with the Farm Service Agency and other government and nongovernment organizations.
 - Eligibility
 - Areas in the Illinois River and Kaskaskia River watersheds are eligible.
 - There is more enrollment in the Illinois River area, because enrollment there was open from 1998-2015, while the Kaskaskia River was only open from 2010-2015.
 - On the state side, there are 33,500 easements protecting 90,000 acres.
 - 232,000 acres is the federal cap, so there is plenty of space for more.
 - Federal side
 - CREP is a sub-program of CRP, which is managed by the Farm Service Agency. CREP sub-program offers a 15-year contract to landowners with a higher cost-share rate (50%) for putting their land into conservation.
 - State side
 - We at IDNR extend and enhance that CREP contract when it has expired, offering an easement for 15 years, 30 years, or perpetually.
 - Although this may change when the program reopens this year.

- We also enhance the contract by adding additional, contiguous acres, creating corridors of conservation.
- The payment is a one-time, lump-sum payment when the easement is executed.
- And we pay the other 50% of the cost-share, so landowner is made whole for conservation practices.
- Soil and Water Conservation Districts
 - Are another great partner. They perform enrollment, conduct monitoring, assist with managing existing easements, and are local contact for CREP landowners.
- CREP easements
 - A legal agreement restricting the use of land that stays with the property even if it is sold.
 - The landowner still retains all recreation rights but restricts agriculture and construction.
 - No public access is required, but it is allowed.
 - IDNR also helps advise landowners to manage property as best they can.

IDNR Staff: Agricultural Lease Program

- Bob Caveny, farm program manager, presented on IDNR's agricultural lease program.
 - IDNR has 475,000 acres owned, another 450,000 managed (mostly leased from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers).
 - 35,000 acres of that is leased mostly for row crop agriculture.
 - A small amount is pasture or soon-expiring CRP contracts.
 - Income supports management of state sites.
 - Work with 240 tenants across the state.
 - The leases developed under this program will promote ecologically sound agricultural practices to improve soil health, minimize soil erosion, improve water quality, and reduce chemical use.
 - IDNR recognizes its responsibility to be a leader in conservation agriculture and strives to develop an agricultural lease program to be used as models for producers throughout the state.
 - Income generated from agricultural leases supports enhancement or establishment of wildlife habitat and recreational opportunities.
 - IDNR develops crop plans with site staff and local biologists.
 - As part of this, IDNR is implementing cover crops on most of our leases.
 - Received Regional Conservation Partners Program (NRCS) funding for reduced tillage, crop rotation.
 - Targeting 8,000 acres for that, getting tenants enrolled at NRCS offices across the state to learn what works best for farmers in different areas.
 - Evaluating cover crop mixes to see their effect on soil health and wildlife health, with University of Illinois researchers.
 - IDNR adopts numerous policies to protect natural communities.
 - No neonicotinoid treated soybeans are allowed on IDNR sites.
 - Neonicotinoid pesticides are used as a seed coating to prevent pest damage to plants, but which can harm non-target invertebrates.

- No foliar application of neonicotinoids or Dicamba allowed on IDNR sites.
- No fall tillage (without written permission) or fall nitrogen applications.
- Vertical tillage allowed to incorporate some of the residue or cover crop seed.
 - Tillage can loosen the soil to allow roots to penetrate more deeply. However, tillage also can contribute to moisture loss and allow wind and water erosion.
- IDNR is collecting soil samples to monitor soil health.
 - Working with University of Illinois Soil Health Lab on this and to monitor carbon sequestration.
 - Date restrictions on hay leases for nesting.
 - These practices are valuable in their own right but also as demonstrations for farmers across the state on best practices.

Task Force Discussion

- John Rogner
 - Always get asked why we farm all that land.
 - The answer is complicated, but if IDNR is going to be involved in farming, we want to be doing the best we can in terms of promoting conservation while doing it.
 - Our tenants also farm other lands, so the practices they learn on IDNR land can spread to other areas.
 - Sites leased for agriculture provide income to support operations at state sites.
- Todd Katz
 - These presentations make me proud of what we have done in Illinois so far.
 - Knowing what is happening is really awesome and will make it easier for us to do the rest.
- Jim Herkert
 - Is there an annual goal of nitrogen and phosphorus reduction for the state? Could that be scaled up as part of our efforts here?
- Brian Rennecker
 - The programs discussed are on a volunteer basis, and funded through General Revenue, so it is hard to be consistent enough to establish a program-by-program goal.
 - There is a statewide goal in the NLRS.
- Sen. Dave Koehler
 - The legislature is putting together next year's budget now. I think the task force will be an excellent way to bring some of these concerns together.
 - We have passed legislation on reducing emissions, but carbon sequestration is an entirely different aspect of carbon reduction.
 - Hope we can distribute what we find to my colleagues.
- Olivia Schickel
 - We wanted to clarify this is not a governmental land grab, and these presentations have done a great job of that.
 - Going forward, we should include other youth voices, through Future Farmers of America.
- Austin Omer

- In addition to these programs, there is a lot of acreage outside of any program or in federal programs that has agricultural conservation practices, so we may want to include those as well.

Public Comments (spoken)

Max Webster, American Farmland Trust

- Mission: To save the land by protecting sound farmland practices and keeping farmers on the land.
- We are supporters of the 30 by 30 effort overall, and believe that farmers, ranchers, and foresters are essential allies in this initiative.
- The lands they manage are critical for biodiversity, carbon sequestration, and rural prosperity.
- We need bold new strategies to effectively stabilize the climate and protect biodiversity, and we are encouraged to hear these existing programs, especially Partners for Conservation and Fall Covers for Spring Savings.
- We also believe it is important:
 - To protect vulnerable working lands from being converted to development.
 - To support landowners in voluntary conservation practices, particularly in valuable areas for carbon sequestration and biodiversity.
 - To get CREP back and support structures at the state level that bring federal dollars into Illinois.

Grant Hammer, AISWCD

- Quote for Hugh Hammond Bennett, founder of SWCD: “From every conceivable angle – economic, social, cultural, public health, national defense – the conservation of natural resources is an objective on which all should agree.”
- Soil and Water Conservation Districts work to protect Illinois’ greatest assets – the rich, fertile soils and water resources of the state – through strategic conservation efforts.
- The network of SWCDs represents the local infrastructure for the delivery of state and federal conservation programs in Illinois.
- SWCDs are considered the multipurpose tool in the toolbox for the delivery of state and federal conservation programs in Illinois.
- SWCDs are non-taxing, non-regulatory, volunteer led units of local government.
- SWCDs support voluntary, locally led strategies that further the adoption of conservation practices.
- Today’s SWCDs serve a variety of “non-traditional” audiences, including municipal officials, developers, and a whole new client group: suburban homeowners.
- SWCDs provide a wide range of services which include flood prevention, erosion control, habitat restoration, sediment control, forestry management, and miscellaneous land use services.
- SWCDs implement strategies that reduce the potential for costly flooding and protect water quality by controlling erosion and sedimentation.
- Data trends suggest that Illinois is becoming more precipitous, which creates more erosion, which in turn diminishes water quality.

- The Illinois Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy guides state efforts to improve water quality at home and downstream by reducing nitrogen and phosphorus levels in our lakes, streams, and rivers.
- The Gulf of Mexico dead zone is primarily caused by nutrient runoff from urban and rural areas throughout the Mississippi River watershed.
- The Partners for Conservation Program sunsets this year.
 - It is a 30-year-old program funds numerous programs; want to make sure it gets renewed.

Olivia Dorothy, American Rivers

- There is a concerning trend in the 30 by 30 conversation that pays a lot more attention to land than water, while the highest rates of extinction are in aquatic habitats.
 - Even in an inland state like Illinois, a New York Times map shows the highest rates of imperiled biodiversity are in and along our rivers.
- Land conservation can help but does not address issues like water pollution or disconnection of rivers from their floodplains.
- Climate change is expected to cause an expansion of flood prone areas in Illinois by 50% by 2100 at the low end, 80-100% at the high end.
- Would make the following recommendations:
 - Address flood hazards in context of biodiversity.
 - Improve the capacity of soil to hold water and reduce runoff from surface water and tile drainage.
 - Programs spoken to today need increased funding.
 - Develop incentives for farmers who are in flood-prone areas to make sure they are able to convey water during flood events.
 - Crop insurance is structured to incentivize farmers to pump water out of area, which worsens downstream effects.
 - Enhance floodplain restoration:
 - Restoration is not included in the Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy, even though it can remove nitrogen and phosphorus from rivers.
 - Move the floodplain easement program into the annually funded conservation easement suite so can be more regularly funded and used as a pre-disaster mitigation technique.

Nathan Aaberg, Liberty Prairie Foundation

- We own and manage a farm as part of a broader conservation community.
- This initiative comes out of urgent emotional sense – we're 28 points down halfway through the third quarter, so we can't just go for field goals anymore.
- Would make a few suggestions:
 - Keeping score: we need to have key natural resource indicators, maybe as a dashboard, to see if and how we are improving.
 - Is our bird population going up or down, for example.
 - Protection outright should stay on table, especially in key areas that are critical for biodiversity.
 - Agriculture as it is practiced now has been highly counterproductive to the preservation of biodiversity and sequestration of carbon.

- Support what IDNR is doing on their lands; think we should expand those practices.
- Should also pursue more dramatic practices, such as perennial agriculture, regenerative grazing, and dramatic reductions in pesticide use and dangerous chemical use.
 - Current policy is contributing to an insect apocalypse.

Chat Discussion

Scaling Up

- Ted Haffner
 - These programs, partnerships and funding are all impressive and helpful. What is the strategy for scaling up programs from the low hundreds of thousands of acres to the 27 million acres plus of agriculture in Illinois? I figure back of the napkin calculations indicate that roughly less than 1% of Illinois agricultural land has some sort of conservation program.

Tiled Agricultural Land

- Paul Botts, Wetland Initiative
 - John or Bob, are you open to finding spots on IDNR ag-lease ground for some edge of field practices such as tile-treatment wetlands?
- Bob Caveny
 - To the question about IDNR agricultural ground: most of our land is not tiled currently. We have also broken up most of our larger fields into smaller units placing 60-to-120-foot field borders around them to increase wildlife habitat and edge effect. We have also built several wetlands and placed water control structures on field edges to help reduce nutrient loss. The water control structures on field edges are also used to aid in our hunting programs by making additional shallow water areas for waterfowl hunting in the flooded crop residue.

CREP Resiliency

- Jason Bleich
 - Question for Michelle: With CREP being closed for the last seven years, do you see any obstacles with rebuilding the program popularity/landowner demand for the program? Are there ways this group can help promote the program when it opens? Lastly, is there any way to prevent a long-term closure from happening again in the future?
- Michelle Bloomquist
 - Jason Bleich, to answer your question, I do not see any obstacles to the popularity of CREP at this point. We have many landowners contacting IDNR and the SWCDs waiting for reopening. This group can help promote CREP by bringing CREP back into their conversations as a great opportunity to improve water quality on private lands. We are taking steps to prevent future long-term closures on the IDNR side, but CREP initially closed in 2015 due to the budget impasse, and this is something we cannot prevent. Hopefully, this specific problem does not occur again.

Written Comments

Louis Nelms

Can you please tell us what the department is doing to prevent pesticide contamination in streams, or potential injuries to plants and wildlife from pesticides used on state lands?

Are there additional restrictions or requirements held with tenants that farm state owned lands?

Is the state phasing out the use of treated seeds, particularly those treated with neonicotinoids on state lands?

1. I and many others involved in conservation and natural resources have observed a significant amount of tree clearing with bulldozers and track-hoes for expansion of farmlands on private land in the last couple of decades. While much of this is rather degraded habitat, it is still habitat where industrial agriculture nearly totally dominates the landscape. Is the state concerned with this continuing trend and is it doing anything to discourage it?

2. Does the state of Illinois adequately monitor and measure the impacts of industrial agriculture, including pesticides, on natural land communities on public and private land? If not (and many of us think not), what other states could you point to in the Midwest that are providing better models of stewardship? (Might I suggest Minnesota?)

Maxwell Webster, American Farmland Trust

To: Illinois Department of Natural Resources

From: American Farmland Trust

RE: Enlisting Illinois' Farmers, Ranchers and Forestland Owners as Essential Allies for 30 by 30

Date: March 3, 2022

American Farmland Trust's mission is to save the land that sustains us by protecting farmland, promoting sound farming practices, and keeping farmers on the land.

AFT views our nation's farmers, ranchers, and foresters as essential allies in the effort to reach the 30 by 30 goals for biodiversity conservation and climate mitigation. The lands that they manage are critical for wildlife habitat, carbon sequestration, food security, clean water, and rural prosperity.

We need bold, new approaches to enlist their help at the vast scale required to effectively protect biodiversity and stabilize the climate. We will need to both protect vulnerable working lands from being permanently converted by development, and support landowners' voluntary efforts to implement conservation practices, particularly in biodiversity hotspots, key connectivity corridors, and areas with high carbon sequestration potential. This is especially true in a state like Illinois, where 75% of the landscape is in agricultural production.

Farmers today are facing more challenges than ever. Market fluctuations, development pressures, impacts from extreme weather, loss of soil health and transitions to the next generation of farmers are all factors putting pressures on agricultural landscapes. Simply put, to be successful

towards these goals, Illinois' 30 by 30 efforts must help farmers address these critical issues by building on the legacy of voluntary, incentive-based and locally led conservation to improve the resilience of farms and farmland.

The benefits of farmland conservation are far reaching. Protected farmland provides a stable base for local agricultural economies that provide us with local food. Conservation practices like cover crops and no-till sequester carbon reduce nutrient losses that contribute to water quality and biodiversity concerns at home and downstream and protect farmers' bottom lines. On-farm habitat areas provide refuge for pollinators and migratory species like birds and butterflies.

AFT recommends that Illinois pursues 30 by 30 goal initiatives with a commitment to protecting and conserving working farmland and ranchland while accelerating the implementation of conservation that protects soil health, reduces nutrient losses, and mitigates climate change. This includes bolstering state programs to be better able to attract additional investment and resources from the federal government.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Nathan Aaberg, Liberty Prairie Foundation

During Brenna's presentation about the McHenry County Conservation District's farmland management program, she briefly mentioned the Agricultural Conservation Index (ACI) that we along with Delta Institute and Foresight Design helped the District develop. You asked to learn more about it. So I'm sending this email with two things: (1) a PDF of the basic structure of the original ACI that we worked out (note that the two sheets are intended to be laid out side by side) and (2) just a bit of description of what the ACI was intended to do. Then, I've asked Brenna to jump in and share some more insights (and possibly some documents) about what the MCCD is actually doing with the ACI and where that use might go.

As we worked with the MCCD team in thinking about their farmland management system, we ran into the questions of how to incentivize good farming practices (rather than just dictate everything to the farmers) and to how to easily gauge how well a field was being managed in a short-hand way. The MCCD team (and it probably was Ed) brought up the indexes there are for habitat management that condense complex ecological information into a single numerical score, like the IBI for streams and the Floristic Quality Assessment for terrestrial plant assemblies. Could there be something like that for farmland? And if there was, could farmers somehow be rewarded in their lease terms for a high ACI score?

Delta has also informed us about the STAR program from Champaign County, but we needed something that didn't just look at nutrients but also looked at a more holistic range of conservation concerns, from soil life to habitat to erosion prevention. So you'll see a number of categories of farmland management issues and within those categories specific spectrums of metrics to rate to generate the points that would be rolled up into a total score. I'm convinced that a field that was managed in such a way as to generate a high score would have rich soils, little erosion, richer insect and wildlife activity, and less negative impact on local streams.

The trick with the ACI is that collecting that diverse data could be pretty challenging when the farmers and the district staff people are stretched for time. I believe that's one of the things Brenna and the MCCD are now wrestling with. But I believe that having something like the ACI, even in a more simple version, would be a good scorecard for telling to what degree a farmer is farming a piece of land with a broader commitment to conservation...or not.

Breanna Ness, McHenry County Conservation District

Regarding the Ag Conservation Index, it's a very comprehensive system for tracking the practices being utilized on District ag sites, as well as the status of our soil health and in-field habitats. The District began collecting data in 2019, so we have 3 years of data. The data is simple information to collect, but a lot of it relies on reporting from the tenant, which has been inconsistent. I was hired by the District in May of 2021, and before that the Ag Program Coordinator was part-time. So, we have a good amount of data, but it still needs entered into the database for analysis.

Stacy Bowman, farm owner

I have been following this 30 by 30 Program initiative pushed by the Biden Administration nationwide, and although it is presented in a positive way, it has a lot of negative implications that must be addressed.

Here are my list of questions to this Conservation Task Force panel:

1) You have been appointed to this 24-member panel representing state legislators, agencies, students and "experts" in environmental, economic and recreational aspects of conservation. Do any of these members own land or property that would fall under this category to conserve/preserve?

This appears to me to place other people's land and property rights under control of an administrative state. There is no constitutional or statutory authority for the President, Dept. of Interior, Dept. of Ag., or Gov. Pritzker to set aside or permanently preserve 30 percent of U.S. lands.

2) We already have CRP and other set aside options that are offered to farmers and ranchers. These programs address erosion and wildlife habitat and have been very successful, while also allowing us to produce food, fiber, minerals and energy locally, nationally and internationally. Why is this 30 by 30 plan being pushed now?

The politically motivated climate crisis agenda does not add up. If restricting land solves "climate change" and allegedly prevents species from going extinct, we would not be in a climate crisis today. ONE THIRD of the U.S. is already OWNED by Federal and State Governments and managed under restrictive land use protections.

3) Instead of working with States, local governments and stakeholders, the Biden Administration's first act to implement 30 by 30 was to remove local governments veto power over federal land acquisitions (when they rescinded the Dept. of Interior Secretarial Order 3388). Is this panel aware of this? This is not good.

4) The 30 by 30 plan is not clear on what land is being targeted or how it will be managed. It appears land seized will be set aside permanently and be off-limits to most human use. Why does this plan focus on the rural communities that have good conservation practices in place in order to make a living while developers continue to be allowed to purchase fertile farm ground and are the root of the problem?

In conclusion, I believe the 30 by 30 “Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad” (86 Fed. Reg. 7,619) signed by Biden Jan. 27, 2021, is nothing more than a politically motivated land grab to appease his radical environmental activists (here and abroad) that funded and continue to support his administrative decisions.

The 30 by 30 land grab is unconstitutional in its policy, moving us from a nation founded on private property principles to one controlled by an administrative state. The scare tactics citing human-caused climate impacts, is not substantiated, not enough to continue pursuing and should be tabled indefinitely. We don't need more government control of our lands, we need better land use regulations on development, period. There is no better place than to look at our large cities to see how we have failed at taking care of land now standing in stagnation and are living proof of government-created food deserts!

We need more agricultural opportunities, not less. Allow Illinois and other states to determine what if any properties that come available on the market, should be purchased for wildlife/recreational use when and if needed.

Thank you.

The Conservation Fund (Coalition of Groups)

Dear Illinois 30x30 Conservation Task Force:

The undersigned groups respectfully request the Task Force consider the important role that **Farmland Protection in Illinois** can play in meeting the 30x30 goals.

Per the Task Force [website](#), “rapid land development in Illinois has led to the loss of vast amounts of natural lands and waters.” However, most rapid land development is happening on agricultural lands. A [2017 analysis](#) found that from 2001-2015, three-quarters of greenfield development occurred on agricultural lands.

Illinois farmland is vulnerable to pressures from climate change and shifting land use patterns. Illinois has lost 3.6 million acres of farmland since 1950. From 1992 – 2012 alone, [1,161,000 acres](#) of farmland in Illinois were converted to urban uses and threatened by low density residential development. Note that this period included one of the biggest real estate development downturns on record. New trends including renewable energy development, on-demand delivery service, and pandemic-driven exit from urban areas may aggravate these losses going forward.

Loss of farmland has significant climate impacts that also impact species and ecosystem health. Developed land creates [50-70% higher emissions](#) than land in agricultural production. Intact blocks of farmland in essential conservation corridors also offer one of the best opportunities to connect

and restore habitat to address the biodiversity crisis – as well as to sequester carbon. None of the biologically significant streams in Illinois are located in developed areas - they all pass through areas that are predominantly agricultural. The critical species habitat goals in the [Illinois Wildlife Action Plan](#) require integrating farmland into the conservation landscape to expand, connect and buffer existing natural areas. Farmland that is paved over and fragmented is no longer available to play this important role.

Protecting vulnerable farmland from permanent conversion to development offers one of the biggest **conservation returns on investment**:

- Protected farmland stays in private ownership, on the tax roll, with no ongoing public management cost.
- Significant federal funding is available to purchase Farmland Protection Easements. The 2018 Farm Bill includes \$2.25 Billion in mandatory Farmland Protection Easement funding. Illinois has received less than 1% of this federal funding since it started – despite having some of the most highly productive soils in the country.
- Illinois is leaving these USDA Farmland Protection Easement dollars on the table by not having a source of state match funding.
- By purchasing easements, rather than land, and by leveraging federal dollars, Illinois can accomplish significant permanent land protection to meet 30x30 goals at roughly 10 to 20 cents on the dollar compared to outright land purchases.
- Farmland Protection Easements are a one-time permanent investment that pays returns forever.

With 75% of Illinois in agricultural production, the ambitious goals of 30x30 cannot be met without significant investments in farmland on multiple fronts, including farmland protection. Illinois' farmers are essential allies in the effort to reach the 30x30 goals for biodiversity conservation and climate mitigation. Twenty-eight (28) other states have funded farmland protection easement programs; Illinois should use its 30x30 commitment to do the same.

Please consider a recommendation in your report that Illinois expand its farmland protection program to include funding for the purchase of agricultural conservation easements.

Thank you for your commitment to advancing the 30x30 goals for Illinois and the opportunity to provide these comments.

Sincerely,

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Appendix VI: Cities and Towns Listening Session

Presentations

Chicago Wilderness: Chicago Area Conservation Efforts

- Ben Haberthur
 - Chicago Wilderness as an initiative was prompted from findings from the Illinois Natural Areas Inventory, which produced a report in the 1970s showing the state was at risk of losing unique natural areas.
 - The resulting alliance includes most organizations doing nature work in the Chicago area, who have been convening regularly, even remotely during the pandemic.
 - Can offer a great tool with the Chicago Wilderness GIS Hub overseen by the Field Museum.
- Stacy Meyers
 - The United Nations announced in 2021 that climate change, biodiversity loss, and pollution are three self-inflicted planetary crises that are closely interconnected and put the well-being of current and future generations at risk.
 - We need to conserve land and water by 2030 to try to avoid losing 25% of species and hitting the tipping point where our own food web collapses.
 - This is a food security issue as well as an extinction crisis.
 - Right now, 4.15% of land in Illinois is publicly or privately protected natural lands, totaling 1,496,000 acres.
 - 30% of land would be 10.9 million acres.
 - 5% would be 1,801,000 acres, requiring the addition of 305,000 acres.
 - Currently, 75% of Illinois land is in agriculture, 23 million acres, and of that 2.5%, or 594,000 acres, is in CRP.
- Ben Haberthur
 - In the Chicago area, there are 375,000 acres of protected parks and natural lands out of 4,770,000 total acres. To reach 30%, another 1,056,000 acres would be needed.
 - If we break it down by land use though, it starts to look more feasible, as different practices can get conservation value out of different land use types.
 - Important that throughout this is a process that is by the people who live there, not happening to them.

- Stacy Meyers
 - Open space in cities is generally thought of as groomed parks, like Millennium Park, but it can also include natural areas like Indian Ridge Marsh, a remnant wetland on the South Side hosting over 200 bird species, including some endangered.
 - These areas and other formerly industrial areas can be both a natural asset and an economic driver by healing that part of the state.
 - Improving the Chicago River system can do the same.
 - Throughout, need to engage communities, honor their priorities and values.
 - Even in urban areas can have vast landscapes like Glacier Park.
- Ben Haberthur
 - Looking at biodiversity concentration, the area with the most concentrated biodiversity at risk is northeast Illinois, because the geologic processes that left much of Illinois productive farmland did not make it advantageous to develop northeast Illinois for farming.
 - Chicago Wilderness has produced a series of reports: Atlas of Biodiversity, the Biodiversity Recovery Plan, and Green Infrastructure Vision.
 - These cover where biodiversity is and is threatened, how we protect and recover, and how we more specifically connect hubs through corridors.
- Stacy Meyers
 - There are a wide variety of opportunities to promote green space in urban settings, ranging from parks and urban farms to yards, tree canopy, corporate campuses, and providing green infrastructure.
- Ben Haberthur
 - Even in urban cores, there is a lot of green space that could be restored to serve as natural habitat, like the Burnham Wildlife Corridor.
 - Converting turf to pollinator habitat can be cheap, take only two to three years, and reduce mowing costs and emissions.
- Stacy Meyers
 - The SpaceToGrow program converts broken asphalt in schoolyards to mixed-use green space for play and education, which also soaks up extra rainwater.
- Ben Haberthur
 - Looking at different land cover types, the opportunity to work with private individuals to do this work in residential areas really stands out.
 - Open space conservation is still a large category, and the latest FPD was established just in 2008, but new models of conservation are important too.

IDNR Staff: Tree City USA

- Mike Brunk, from IDNR's Urban and Community Forestry Program, presented on the Tree City USA program and opportunities for cities to improve urban tree canopy.
 - The program's main task is to promote how trees play a key role in the vitality of a community; to grow, maintain, and preserve urban forest across the state.
 - The Arbor Day Foundation provides an excellent outreach tool with its Tree City USA program, in which Illinois has 188 participants covering 61% of the population, ranging from Chicago to the village of Stuart with just 229 people.

- Tree cover can mitigate heat islands, sequester carbon, and provide wildlife habitat, and helps communities further by attracting residents and businesses, providing energy savings, and improving local health.
- The Tree City USA program helps make communities aware of this, builds support among community residents, and provide education and assistance.

Task Force Discussion

- John Rogner
 - Have worked with the Chicago Trees Initiative and understand the value of urban forestry, which as Mike noted contributes to both mitigating climate change and biodiversity loss.
- Todd Katz
 - Is there a Tree School USA program?
- Mike Brunk
 - Yes, it is called the Tree Campus USA program, feel free to reach out to me with more questions.
- Olivia Schickel
 - Agree that it is important to have a discussion on how to bring those resources to schools.
- Jim Herkert
 - Would like to thank Chicago Wilderness, we often take for granted what an incredible organization it is and how much they provide in opportunities for protection and outreach.
- John Rogner
 - Also struck me that it is not an insurmountable lift when we think outside the box.

Public Comments (spoken)

Belinda McAllister, Heartland Conservancy

- Work in southwest Illinois, have spent the last two years figuring out creative ways to work with IDNR on urban forestry, and especially with BIPOC communities in the area.
- Have found that bringing directly to local governments is less effective for lack of funding, but there are private landowners that would like to plant trees on their land, so directing funding and assistance there can improve habitat and build support with the local government.

Task Force Discussion

- Todd Katz
 - Many companies will provide a match for donations, could that be set up for tree planting through Tree City USA?
- Mike Brunk
 - Certainly, have worked previously to help direct funds to communities, and have discussed the possibility of getting corporate matches.
- Jim Herkert
 - Think that option has real potential, especially in underserved communities, to make funding such projects viable.

- Can think about what has to happen to support that.
- Paul Ritter
 - Seems like we have a marketing problem, and we could have a vast impact if we make the connections with these community members, cities, schools, since people are willing.
 - Living Lands and Waters wants to give away a million trees.
- Todd Katz
 - At a previous school, Chicago Streets and Sanitation and Forestry Departments came to plant about 70 trees in a single day, using Streets and Sanitation equipment to cut concrete, which made it really easy.
 - Could we offer that opportunity to residents?

Kimberly Fair, Illinois Environmental Council

- The 30 by 30 movement requires us to prioritize the most vulnerable communities that are on the front lines of climate change, and to build climate resiliency in nature-deprived, low-income communities.
- Need to consider historic inequalities in open lands, natural areas, and green infrastructure.
- Suggest a staged approach:
 - 1. Community organization and engagement to understand local priorities and needs, focusing on communities with high levels of socioeconomic nature deprivation.
 - 2. Training and employment of community members, especially youth, to build green infrastructure, not just in labor roles but in planning, organizing, and management.
 - 3. Implementation of a variety of forms of green infrastructure: trails, paths, tree canopy, restoring degraded land and water, and education.
- Belinda McAllister
 - Working on that kind of approach in southwest Illinois
 - Received a letter from an East St. Louis resident who wanted to create a park, so worked with them to apply for a grant to create it.
 - That work sparked more engagement by the city and future efforts such as an Earth Day cleanup and tree planting.

Sarah Surroz, Openlands

- There are opportunities to scale up existing programs, such as the Conservation at Home and the Lands and Harmony Programs.
- There has been high demand for Conservation at Home, which has certified more than 1,700 properties, mostly residential.
- People want to contribute but need to know how to plant trees, reduce invasive species, create pollinator habitat, manage stormwater.

Olivia Dorothy, American Rivers

- Illinois can create ribbons of conservation along rivers.
- See three issues in this area
 - For the biodiversity crisis, floodplains are some of the most productive habitat in the world
 - Urban flood plains are also environmental justice areas, where redlining and racist housing policies have kept communities of color and low wealth in high hazard areas

- Climate change is expected to cause more flooding, expanding the 100 Year Flood Plain by 40% by 2100 in general, and by 100% in certain areas of Illinois.
 - This is creating a domestic refugee crisis that needs addressing along with the opportunity to do conservation along our rivers.
- We must be intersectional and bring in multiple agencies to deal with these issues and areas, not just restoration but public safety, affordable housing and relocation needs.
 - Think the state can do a much better job of integrating resources in these areas.
- No one from IDNR's Office of Water Resources is here now.

Task Force Discussion

- Paul Ritter
 - Having these great discussions, a great amount is focused on land, but should include water.
 - Many speakers today, but seems like we lack connectivity, except in this task force.
- Sen. Koehler
 - Think it would be nice to identify projects in urban areas that could promote interest and education.
 - Floodplain in Peoria is often forgotten.
- Todd Katz
 - Thinking about establishing bird areas, for nesting and migration.
 - How do we provide for hunters and anglers and improve the quality of environment?
- Bob Caveny
 - Most river pollution comes from land runoff, so land policies to reduce nutrient load, improve water filtration, and create wetlands can help with water habitat.
- John Rogner
 - Agree important to remember that floodplains are often EJ areas.
- Ben Haberthur
 - Lack of state level coordination seems to be a theme.
- Jim Herkert
 - Think the Prairie State Conservation Coalition would be a partner in that kind of coordination, as they do want to reach beyond land trust work but would not be the coordinator.
 - Agree that connecting existing great programs could be something for the task force to discuss.
- John Rogner
 - Think Chicago Wilderness is a good model for this.
- Stacy Meyers
 - The existing 30 by 30 coalition, many members in Chicago Wilderness, could be a helpful tool for that.
- Austin Omer
 - Seems like we need to have an idea of what all the conservation efforts around the state are so we can get our arms around it.
- Paul Ritter
 - Is it beyond the task force to have a central location set up to show all these programs?

Chat Discussion

Funding

- Rebecca Judd
 - To support the 30 by 30 opportunities highlighted in the slides, much more public funding will be needed to support this. How is IDNR and others thinking about this?

Conservation at Home

- Pati Vitt
 - Just a comment: Belinda McAllister's comments and the quantification of the residential portion of land use brought to mind the efforts of Conservation at Home, which brings green infrastructure to residences. Making funding available, property tax credits, etc., for residential property owners to install and maintain native plantings/trees might help propel these efforts, particularly true in low-income areas.
- Ben Haberthur
 - I want to second Pati Vitt's comments. Conservation at Home has been very effective in Chicagoland and would be hugely beneficial if scaled to the state.

Equity and Engagement

- Stacy Meyers
 - This ties into Justice40, the federal initiative to ensure communities are healthy, resilient, and biodiverse in tandem with and as part of America the Beautiful.
- Abigail Derby Lewis
 - Underscore Kimberly's comments on community engagement. For example, while planting trees may seem to have universal interest, there are many reasons some people do not want more trees in their neighborhoods. It's important to first commit to understanding what different communities may want and value and then connect these interests to conservation strategies.
<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2019/01/190107142109.htm>
- Laura Reilly
 - I agree Kim. With support from IDNR Urban and Community Forestry program and USDA Forest service, Chicago Wilderness has been advancing an equity workshop series to advance these goals throughout the region. These workshops help understand barriers and reduce the inequities throughout the region. All CW partners and others have been able to participate.
<https://www.chicagowilderness.org/page/EquityWorkshops>
- Abigail Derby Lewis
 - I also think we need to be working closely with social scientists, not just when we get to the implementation, but on the front end with engagement and planning.

Development

- Adrian Ayres Fisher
 - I am with West Cook Wild Ones and volunteer with FPDCC. Is there discussion about the impact of development both on new open lands and adjacent to protected areas? How can sustainable *redevelopment* (i.e., recycling) of previously used lands

be prioritized? Protected areas and wild species are under constant threat. The Carvana tower threatening Harms Woods, the threats to Bell Bowl Prairie, and Wolf Road Prairie come to mind. How can we accomplish 30 by 30 if we keep losing areas (and wild species) due to development?

Written Comments

Brad Wilson, Naperville Park District

Thank you again for inviting the Naperville Park District to share thoughts with the 30 by 30 Conservation Task Force at your upcoming listening session. I had an opportunity to consult with our staff and develop the following written comments to share with the task force. We're very appreciative of the work the 30 by 30 Conservation Task Force is completing on behalf of our residents. We look forward to continuing a number of Green initiatives and working with the task force in the future to support land and water conservation.

Park districts throughout the State of Illinois can contribute to the 30 by 30 plan in the areas of increasing biodiversity and decreasing pollution in our natural areas, as well as through preserving open space when possible through partnerships, donations and grants. The Naperville Park District manages over 2,400 acres of parks with approximately 300 acres of natural areas. We believe there is an opportunity to do more to increase biodiversity in these areas if more funding was available for removing invasive species, and planting/maintaining native trees and plants. In addition, the Naperville Park District maintains more than 30 retention ponds throughout the community in support of managing storm water within our region. Many of the ponds are in need of dredging, and the shorelines need to be stabilized and restored with native plants. The park district has completed several pond dredging and shoreline stabilization projects at our parks, however, there are opportunities to do much more if funding was available. Funding also is needed for other green infrastructure projects, such as permeable pavers, that help clean the groundwater and rivers and streams. Increasing available grant funding in these areas would allow park districts to contribute more toward providing clean water and biodiversity within our communities

We also encourage the task force to create or recommend a best practices manual for land owners, including guidance on the use of herbicides, pesticides and fungicides in order to increase pollinators. Increasing pollinators, and insects in general, will go a long way toward increasing biodiversity since insects are such an important food source.

Thank you again for the opportunity to share our thoughts. We look forward to attending the listening session and learning more about how we can continue to support land and water conservation.

Iris Caldwell, Chicago Living Corridors

TO: Illinois Department of Natural Resources

FROM: Chicago Living Corridors

DATE: March 16, 2022

SUBJECT: Illinois 30 by 30 Conservation Task Force - Cities & Towns Listening Session

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written comments ahead of the Illinois 30 by 30 Conservation Task Force listening session on conservation in cities and towns.

Chicago Living Corridors is a not-for-profit umbrella organization comprised of organizations dedicated to the furtherance of native habitat. It provides private landowners with inspiration and resources to help them support pollinator and bird populations, conserve clean water, increase biodiversity and restore soil. Inspired by Doug Tallamy's vision of a Homegrown National Park, we believe private landowners have an important role to play in reversing ecosystem loss and fragmentation, land and water pollution, and climate change. Our sense of urgency is driven by the dramatic loss of biodiversity locally, regionally, nationally, and globally.

With the vast majority of land throughout Illinois (and the U.S. more generally) in the hands of private ownership, Chicago Living Corridors is committed to engaging private landowners to embrace their increasingly important role in reversing the negative changes taking place in our natural world. Chicago Living Corridors' mission is to promote the idea that private landowners can be vectors for positive change by restoring wildlife habitat on their land and creating habitat corridors between protected conservation areas.

Chicago Living Corridors strives to amplify the work of its partner organizations, which promote the use of native plants and natural habitats on private landscapes. These organizations include:

- Barrington Area Conservation Trust
- Citizens for Conservation
- DuPage Monarch Project/Monarch Watch
- Forest Preserves of Cook County/University of Illinois Extension
- Illinois Audubon Society Bird and Butterfly program (Chicago region)
- Natural Lands Institute (northern Illinois)
- Northern Kane Wild Ones
- Openlands
- Red Stem Native Landscapes
- The Conservation Foundation (Conservation @Home program)
- The Land Conservancy of McHenry County
- West Cook Wild Ones
- Wildflower Preservation and Propagation Committee (McHenry County)

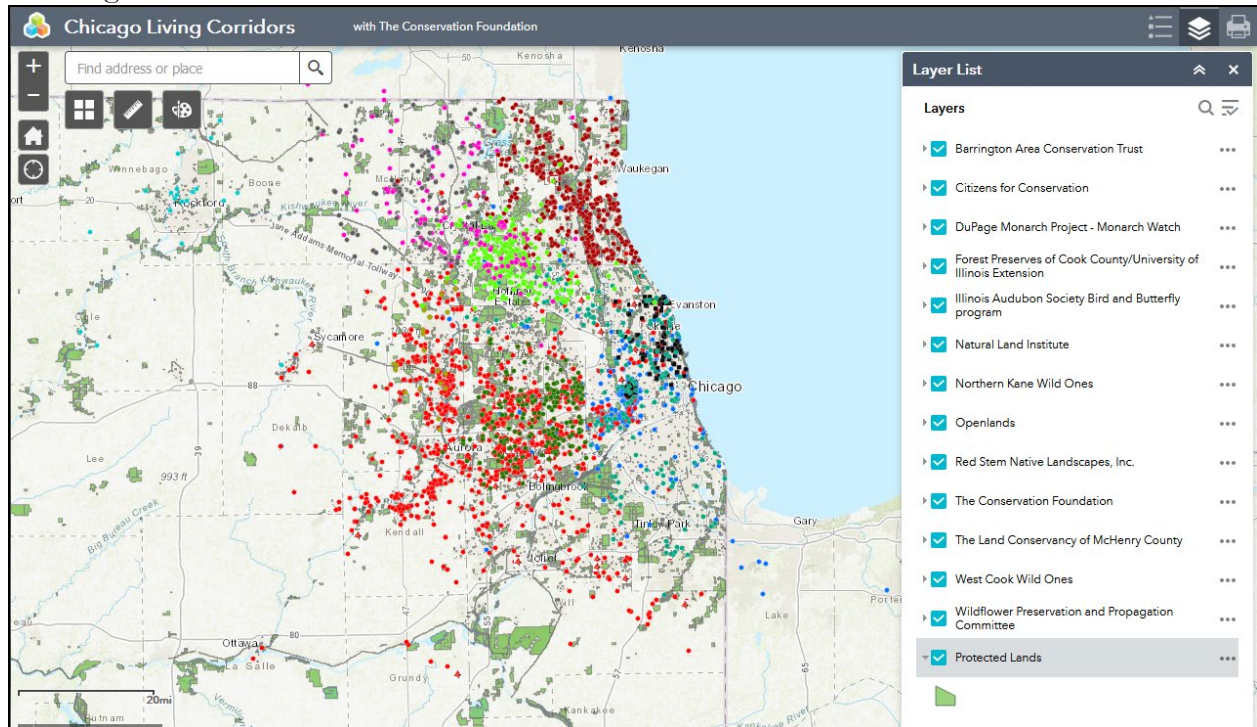
In addition to encouraging individuals to join these local conservation organizations, Chicago Living Corridors maintains an interactive online map of private properties registered as habitat areas with one of the partner organizations. Each partner organizations maintains its own criteria and process for registering private properties as quality habitats. There are currently 3,391 properties registered with 13 organizations across the Chicago region. For comparison, there are 12,138 plantings across the U.S. registered on the [Homegrown National Park](https://homegrownnationalpark.org/) website. The Chicago Living Corridors' interactive map is available here:

<https://tcfwatersheds.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=cfeedc632f454f20b8d384edbc527114>. A snapshot of the current map is also provided below.

Chicago Living Corridors also maintains a directory of native plant nurseries and other service providers as well as a collection of relevant resources on its website:

<https://chicagolivingcorridors.org/>. Since June 2020, Chicago Living Corridors has organized regular webinars featuring a range of topics and speakers from across the Chicago region.

Interactive map featuring registered private property habitat locations across the Chicago region. Protected lands are shown in green.



Elizabeth Kessler, Chicago Wilderness

RE: 30x30 - Framework for realizing and measuring the goals of 30x30 in the Chicago Wilderness region of Illinois

Dear Mr. Lynch & Members of the IDNR 30x30 Task Force,

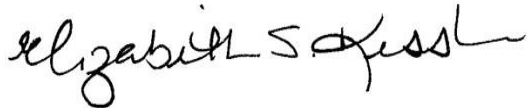
Chicago Wilderness (CW), a regional alliance of more than 250 organizations, works collectively on landscape-scale conservation and human wellbeing in a metropolis of 8 million acres and 10 million people centered on the southern tip of Lake Michigan. CW's mission dovetails with the current effort of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) to set aspirational goals for conservation as part of the national and global effort to protect 30% of lands and waters by 2030 (30x30).

The 30x30 initiative presents a generational opportunity to make the case that conservation matters to all the people of Illinois, in all the spaces where we live, work, play, and enjoy the benefits of healthy nature. Two-thirds of the state's people live in Northeastern Illinois. Here, Chicago Wilderness has advanced a national model that conservation can and should touch the lives of everyone.

As the Chicago Wilderness alliance, we have the pleasure to submit the attached statement to IDNR as a framework for realizing and measuring the goals of 30x30 in the Illinois portion of CW. By

activating all land types—agricultural, residential, corporate—into our strategy, we maximize the benefits to humans and wildlife, and increase our climate resiliency. This holistic approach will make the results more equitable, achievable, and sustainable.

Yours in Conservation,



Elizabeth S. Kessler, MBA, CPRE
Chair, Chicago Wilderness

cc: Laura Reilly, Coordinator, Chicago Wilderness

Making 30x30 a Reality: Mobilizing a Green Region for All

Chicago Wilderness embraces the unique opportunity that the 30x30 initiative inspires: to mobilize a green region for all—humans and nature. In our large urban center, the capacity to deliver on the 30x30 goals will come not just from traditional conservation lands and waters, but from activating every land type—agricultural, residential, corporate—to contribute to overall regional health. This inclusive approach to thriving nature expresses the Green Vision of Chicago Wilderness, which encompasses all landscapes in our drive to nourish the natural world and build resilience for our collective home.

Chicago Wilderness (CW), an alliance of more than 250 organizations, was founded at the end of the 20th century. We work collectively on landscape-scale conservation and human wellbeing in a metropolis of 8 million acres and 10 million people, centered on the southern tip of Lake Michigan and encompassing portions of four states. From southeastern Wisconsin through northern Illinois and Indiana, and into southwestern Michigan, Chicago Wilderness works across political boundaries to deliver real-time solutions to regional conservation issues.

In our early efforts, CW developed a Biodiversity Recovery Plan and Green Infrastructure Vision (GIV) for the region: a vibrant greenway corridor system connecting nature areas, totaling 1.8 million acres to enhance quality of life for our diverse communities. By connecting, buffering, and expanding biodiversity landscapes strategically, the GIV demonstrated how our metropolis could continue to develop, while still conserving the critical natural systems that form the foundation of our health and economy.

As the alliance matured so did our vision for what constitutes a thriving natural world. In 2018 CW expanded the 1.8-million-acres GIV into a full Green Vision, with the aim of engaging people from all walks of life, and of integrating all landscape types in our concept of healthy nature. The Green Vision now encompasses the region's entire 7.8 million acres (see Map 1).

With the energy and momentum of 30x30 and America the Beautiful, our Green Vision becomes attainable. Below we offer recommendations that focus on the Illinois portion of CW (CW-IL, see Map 2; 4.8 million acres), and on transforming 30% of those acres into a green region by 2030 (see Table 1). We propose specific recommendations in the Appendix.

Activating All Landscape Types to Contribute to 30x30

All land types have crucial and complementary roles to play in sustaining healthy ecosystems, mitigating climate change, and ensuring that every person has access to clean air, clean water, and green spaces. By targeting all landscape types, urban regions make the 30x30 goals achievable, while contributing to the wellbeing of the state's largest concentration of people, and marshalling the largest number of acres in support of threatened and endangered species and natural communities, as well as groundwater resources, pollinators, and migratory birds. This comprehensive approach answers the call by the United Nations that is echoed in America the Beautiful to enhance biodiversity (and prevent loss), increase resiliency of communities to a changing climate, and reduce pollution to our region's lands, air, and waters.

We have imagined what 30x30 would look like in the Chicago Wilderness region. Taking the Illinois portion of Chicago Wilderness (see Map 2; 12.9% of the state's area), if only conservation spaces were targeted, a daunting 1,056,000 acres of new conservation lands and waters would be needed to achieve the goals of 30x30 (see Table 1). (For scale, Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie, the largest open space in the region, is almost 20,000 acres.) But when all land types contribute, the number of new conservation acres becomes 55,500, with significant 30x30 acreage coming from using regenerative agriculture on working lands (807,000 acres), and from green infrastructure in the built landscape (456,000 acres in greenway corridors, residential backyards, corporate campuses, rights-of-way, revitalized brownfields, green roofs, and others).

Although these numbers are currently approximations (30% of each land cover) and will require further refinement, the impact of mobilizing all landscape types is clear. Incorporating all landscapes also maximizes benefits across the region, both for people and the rest of nature. Green spaces and green infrastructure in cities, suburbs, villages, and rural lands carry the promise that all people, especially those in underserved and historically marginalized neighborhoods, have direct access to healthy nature. From a climate perspective, this holistic approach to 30x30 ensures that the social and public health benefits also are met. Meanwhile, the 55,500 acres of newly protected conservation lands and waters can focus more specifically on the highest contributions to biodiversity.

Developing a Set of Minimum Standards for What Acres Should Qualify

For acres to be counted toward 30x30, they should meet an established set of minimum standards that are consistent across the region. Chicago Wilderness is developing proposed definitions for consideration.

In the realm of agriculture, CW is considering 3 groupings based on soil health: conventional (continuing soil loss and declining soil health), sustainable (maintaining soil and stable soil health), and regenerative agriculture (building soil and increasing soil health). Shifting from one category to the next is a process, and the use of chemicals (pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers) reflects this: In conventional agriculture chemicals are applied uniformly, with a calculated amount per acre (based on yield). In sustainable agriculture, technology allows the use of chemicals to be targeted per square foot and the drive is to cut costs by reducing chemicals. In regenerative agriculture farmers develop systems that eventually eliminate the use of chemicals. The 30x30 goal is to achieve 30% of working lands in regenerative or sustainable agriculture by 2030. Strategies will be diverse, and vary for public-owned, private-owned, and absentee-owned farms.

For built spaces the focus will be on green infrastructures and native plantings, with the following categories: (i) no plantings, (ii) green cover, and (iii) native plantings, with the goal of 30% in categories ii and iii. This can be achieved through residential backyards, schoolyards, green roofs, transformed corporate campuses, rights-of-ways, revitalized brownfields, and other efforts.

For already protected landscapes, the focus will be on increasing restoration to enhance ecological health. The following categories are being considered: (i) no restoration, (ii) restoration efforts in progress, and (iii) acres restored and actively managed. The goal is to have at least 30% of existing conservation holdings restored and actively managed or in progress by 2030. Our goal also includes maintaining and restoring the region's watersheds to uphold the integrity and diversity of high-quality waters and restore ones that are impaired.

For existing or additional city parks, the focus will be on proximity to neighborhoods and on quality of the habitat (based on native plantings and management). The goal is accessible city parks containing thriving native plantings, within half a mile of every neighborhood. Since the climate crisis impacts certain communities disproportionately, special consideration should be given to identify vulnerable areas and, most importantly, to listen actively to local needs. Mechanisms should be in place to work with environmental justice communities, so that the benefits of 30x30 are equitable across the region.

To identify those acres envisioned to be added to existing conservation holdings, the focus will be on the highest gains for biodiversity. This includes securing protection for the following: all Illinois Natural Area Inventory (INAI) sites that remain unprotected, along with other high-quality preserves; lands identified by the CW Biodiversity Recovery Plan Community Assessment as having high 'Biological Importance,' and [IDNR](#) and watershed plans for protection of aquatic resources. Lands that expand or connect protected areas (with the goal of increasing connectivity by 5% by 2030), unprotected stands of Oak Ecosystems, and large sites with remnant natural communities also will be of primary importance. Plans for increasing protected areas will account for shifting ranges due to climate change.

Making the 30x30 Vision Happen

The needs for achieving the 30x30 vision are different under each land type. The first step will be to determine the baseline acreage for each category under each landscape type.

For 30x30 to be successful, engagement with all stakeholders—from farmers, to community members and community-based organizations, to land managers, students, volunteers, scientists, professionals, civic leaders, and public officials—will be crucial throughout the process, from strategy development to implementation. CW also stresses the importance of focusing on resilient lands: regions with high climate-adaptation potential (see Map 3, courtesy of [The Nature Conservancy](#)). Reconnecting these areas through activities like restoring adjacent rivers, wetlands, and waterways, will help bolster habitat function, facilitate carbon sequestration, and provide multiple benefits for humans and wildlife, ranging from clean water to navigable corridors.

We briefly summarize some of the top needs and strategies below, in descending order of acreage in CW-IL.

a. **807,000 acres in sustainable or regenerative agriculture**

Overall needs to scale up: Coordination with and among primary actors (especially those with long-term relationships with farmers, including the Regional Conservation Partnership Program); collaborations at local government, county, and watershed/Soil and Water Conservation District levels; campaign to show the direct production and economic benefits of regenerative agriculture to farmers; dissemination of technical assistance and diversification of NGOs who work directly with farmers; protection of important farmlands; exchanges of successful practices among farmers; market incentives; and a system of inducements for (i) farm trials and transition from conventional to sustainable to regenerative practices, (ii) farmers to keep acres in current and future Farm Bill conservation programs (such as the Conservation Reserve Program) for the long term or in perpetuity, and (iii) farmers to implement practices that allow nesting birds to succeed (i.e., late season haying after breeding season) and pollinators to thrive. Strategies will be different for public, private, and absentee-owned farms.

Defining standards and metrics: Minimum standards exist for water quality, but standards for biodiversity will need to be developed, focusing especially on pollinators (native plantings), migratory birds (shrublands and grasses), nesting shrubland and grassland birds (fence-line habitat management), and shorebirds (management of small ponds). Protocols also will be needed for monitoring the biodiversity targets along with selection of indicator species as feasible, and sampling regime.

b. **456,000 acres in green infrastructure** (e.g., native plantings in corporate and institutional campuses, rights-of-ways, residential backyards, green roofs, and revitalized brownfields)

Overall needs to scale up: Fostering expansive networks of green corridors and green infrastructure; advocating for green infrastructure to be a significant component of federal and state infrastructure spending; ensuring that approved gray infrastructure spending on new projects includes components of appropriate green infrastructure; curbing urban sprawl; addressing local weed ordinances to allow for residential yard habitat; launching an effective campaign to promote native plantings in yard and community spaces, urban gardens, green roofs, and vacant lots, along with technical assistance to implement such practices; promoting tree-lined streets (increasing urban tree canopy); revitalizing brownfields and improving impacted waters; introducing a possible system of tax credit for residences that meet a standard of native plantings (similar to CRP but for homes with smaller lots); encouraging grant programs for municipalities to assist homeowners or block groups to install and maintain native plantings (in backyards, vacant lots, sidewalks); using community-driven conservation models, such as Space to Grow, to deploy green infrastructure practices at scale that reflect and meet the priorities, needs, and values of people where they live, throughout the region.

Defining standards and metrics: In coordination with other agencies and programs (e.g., Conservation @ Home, Monarch Waystation Program), CW will need to develop standards for the proportion of native plantings necessary for 'green acres' in built-up spaces to qualify. A system for recording and regularly updating green acres, as well a

protocol for monitoring their condition, will need to be implemented (e.g., the Chicago Region Tree Census).

c. 93,600 conservation acres under restoration and active management

Overall needs to scale up: Raising tax caps on Operational Budgets for land-management agencies, increasing funding available under the Illinois Natural Areas Stewardship Act, or developing alternative funding mechanisms to increase capacity for land managers to scale up acreage under restoration (burn, control of invasive species, seeding); increasing availability of native seeds; supporting collaborations (e.g., a Chicago Wilderness Cooperative Weed Management Team; an Invasive Species Council in IL); creating Wetland Restoration and Preservation Plans (like the one crafted by the [Lake County Stormwater Management Commission](#)); expanding Conservation Corps type programming to increase labor force working on restoration, and to increase pathways to conservation careers; coordinating with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to develop precision conservation priorities in the Lake Michigan watershed to ensure the protection of Lake Michigan.

Defining standards and metrics: Coordination among land-managers will be needed to integrate existing standards for each of the three categories (no restoration, restoration underway, restored with management), and to agree on monitoring regime. Mapping the different categories will allow for most effective tracking of the acreage restored in CW-IL (see CW Hub below). Coordination with the Prairie Research Institute will allow analysis of existing data to determine baselines and trends.

d. 55,500 acres of new conservation lands and waters

Needs to deliver: 55,500 acres is a substantial departure from the region's average of 2,000 acres added per year for the past decade (with close to 7,000 acres per year required in the 8 remaining years to 2030). However, the momentum of 30x30 opens up the immense opportunity to make this stretch-goal possible. Besides funding to acquire lands, it would be important to develop new ways to add conservation holdings, especially from the private sector. A visioning retreat bringing together top thinkers in the region and emerging next generation conservation leaders would help not only to review availability, methodology, and opportunity for conserving lands and waters outright, but also to find new ways of incorporating lands and waters that are not conventionally conserved into a healthy functioning ecosystem. Working with existing Watershed Workgroups and implementing recommendations of existing watershed plans would underscore priority action areas for protection of water resources. Adequately funding different conservation models will be vital.

Other needs include the following: communications campaign (to explain benefits to all and engage enthusiastic supporters); policy support (to promote referendums and open up alternative funding options); priority ranking for potential conservation areas (starting with unprotected INAI sites); relationship-building with private land owners of interest (trained negotiators and a potential partnership with the Illinois Realtors Association); a regional proactive strategy to ensure zero loss of high-quality natural areas (those

identified in the Biodiversity Recovery Plan, especially INAI sites, and oak and aquatic ecosystems).

Engaging officials at all levels to value and protect natural areas throughout the region will be essential. Integrating watershed plans and natural resource data into land use and transportation planning and performance criteria, and advocating for growth and development to complement our natural resources will be crucial for the success of 30x30 in metropolitan regions across the country.

e. **18,900 acres of city parks under improved management for native plants and wildlife, and for people**

Overall needs to scale up: campaign to generate widespread understanding of benefits and participation from neighbors; listening sessions to incorporate local aspirations, create demand, and engage volunteers; wide collaboration between and among park districts and CW members to make the transformations successful, provide implementation training, and maximize benefits; engaging public officials to emphasize a healthy environment and access to open space in all neighborhoods; focusing on underserved communities with open space deficits, and agencies such as park districts that are positioned to expand and steward these kinds of places. Empowering local models such as steady funding for local land trusts in urban areas can expand opportunities for communities to define and participate in the stewardship of their own neighborhood parks and gardens to reflect their priorities, identity, history, and values.

Defining standards and metrics: In coordination with other agencies, CW will need to develop standards for the proportion of native plantings necessary for ‘green acres’ within built spaces to qualify. Qualifying city parks should be mapped to ensure that every neighborhood has access to healthy green space (ideally within a 10-minute walk). A system for recording and regularly updating green acres, as well as a protocol for monitoring their condition, will need to be implemented, if possible, with a cadre of volunteers from local neighborhoods.

Telling the 30x30 Story – How to Track Success

A central, interactive platform — like the [Chicago Wilderness Hub](#) — is ideal to document the baselines and track progress toward the 30x30 goals. A designated group of point people or volunteers could do the regular updating for each landscape type, once protocols are established. The progress should be mapped for at least the major land types described above. A system for verifying and ground-truthing would need to be developed. Making high-resolution LiDAR-based land cover data available statewide will be crucial, along with continued technical improvements that aid in remote identification of invasive species infestations.

The 30x30 initiative presents a generational opportunity to make the case that conservation matters to all the people of Illinois, in all the spaces where they live, work, play, and enjoy the benefits of healthy nature. Two-thirds of the state’s people live in Northeastern Illinois. Here, Chicago Wilderness has advanced a national model that conservation can and should touch the lives of everyone.

By activating all land types, the 30x30 goals become a realizable stretch. Considerable funding will be essential, yet the funding required will be minimal compared to the cost of increasing our protected landscapes by 1.06 million acres, or of doing nothing. And the substantial benefits to humans and targeted wildlife will be significantly more sustainable and climate resilient when all landscapes contribute. The 30x30 and American the Beautiful initiatives make this the moment to act.

Drawing on a Powerful Conservation Past to Bring a New Conservation Future into Being

The Chicago Wilderness region has roots that stretch deep into the beginnings of the modern conservation movement. From the creation of the nation's first forest preserves, to the development of Chicago's Burnham Plan, to Chicago Wilderness's own Biodiversity Recovery Plan, the region carries the identity of an epicenter for land preservation efforts integrated into the daily life of its citizens.

The people of the region consistently support both financial and political efforts to increase the size and accessibility of open space through public referendums, voting to issue close to 1.5 billion dollars (approximately \$2.14 billion adjusted for inflation) between 1990 and 2022 to support these efforts. The more than 375,000 protected acres that form the concentric rings of green from Lake Michigan outward to the edge of the CW region in Illinois are a testimony to this intergenerational commitment to a thriving natural world.

This deep connection to the lands of Chicago Wilderness form not only a powerful foundation of conservation efforts but also a firm runway to provide the lift for future efforts that will bring the vision of 30x30 from dream to reality. This document should not be seen as a final plan, but rather as a strong beginning, created through the shared effort of the region's conservation thinkers, imbued with the deep passion for local landscape the citizens of the region possess, and established in the same spirit that has driven conservation forward in Chicago's Wilderness for the past century.

Appendix: Some Specific Recommendations

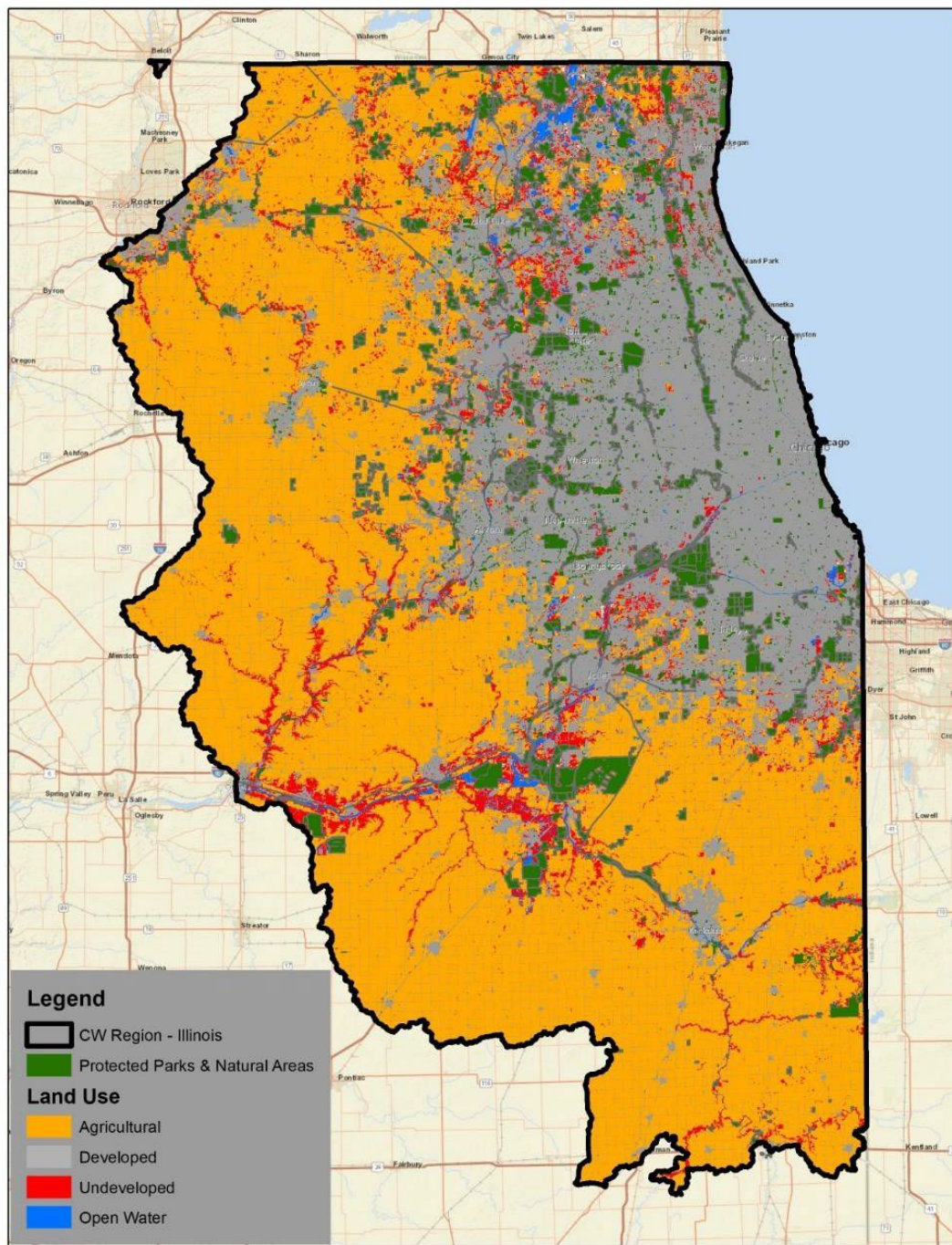
1. Execute strategic land acquisitions through LAWCON and Natural Areas Fund.
2. Increase and incentivize voluntary conservation easements.
3. Evaluate conservation restoration efforts and manage adaptively.
4. Accelerate regional collaboration-led conservation efforts: Watershed Workgroups, NRCS Regional Conservation Partnership Program, Millennium Reserve, Kankakee Sands, Hackmatack National Wildlife Refuge, Illinois Beach, Lake Plain Coastal Restoration Project, others.
5. Support and fund nature-based solutions to address climate resiliency and environmental remediation.
6. Support creating jobs by investing in restoration and resilience projects and initiatives, including the Civilian Climate Corps.

7. Focus on natural community restoration and species recovery efforts that are identified in State Action Plans. Encourage collaborations like the Chicago Wilderness Priority Species, Chicago Regional Tree Initiative, Oak Ecosystem Recovery Plan, and Chicago Wilderness Wetland Conservation Strategy.
8. Encourage more parks and safe outdoor opportunities in nature-deprived communities that increases access to outdoor recreation.
9. Support and encourage the transition from conventional to sustainable and ultimately to regenerative agriculture.

Map 1. Chicago Wilderness Green Vision (7.8 million acres)



Map 2. Illinois portion of Chicago Wilderness (CW-IL, 4.8 million acres)



Map 3. Resilient Lands and Corridors in Illinois (Courtesy of [The Nature Conservancy](#))



Table 1. 30x30 Goals in Chicago Wilderness – Illinois

Landscape Type	Chicago Wilderness (million acres)	Illinois portion of CW (million acres)	CW-IL 30% (million acres)	Rough 30x30 goal
Conservation lands & waters	0.492	0.312	0.0936	93,600 acres under active restoration and management
Park lands (City parks)	0.087	0.063	0.0189	18,900 acres under improved management for plants, wildlife, people
Agricultural lands	4.52	2.69	0.807	807,000 million acres in sustainable or regenerative agriculture
Additional open space	0.751	0.185	0.0555	55,500 acres added to conservation lands + waters
Built landscapes	2.12	1.52	0.456	456,000 acres in green infrastructure (backyards, ROW, green roofs, other)
Chicago Wilderness Total	7.97	4.77	1.431	1.43 million acres in healthy conditions for people & the rest of nature

Appendix VII: Natural Lands and Waters Listening Session Presentations

IDNR Staff: Natural Land and Water Programs

- Todd Strole of the Illinois Nature Preserves Commission gave a presentation on several of IDNR’s programs for conserving natural lands and waters.
 - The 30 by 30 effort in Illinois will require diverse ways of thinking because of the landscape we are in.
 - 67% of the state is cropland, followed by 5% pasture, 13% forest, 7% urban, 4% protected, and 4% miscellaneous.
 - That 4% is really what we want to be expanding, so will discuss how to do that and how to get conservation value and ecosystem services out of some of those other landscapes.
 - Breaking down formally protected lands, the vast majority are publicly owned, either state, federal, or local.
 - Private land is only around 5%.
 - Easements are also only a small share relative to fee simple ownership.
 - Have noted dedicated nature preserves on the chart, since they’re the highest form of protection the state can provide.
 - Looking at how to expand the umbrella. There are many programs that are not fee ownership but provide conservation value: Conservation Reserve Program, Forestry Development Program, Conservation Stewardship Program, and Illinois Recreational Access Program.
 - Structurally, most often done through a temporary easement, so not the same as ownership, but still worth noting that these programs cover more than all permanently protected land combined.
 - For land acquisition, the main fund used is Open Lands Trust, in addition to Natural Areas Acquisition Fund, but IRAP leasing has added more acres in the past 10 years than either of these despite having less funding.
 - IRAP allows hunters and anglers to receive access to private lands for recreational purposes, in exchange for funding and assistance to landowners for planning and implementing management activities.

- Has covered 26,000 acres over the past 10 years, across 47 counties, at a cost of \$1.7 million annually.
 - To expand this, we are targeting high-demand counties and contacting properties enrolled in other programs.
- Forestry Development Program originates from the Forestry Development Act.
 - Taxes timber sales and provides a cost share to landowners for activities like timber stand improvement, control of invasive species, and wildlife habitat.
 - Limited only by number of willing landowners and district foresters/consulting foresters to write management plans.
 - Over 10,000 properties currently enrolled.
- Forestry Legacy Program is smaller.
 - There three eligible areas, by Rock River, by Peoria, and in southern Illinois.
 - Only eight sites are enrolled, but there is potential for more.
- Nature Preserves Commission focuses on the highest quality natural areas, in the Illinois Natural Areas Inventory.
 - Protected with both Nature Preserves and Land and Water Reserves.
- The Open Space Land Acquisition and Development Program provides grants to local governments.
 - Primarily for development these days, and for community parks, but can be for more natural areas.
 - And next year will see the biggest round in years, over \$50 million.
- Conservation Stewardship Program is another tax program.
 - Provides a property tax deduction for certified management plans of lands.
- Do not want to discount land acquisition, but the value of leases and agreements cannot be ignored either.

Jason Bleich: USFWS Partners for Fish & Wildlife Program

- Jason Bleich, a private lands biologist for USFWS, presented on the Partners for Fish & Wildlife Program.
 - Since the 1980s, the program has worked with private landowners to install, restore, manage, and enhance habitat areas, separately from the Federal Wildlife Refuge system.
 - Provide some financial assistance, but their main expertise is in technical assistance for landowners that want to see more wildlife on their lands, often hunters and fishers.
 - Also work with farmers to identify and convert unutilized and underutilized land, as well as with local governments and even prisons.
 - Program focus is primarily on birds, threatened and endangered species, and native habitats.
 - Wetlands and prairies for Eastern and Northern Illinois.
 - Have three focus areas: Illinois River, Mississippi River, and the Prairie Pothole Region of northern Illinois.
 - Base prioritization off prior research, historical, aerial imagery, soil maps, etc.
 - Work with many other organizations, state agencies and nonprofits like Ducks Unlimited.
 - On financing, generally look for a 50/50 cost share, but sometimes can go up to 80% or 90%.

- Over a 10-year agreement.
- Never work on lands already getting federal financing or publicly owned.

IDOT Staff: Right of Way Conservation Programs

- Erin Holmes, roadside management resource specialist with the Illinois Department of Transportation, presented on the department's efforts regarding conservation on rights of way.
 - Shared a video on efforts related to the Monarch Project, following Illinois Monarch Project mowing guidelines.
 - Mowing rights of way and replanting milkweed prior to monarch season to increase monarch habitat and allow for more eggs to be laid with fewer predators.
 - Never mowing more than a third of the right of way at a time to preserve habitat and limiting the use of herbicides allow creation of more pollinator habitat.
 - Establishing registered monarch stations and working with IDNR to distribute milkweed seeds.
 - IDOT operates more than 400,000 acres of land at any one point, and tries to use an Integrated Vegetation Management approach on it.
 - Includes prescribed burns, mowing weeds, control, restoration projects, selective herbicides.
 - Adapted to the needs of the specific area with dedicated 3 to 5 year plans.
 - They focus these efforts not on the immediate shoulder of the road, but the area beyond that within the right of way.
 - And areas within this that are priority areas for mowing are rotated on a four-year schedule and shifted timing within the year to promote monarch and other pollinator habitat.
 - SAVE program allows other road operators to apply to change their mowing, specifically to help the Rusty Patched Bumblebee.
 - Mowing only one-third at a time.
 - Roadways are not just connectors for people but for blocks of habitat across the state.
 - Invasive species control efforts include detection, targeted herbicide use, spot treatment, etc.
 - And trying to clean equipment to not spread species unintentionally.
 - Also partner with nonprofits, as well as other agencies specifically through the Monarch Plan and an additional memorandum of understanding.
 - The Route 66 Monarch Flyway, a corridor from Chicago to St. Louis focused on habitat and education, including adding habitats to Scenic Byway trip planner.

Public Comments (spoken)

Domenico D'Alessandro, Regenerative Design Consultant

- Presenting on a land ethic process for the confluence of the Rock and Kishwaukee Rivers.
- The mission of the task force is to pursue bold action.

- The taxpayer-funded air cargo expansion at the Rockford Airport violates the core intent of the 30 by 30 movement. Will propose an alternative.
- The plan for the airport has not changed substantially since 1994, and no environmental assessment has been carried out on a final, graded master plan.
- The expansion will require filling in land to keep it above the flood level.
- Halting or moving the road expansion into the prairie is not enough, considering future expansions, so the best solution is to move the airport entirely to a different site.
 - This allows converting land around the airport into a green corridor and converting the buildings into other uses such as a convention center or hydroponic farm.

Iris Caldwell, Energy Resources Center at the University of Illinois Chicago

- Have hosted the Rights of Way Habitat Working Group, bringing together energy and transportation groups from across the United States and Canada.
 - Including roadways, utility corridors, railroads, solar facilities, and similar landscapes.
- These create a network crisscrossing the state and connecting a variety of landscapes, so can create habitat corridors rather than fragmenting areas.
- They have many advantages:
 - Often managed in a state early of succession, helpful for growing scrub.
 - Protected from future development.
 - Under active vegetation management.
- Most relevant groups in Illinois are involved.
 - Working to finalize the first nationwide conservation agreement for the monarch butterfly with the Fish and Wildlife Service, providing a mechanism for groups to voluntarily commit to create and maintain habitat.
 - Groups totaling 50,000 acres, including Northern Natural Gas, have committed, and working with others in Chicago area.
- Also brought groups together to create the Illinois Monarch Action Plan, goal of 150 million milkweed stems added by 2038.
 - Have received commitments of 100,000 stems from various organizations in the past two years.

Bob Fisher, Bird Conservation Network

- BCN is a coalition of 20 different organizations from the Chicago area.
- Publishing “Breeding Bird Trends in the Chicago Region.”
- Want to emphasize a few things:
 - Need to broaden the understanding of what should be included in 30 by 30, what should be protected, including waters of Lake Michigan.
 - Need to encourage collaboration within the conservation community to secure consistent funding for management.

Max Ciarlone, Illinois Student PIRG

- Two football fields worth of pristine natural land is harvested every minute in the United States.
 - We are squeezing every cent of economic value out of these natural lands, but they should not be used just for their economic value.

- Access to nature is a necessity for people and is not provided for many.
 - We should be protecting as much land as possible, but only 4% of land is protected from development in Illinois.
 - That is a far cry from the already alarming 12% across the country.
- For the sake of our physical, emotional, and mental wellbeing we must do more.
 - State should take every opportunity it has to acquire more land for parks and wildlife refuges, to protect biodiversity.
 - And to provide incentives to private landowners.

John Wallace, Retired Lake Manager

- Second that I hope the task force is actually ready to take bold action.
 - And concerned there are no lawmakers here.
- Many reports are consistent that we need to take drastic action to stop this continual climate change disaster.
- The single largest public land holding in Illinois is Shawnee National Forest.
 - Forests are the single-best mechanism to sequester carbon.
 - Unfortunately, there are 7,000-8,000 acres slated to be logged clear-cut right now in the forest.
- Research has made it clear it takes 10-20 years for regenerative forestry to convert a forest from a carbon source to a carbon sink.
- Encourage everyone to take a closer look, check out the documentary “Shawnee Showdown: Keep the Forest Standing.”
- Propose the Shawnee National Forest is transferred from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to the U.S. Department of Interior as a national park.
 - Agriculture is focused on producing products, not protecting land.
 - Encourage you to sign the petition.

Olivia Dorothy, American Rivers

- Continue to be disappointed we are still thinking about water as a product or afterthought of land conservation while the goals put land and water on equal footing.
- Other states with protected land are still dredging rivers and seeing pollution come from unprotected lands into rivers.
- Fresh water species have the highest extinction rate per unit area, and in Illinois as well, biodiversity loss risk is highest in rivers and streams.
- Disappointed there is no one from the Office of Water Resources talking about the dam removal program and how that benefits aquatic ecosystems.
- There is need for new programs that focus exclusively on flood plain restoration.
 - When we do land conservation in flood plains, often see levies that disconnect the river from the flood plain.

Chat Discussion

Shawnee National Forest

- Sam Stearns

- An essential component of combatting climate change is PROFORESTATION: letting existing forests stand rather than cutting them down. We must at least do this on public lands. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and a growing body of independent science (not the pseudoscience funded by the timber industry) are clear that more carbon is sequestered in both trees and, crucially, forest soil in existing standing forests than any other forest management practice. For that reason, a large number of people, including former Illinois state senator/U.S. congressman/gubernatorial candidate Glenn Poshard, support a proposal to make the Shawnee National Forest (Department of Agriculture) the Shawnee National Park and Climate Change Preserve (under the Department of Interior). An abbreviated version of this proposal is available, as well as a more fully fleshed one is available for anyone interested from www.shawneeforestdefense.info
- For recent information regarding the failure of Shawnee National Forest and IDNR “restoration projects,” please see www.fobss.org or contact me for a personal ground truthing tour at bellsmithsprings@hotmail.com
- Samantha Chavez
 - Question for Todd Strole: Do “Forestry Management Plans” to participate in the Forestry Cost Share program emphasize conservation over timber production? What data has been collected on the Forestry Cost Share program to ensure its success?
- Sam Stearns
 - Am also interested in the answer to Samantha’s question. In our Shawnee National Forest area, timber production logging is euphemistically disguised as “ecological restoration,” “wildlife habitat enhancement,” “oak regeneration,” and other corporate greenwashing terms.
- Michael Lynch
 - To Samantha and Sam’s questions on the Forestry Program, we do not have someone from the program on the call, but I can say that the cost-share program specifically is targeted at promoting conservation value on land that is primarily used for timber production, rather than to divert land away from timber production.
- Samantha Chavez
 - Michael, it is my understanding that there is little to no compliance of management in this program, nor are the IDNR foresters qualified to make conservation decisions outside timber production.

Conserved Land Definition

- Kyle Rorah
 - Is anyone seeing guidance from the federal government about what constitutes “conserved land” for the purposes of the 30 by 30 initiative?
- Ellicia Sanchez
 - Hello Kyle, Biden admin is creating a conservation atlas that will track and monitor conserved lands: <https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/biden-harris-administration-invites-public-comment-development-new-conservation-stewardship-tool>

Written Comments

Domenico D'Alessandro, Regenerative Design Consultant

I would like to speak about the current crisis at the Chicago Rockford International Airport with the ongoing air cargo expansion. This situation contains all the challenges listed in the “Thirty by Thirty Act.”

This expansion will obliterate an 8,000-year-old remnant, extremely rare dry hill prairie of which only 18 acres are left in all of Illinois. If the expansion is allowed according to the airport authority's outdated plan, we will also lose 400 to 500 acres of A2 flood plain at the confluence of the Kishwaukee and Rock Rivers. This acreage will need to be buried under an average 30-foot depth of fill to meet the elevation of existing runways and facilities, at great cost to the public that may surpass one million dollars per acre. If this expansion is allowed to proceed there will be significant negative impacts on the biotic communities in the river corridor.

Alternatives are possible, one alternative I propose will save all the flood plain and will deliver to Illinois a true state-of-the-art air cargo center that can be built using the best biophilic design criteria to meet the challenges faced with the exponentially rising climate crisis. It will be a key addition to the existing protected parklands along the Kishwaukee River. We can make the Kishwaukee River one of the highest quality biotic communities in the State. We will be saving cultural legacy including Indigenous heritage.

There is a way to obtain the needed economic stimulus for the region and be good stewards of the land by restoring more than one thousand acres of flood plain that will create a contiguous biological transect from aquatic to dry hill prairie communities.

We have been granted another short reprieve to save this important ecosystem and corridor, I ask that we must all pitch in so that a terrible ecocide plan is not allowed to come to fruition.

Governor J.B. Pritzker can inaugurate this program with a truly landmark project that will set the stage for others in the future, one we could all be proud of.

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I need to expand on my previous e-mail. The flood plain the airport authority's expansion plan will destroy is mostly used as agricultural land. There is the dilemma of also dealing with abusive agricultural practices in flood plains causing a negative impact on biotic ecosystems. When economic growth enters the picture things get complicated and hard choices need to be made. Much of our natural ecosystems have been replaced by agriculture, then the urban layer is replacing agricultural land, and the urban residential layer is coming under pressure by the industrial and commerce layers. We have to juggle all layers to figure out the best balance.

In my alternative concept proposal, I have given priority to environmental protection because the biggest crisis we now face is climate change and unless we save the natural systems we will also lose agricultural lands. The two are linked, historically we have seen them in opposition, especially once we adopted industrial agricultural practices.

The airport authority's expansion will also destroy important cultural heritage including Indigenous use of the land.

Bob Fisher, Bird Conservation Network

Our topic would focus on the Trends Analysis covering 22 years (1999 through 2020) of IL breeding bird species that inhabit the natural areas within the largely urban/suburban NE portion of Illinois.

<https://www.bcnbirds.org/trends21/trends.html>

<https://www.bcnbirds.org/trends21/concern.html>

These links reflect a recently completed comprehensive statistical analysis of the very large database compiled over that period by 200+ volunteer bird monitors. This analysis led to the development of various hypotheses for natural land management practices, after extensive consultation with a diverse group of knowledgeable scientists with expertise on our IL breeding birds, and their needs.

Our native birds are keystone species (the 'canaries in the coal mine'), a critical indicator of ecosystem health. We think this topic fits well into the 30 by 30 program, and provides a model for programs across the state.

Our presentation would highlight population trends of our native breeding birds, those that are doing well, and those not doing well (with some thoughts on why) against the backdrop of the natural habitat types they occupy, and what might be best practices for maintaining and improving those habitats. 15-20 minutes would serve for a highlighted/condensed overview. And would happily answer questions and provide follow up.

The Bird Conservation Network (BCN), is a coalition of 21 organizations (with an aggregate membership of 35,000+ bird/wildlife conservation advocates) dedicated to the conservation of birds and the habitats they need to survive and prosper. BCN recently published:

Breeding Birds Trends in the Chicago Region – 1999-2020

This document/analysis BCN contends is specifically relevant to the aims of the 30 by 30 initiative. Birds are truly the “canaries in the coal mine,” visual, identifiable indicators of the health of our natural lands.

The BCN *Trends* report contains bird population trends over a 22-year period, one of the largest regional datasets in the country. Data was collected across the 6 county Chicago metro area in NE Illinois, aka Chicago Wilderness, by 200+ citizen science monitors, according to strict protocols. Statistical analysis produced a resource to aid natural land managers in measuring the results of management techniques, and changing those techniques when the data points the way. And the *Trends* data collection and analysis project continues!

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BCN believes the *Trends* can be a continuing part of the toolkit for the 30 by 30 program. Meeting the 30 by 30 goal is just a first step! The environmental community must prioritize follow-up:

- Establish a robust public education program, valuing natural lands and the wildlife that inhabit them, not just for their own sake, but as a critical component in human health and prosperity, in the face of global climate change.
- Promote and support active/effective management of Illinois' natural areas, built around a continuously updated best management practices database.
- Expand the breadth of the definition of what we classify as natural areas – include filter strips, conservation easements, Smart Wetlands in farm fields (a TWI innovation), 'gentle' agriculture (example; delayed mowing of hayfields), converting closed landfills to prairie habitat, etc.
- Collaborate to generate the funding needed for those management and maintenance activities, so our native species, both flora and fauna, flourish in this time of climate and land use changes.

BCN is ready to share the *Trends* breeding bird data and management recommendations database to support the goal of 30 by 30 and we invite your inquiries. For more information, contact media@bcnbirds.org

Sam Stearns, Friends of Bell Smith Prairie

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An abbreviated version of this proposal is Attached. A more fully fleshed one is available for anyone interested from: www.shawneeforestdefense.info

The Shawnee National Forest in Southern Illinois is a gem that has remained a best kept secret for far too long, and unfortunately, to its detriment. Local residents, governments and governmental agencies have often undervalued and underestimated the region's impressive natural features. A new idea has been introduced, to change the designation of the Shawnee from that of a national forest to a national park. Is the concept of creating the Shawnee National Park and Climate Preserve out of the existing federal land even realistic or is the proposition merely an impractical notion?

Considering the ever-present and grim reminders of climate change, the ugly face of commercial logging has once again returned to the Shawnee National Forest. As trees continue to fall how will the public respond? Will litigation, protests and armed guards befall the Shawnee, as in the past?

A drastic shift away from natural resource exploitation, toward recreation and more national recognition of the Shawnee is not only feasible, but long overdue. The current climate change emergency facing our planet and humanity is demanding significant societal adjustments. Science shows us that preserving and truly restoring mature, undisturbed forests are some of the most efficient ways to sequester and store carbon. The finest example of these forests in Illinois are on the Shawnee and the best way to ensure the forest remains undisturbed is to designate it as a National Park and Climate Preserve.

In the last twenty to thirty years, various cottage industries have emerged in Southern Illinois that both rely on and cater to tourism. Businesses, from wineries to microbreweries, bed & breakfasts to cabin rentals, farmers markets and orchards to unique eateries that help sustain the local economy, are scattered throughout the region's picturesque small towns and the forested hills and valleys. Foot and equestrian trails provide access to some of the nation's most scenic natural locales, including wilderness areas. Outfitters and guides for rock climbing, ziplining, biking, horseback riding, hiking, and birdwatching in the region are all demanding an agency that can highlight our natural treasures while responsibly managing visitor use.

The proximity of the Shawnee to relatively large population centers and the notable absence of national parks in the central United States is an important consideration as well. Public demand in this region of the country is poised to readily welcome and utilize a new, centrally located national park, and the Shawnee is the perfect candidate. The Shawnee needs an agency with more of a commitment to protecting the natural and cultural heritage resources, a high degree of public confidence and a history of responsible recreation development. A new national park will attract more tourists to the region which will help to fill more rooms and cabins as well as pack the area's eateries and shops. Park visitors will flock to the nearby wineries, breweries, and distilleries in the area, as well. Bird watchers, hikers, rock climbers, campers, bicyclists, equestrians, boaters, kayakers, canoeists, and the like will also look to local businesses for shopping and dining, not to mention the growing outfitting and guiding services now being offered throughout the Shawnee. The forest should be a mecca for nature loving, outdoor enthusiasts.

Under this scenario, jobs will flourish over the long run because the natural resources that form the foundation of the more sustainable, tourism economy will remain intact. Many US Dept of Ag Forest Service (USFS) employees who wish to remain in southern Illinois will be eligible for similar National Park Service (NPS) positions as just transitions are available and often encouraged between federal land management agencies. National Preserves also allow for uses such as hunting, trapping, boating, fishing, and dispersed camping. Areas where such ongoing recreational use regularly takes place on the Shawnee can continue under NPS oversight, as part of the Climate Preserve.

US Department of Agriculture Forest Service → US Department of Interior Park Service

- National Parks are “America’s Best Idea,” yet none exist in Illinois, and few exist in the central US.
 - The Shawnee is within a day’s drive from highly populated metropolitan areas such as Chicago, St. Louis, Indianapolis, Louisville, Memphis, Nashville and Cincinnati.
 - People are using the National Parks now more than ever and many are overcrowded.
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To read more about the proposal to create the Shawnee National Park and Climate Preserve, and to take action to help make this proposal become reality, visit the Shawnee Forest Defense website at: <https://www.shawneeforestdefense.info>

Contact us at: shawneeforestdefense@gmail.com

Robert Hughes, Shawnee Natural Area Guardians

I am traveling and unable to participate in today’s listening session. I am Robert Hughes, President of Shawnee Natural Area Guardians. I would like to submit a few comments.

- Only 13% if Illinois is wooded and about 20% is paved in some way. Our Parks are precious to us, the Illinois taxpayers, and crucial to the environmental health of the entire planet.
- There is so much good, vetted peer review science on how important woods/forests are for environmental health I will not belabor it. It is scientific fact.

- The logging of Trail of Tears Park was heart rending; it was abomination. You, IDNR, work for the people of Illinois, not logging and oil companies.
- Please make sure that in future plans Logging and any commercial use is banned on any and all Illinois public lands. Again, we are in a time where every tree counts.

John Wallace, Retired Lake Manager

Ladies & Gentlemen,

I am writing to request a slot to address the 3rd Illinois 30 X 30 Listening Session: Natural Areas, on March 31st. I am retired from the City of Carbondale where I served as Manager for Cedar Lake, a beautiful water source and recreation reservoir in Jackson County. I currently reside in Pope County.

I wish to speak to the Task Force regarding my pursuit of a bold proposal for the State Legislature and the Governor to consider. My statement revolves around important protection for public land in Illinois, which contains at least 90 Illinois Natural Areas Inventory Sites, four National Natural Landmarks, and the largest single ownership of land in the state, the 289,000 acre Shawnee National Forest.

I hope to persuade a recommendation by the Task Force, to the Legislature and Governor, in support of passing a Resolution requesting the Illinois US Congressional Delegation introduce and support legislation to transfer the Shawnee National Forest out of the US Dept. of Agriculture Forest Service and into the US Dept. of Interior Park Service to create the Shawnee National Park and Climate Preserve. This bold initiative represents a relatively simple undertaking involving minimal expense that would greatly assist the Task Force in achieving the Illinois 30 by 30 Initiative. The proposal would create the first national park in the state and the nation's first Climate Preserve!

I have attached a short version of the proposal, "A New Vision - Shawnee National Park." I am happy to provide a bibliography and photographs in support of this vision and its contained statements. I have a ten-page proposal as well, provided the Task Force desires a more thorough and in-depth version.

The Shawnee National Forest is not protected from logging, from oil and gas drilling, nor from mining. The US Forest Service currently has plans underway to log an additional 6,000 to 7,000 acres on the forest via *clearcut-style*, shelterwood timber harvesting. In fact, more than 2,000 acres of the agency's proposed commercial logging projects are located within a sensitive watershed.

I thereby respectfully request participation in the upcoming listening session. Should the Task Force desire more information or have questions for me, please do not hesitate to contact me at this email address or at 618/534-0939 voice or text.

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The Shawnee National Park and Climate Preserve
A New Vision for the Future that Best Serves the Public Good

The Shawnee National Forest is a treasure that has been a best kept secret for too long, and unfortunately, to its detriment. Local residents, governments and government agencies have often undervalued and underestimated the forest's impressive natural features. A different approach has been suggested for the Shawnee. Is the concept of creating the Shawnee National Park and Climate Preserve out of the existing national forest land even realistic or is the proposition merely an impractical notion?

Unfortunately, the ugly face of commercial logging has once again returned to the Shawnee National Forest. Studies now show that logging greatly contributes to the nation's release of climate changing carbon dioxide. Thousands of acres of Shawnee National Forest land are slated for commercial logging. Will our public carbon sink forest continue to fall, reverting into carbon sources? Will litigation, protests and armed guards befall the Shawnee, as in the past?

A drastic shift away from natural resource exploitation, toward recreation and more national recognition of the Shawnee is not only feasible, it is long overdue. The current climate change emergency facing our planet and humanity is demanding dramatic societal alterations. Recent, scientific studies reveal that the most efficient and effective means of carbon sequestration and storage on land, comes from mature, wild forests. Intact eastern forests effectively mitigate the impacts of climate change. The finest example of mature forests and the largest, single ownership of forested, wild land in Illinois, is on the Shawnee.

The best way to accomplish the mission of the Illinois 30 by 30 Conservation Task Force of establishing a truly bold goal for protecting the natural lands and waters of Illinois is to advise the Governor and the General Assembly to recommend to our US Congressional Delegation to support legislation to transfer the Shawnee National Forest out of the US Department of Agriculture's Forest Service (USFS) oversight and into the US Department of Interior's Park Service (NPS) to designate this gem as the Shawnee National Park and Climate Preserve.

The proximity of the Shawnee to relatively large population centers and the notable absence of national parks in the central United States, is an important consideration as well. Public demand in the state and this region of the country is poised to readily welcome and utilize a new, centrally located national park, and the Shawnee's 289,000 acres is the perfect candidate.

In the last twenty to thirty years, various cottage industries have emerged in Southernmost Illinois that both rely on and cater to tourism. Businesses, from wineries to microbreweries, bed & breakfasts to cabin rentals, farmers markets and orchards to unique eateries that help reduce the area's carbon footprint and sustain the local economy, are scattered throughout the region's picturesque small towns and the forested hills and valleys

Logging, mining, oil and gas drilling, all of which are permitted on national forests contribute greatly to climate change and provide few local jobs. Under the national park and preserve scenario, more recreationists will be attracted to the area, jobs will flourish over the long run because the natural resources that form the foundation of the region and the more sustainable, tourism-based economy will remain intact.

There are currently 21 National Preserves which are commonly associated with national parks but allow for more uses such as sport hunting, trapping and dispersed camping, that may not be permitted in parks. Areas where such ongoing recreational use regularly takes place on the Shawnee

can continue under NPS oversight, as part of the National Preserve. The Shawnee should be the nation's 64th National Park and more importantly **the first National Climate Preserve!**

The *IPCC's Climate Change 2022, Sixth Report, Summary for Policymakers* made the necessity we face clear.

“Safeguarding biodiversity and ecosystems is fundamental to climate resilient development, ... Recent analyses, drawing on a range of lines of evidence, suggest that maintaining the resilience of biodiversity and ecosystem services at a global scale depends on effective and equitable conservation of approximately 30% to 50% of Earth's land, freshwater and ocean areas, including currently near-natural ecosystems (*high confidence*).” (IPCC 2022 Report, SPM.D.4, pg. 34)

Coupled with the ongoing, deplorable impacts from Climate Change, a trend toward additional climate preserves is sure to grip the nation. A bold goal for the state's 30 X 30 Task Force should be to recommend establishing the Nation's First Climate Preserve in Illinois!

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Kim Erndt-Pitcher, Prairie Rivers Network

Prairie Rivers Network (PRN) is a statewide conservation organization whose mission is to protect water, heal land, and inspire change. We use science and collective action to protect and restore the health of lands and waters throughout the state. We appreciate this opportunity to provide input on the 30 x 30 strategy to protect and restore critical land and water resources for the people and wildlife of Illinois.

Climate change is already impacting Illinois' land and water resources. It is critical that the state's 30 x 30 goals address how to best manage and protect those resources and adapt to a changing world. The proper care and management of these resources is a critical aspect of mitigating climate change and reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Our native ecosystems are under a tremendous amount of pressure from the threats of pollution, habitat loss, invasive species, disease, and climatic stressors. We feel strongly that the protection of high-quality habitat and the habitat of rare, threatened, and endangered species should be maintained as a priority for the state. The 30 x 30 plan should set ambitious goals. Below we provide a few ideas on how Illinois can meet our 30 x 30 goals.

Funding for state agencies.

In order to meet our 30 x 30 goals, we need:

1. Significant increases in dedicated funding for the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, and the Illinois Department of Agriculture. These agencies serve many critical roles, specifically, they are responsible for managing and maintaining public lands, evaluating and permitting projects that impact environmental health and drinking water resources, assisting landowners in the management of their land, and enforcing regulations that protect the people, wildlife, and natural resources of Illinois. Without proper funding and an increase in qualified and committed staff within these agencies to address the ever-growing demands put upon them, we will not reach 30 x 30 goals and the natural resources we currently have cannot be properly protected.
2. The IDNR also needs increased funding for the purpose of purchasing and protecting land that is critical for the protection of biodiversity.
3. Illinois needs Increased funding to assist in the protection of wetlands, stream corridors, water supply watersheds, and to purchase large tracts of land for
4. river-floodplain connection projects that protect wildlife habitat, water quality, and increase flood resilience.

Management of State-Owned Lands

1. State-owned lands provide unique opportunities to improve habitat that is already protected and under management.

2. We encourage the state to continue to protect and preserve lands of high ecological quality (e.g., INAI and INPC sites) in accordance with the Illinois Wildlife Action Plan.
3. We encourage the state to restore and maintain lands of lesser ecological quality to promote healthy and diverse ecosystems thus maximizing climate change resilience.
4. Illinois needs dedicated funding for easement programs that allow landowners to place priority and/or high quality areas of land under permanent protection from development.
5. The impact of climate change on the quality and condition of state-owned natural areas and the species of plants and animals that depend on them should be considered in the management of all public lands.
6. In order to address anticipated shifts in species range and habitat availability, the state should focus on the expansion and connectivity of wildlife habitat in priority landscapes (e.g., Middle Illinois River, Upper Mississippi River COA).
7. Discourage high-impact uses that diminish or degrade existing high-quality habitats (e.g., Kickapoo mountain bike trail expansion).

Private lands

1. Private landowners in both rural settings located in small townships and urban settings in large cities all have the potential to increase native habitat for invertebrates, birds, and other wildlife.
2. Nationwide programs such as the National Wildlife Federation's Certified Wildlife Habitat Program and Mayors' Monarch Pledge, and small regional and local groups that are supportive of "greening" up communities with the use of native herbaceous plants and trees can help protect biodiversity, mitigate climate change, and improve opportunities for all people to enjoy and benefit from regular contact with nature.
3. Partnerships between state and federal agencies, NGOs, communities, and private landowners have proven to be highly effective. Partnerships such as these should be encouraged and sought after more frequently.

Addressing Agricultural Pollution at a Landscape Scale

1. The management practices used on the majority of agricultural lands across the state do not adequately protect water resources and build soil health. Many farmers and scientists agree that the current system is not sustainable, and the agricultural community will eventually need to shift their practices to adapt to climate change, changes in water availability, degraded soil health, environmental degradation, and the public's increased demand for healthy foods. Conservation programs such as CREP, CRP, EQIP, etc. that piece together practices for farmers are not enough to address current complex agro-ecological problems. Additionally, each year, farmers have been turned away from these programs because there simply is not enough funding to support all of the interests.
2. We need increased funding for conservation programs. Many conservation and agricultural groups, including Prairie Rivers Network, strive to increase funding through these programs through the Farm Bill. These efforts need to be increased and amplified to illustrate the need for such programs on the landscape.
3. Illinois needs an innovative and comprehensive approach to helping farmers rebuild resiliency on their land. Regenerative agricultural practices are based on outcomes that build healthy soil, protect water resources, greatly reduce the need for synthetic inputs

such as fertilizers and pesticides, and they increase the overall health of the agro-ecosystem and help mitigate climate change. We desperately need long-term funding for well-trained technical service providers that specialize in helping farmers utilize integrated pest management practices and understand and implement the best regenerative practices for their farm in order to protect water quality, build healthy soil, and protect biodiversity. These efforts could greatly amplify the efforts being made by the Natural Resource Conservation Service, Farm Service Agency, and Soil and Water Conservation District staff.

State-Owned Agricultural Lands

1. We commend the steps that the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) has taken to improve the health of the agricultural lands they manage. The steps the IDNR is taking are a strong move in the right direction. The department has the opportunity to serve as an example of what is possible and should continue to set high standards for improving the health of agricultural areas and protecting the natural resources that are surrounded by them.
2. We encourage the department to continue to improve the working relationships with their tenants and the agreements made with them in order to further protect water resources and the critical areas of wildlife habitat the state manages.
3. We encourage the department to eliminate the use of any treated seeds on state-owned land that is leased for agricultural use. Many treated seeds are coated with neonicotinoid pesticides that contain active and inert ingredients that have proven harmful to aquatic and terrestrial life. These pesticides are water-soluble, persistent, and systemic, all of which contribute to the problems they can cause for water quality and wildlife.
4. We recognize the steps the Department has made to reduce the use of synthetic nitrogen, herbicides, and other synthetic inputs on leased lands. We encourage the department to continue to work closely with tenants so that they may be able to move toward more regenerative practices and therefore reduce the need for synthetic inputs.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on how we can achieve the goal of 30 x 30.
Sincerely,



Kim Erndt-Pitcher
Habitat and Agriculture Programs Specialist Prairie Rivers Network

Dear Illinois 30x30 Task Force,

On behalf of Project Coyote, in the below comments hereby submitted to the information gathering Task Force created pursuant to Illinois House Bill 3928, we highlight the critical need for both addressing landscape connectivity and coexistence between humans and wild lives within the context of any anticipated Illinois 30x30 initiative. Based on the scientific literature on the topics, failure to consider connectivity and coexistence will certainly complicate progress towards the plan's mission of creating an equitable, biodiverse and climate resilient Illinois.

Connectivity

There is robust evidence indicating protected areas ('cores'), when adequately placed and enforced, help increase biodiversity locally, and that they are most effective when they minimize human-dominated land uses⁴⁵. However, most conservation plans fail to address the connectivity component that is integral to the resiliency of cores and adjacent landscapes⁴⁶.

Ecological connectivity can be defined as the feasible movement of species and circulation of ecological processes across a landscape⁴⁷. In human-dominated systems, such as much of Illinois, including the Chicago Wilderness Area, cores without connectivity via wildlife corridors are doomed to failure due largely to restrictions in movement that limit species' numbers, distribution and genetic variability. Connectivity is critical for species with large habitat requirements because it allows them to achieve natural, flourishing populations through unrestricted genetic dispersal. In part, genetic dispersal increases the resilience of species to changing environmental conditions (i.e., increases their adaptability to climate change).

Connectivity is also indispensable for migratory species, such as the monarch butterfly, that depend on migration corridors that connect stopover points. In fact, the protection of small habitat patches has been proven to disproportionately contribute to dispersal, providing connectivity that proves indispensable for animals and plants, including those dependent on native grasslands⁴⁸.

When adequately protected, rivers and their associated floodplains can provide a variety of species with essential corridors across the Midwest⁴⁹. Such evidence suggests connectivity, at multiple scales, should be a priority in landscape conservation. Lastly, urban corridors can decrease negative human-wildlife interactions (such as collisions), and also allow for more equitable access to nature, with an

⁴⁵ Gray CL, Hill SLL, Newbold T, Hudson LN, Boirger L, Contu S, et al. Local biodiversity is higher inside than outside terrestrial protected areas worldwide. *Nat Commun.* 2016;7(May).

⁴⁶ Dinerstein E, Joshi AR, Vynne C, Lee ATL, Pharand-Deschênes F, França M, et al. A "global safety net" to reverse biodiversity loss and stabilize earth's climate. *Sci Adv.* 2020;6(36):1–14

⁴⁷ Hilty J, Worboys GL, Keeley A, Woodley S, Lausche BJ, Locke H, et al. Guidelines for conserving connectivity through ecological networks and corridors. *Best Practice Protected Area Guidelines Series No. 30.* Gland, Switzerland; 2020.

⁴⁸ Wimberly MC, Narem DM, Bauman PJ, Carlson BT, Ahlering MA. Grassland connectivity in fragmented agricultural landscapes of the north-central United States. *Biol Conserv [Internet]*. 2018;217(June 2017):121–30. Available from: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.biocon.2017.10.031>

⁴⁹ See Ahlering MA, Cornett M, Blann K, White M, Lenhart C, Dixon C, et al. A conservation science agenda for a changing Upper Midwest and Great Plains, United States. *Conserv Sci Pract.* 2020;2(8):1–10. Also, Schottler, S. P., Ulrich, J., Belmont, P., Moore, R., Lauer, J. W., Engstrom, D. R., & Almendinger, J. E. (2014). Twentieth century agricultural drainage creates more erosive rivers. *Hydrological Processes*, 28, 1951–1961.

emphasis on historically underserved communities of color (e.g., the Burham Wildlife Corridor)⁵⁰. Below, we provide some useful resources on diverse forms of policy and legislation to enhance connectivity (e.g., the Wildlife Corridors Act).

Coexistence

Many species require not only protection of cores and corridors, but also reduction of human activities around them, and education on coexistence to mitigate negative interactions and impacts for both humans and wildlife.⁵¹ Functionally, effective cores and corridors require protection from harm. Accordingly, there's a critical need to correct the current lack of protection for mesopredators such as bobcats and coyotes, which often leads to cruel and indiscriminate killing practices such as wildlife killing contests, trapping, and poaching of protected species. Correcting for such lack of protections will mitigate the root causes of declines in predator populations, and resulting irruptions in their prey populations.

Predators such as bobcats, coyotes, bears, cougars and wolves play vital roles in maintaining resilient ecosystems through their top-down regulatory effects on prey populations, and indirect effects that reverberate throughout the trophic web. For example, in both urban and rural ecosystems, coyotes directly regulate the abundance of small rodents including rats, gophers, rabbits and insects, and indirectly increase the diversity of songbirds by regulating the latter's predators⁵². Hence, coyote (or bobcat, or cougar) killing can precipitate incredibly harmful and damaging ecological chain reactions while also increasing conflicts. Instead of engaging in cruel and damaging practices, we suggest the state of Illinois focus on prohibiting the cruel, indiscriminate killing of wildlife, alongside the promotion of least harmful and non-lethal interventions that have been proven functionally effective at mitigating negative interactions and promoting care for wildlife.

Alongside cores and connectivity, coexistence provides the third essential component allowing for ecological resilience, rather than the protection of scenic landscapes that are devoid of most biodiversity and extremely vulnerable to climate change. Among other changes, we suggest the promotion of coexistence will also require a change from consumptive, harmful uses to non-consumptive ones such as wildlife watching and nature-based tourism which can align the wellbeing of humans and nonhumans.

The health and wellbeing of Illinois and Midwestern ecosystems will hinge in large part on the integration of cores, connectivity and coexistence policies and initiatives with adjacent states. An ideal, regional goal to work towards would be to connect larger core areas (e.g., the Driftless Region, the Shawnee National Forest, the Ozarks) with smaller ones across the Midwest through corridors. Coupled with the foregrounding of coexistence and respect for wildlife, such a network will

⁵⁰ 6 The Center for Growth and Opportunity at Utah State University. "Urban conservation is key to achieving Biden's 30x30 initiative". Jul 05, 2021, retrieved from <https://www.thecgo.org/benchmark/urban-conservation-is-key-to-achieving-bidens-30x30-initiative/>

⁵¹ See Dietsch AM, Slagle KM, Baruch-Mordo S, Breck SW, Ciarniello LM. Education is not a panacea for reducing human-black bear conflicts. *Ecol Modell.* 2018;367:10–2. Also, Flores-Morales M, Vázquez J, Bautista A, Rodríguez-Martínez L, Monroy-Vilchis O. Response of two sympatric carnivores to human disturbances of their habitat: the bobcat and coyote. *Mammal Res.* 2019;64(1):53–62.

⁵² Crooks KR, Soulé ME. Mesopredator release and avifaunal extinctions in a fragmented system. *Nature* [Internet]. 1999 Aug 5;400:563. Available from: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1038/23028>. Also, Kays R, Costello R, Forrester T, Baker MC, Parsons AW, Kalies L, et al. Cats are rare where coyotes roam. *J Mammal.* 2015;96(5):981–7. And, Gehrt SD, Wilson EC, Brown JL, Anchor C. Population Ecology of Free-Roaming Cats and Interference Competition by Coyotes in Urban Parks. *PLoS One.* 2013;8(9):1–11.

undoubtedly provide increased species movement and higher ecological resilience, both of which are indispensable to retain biodiversity in the face of climate change.

Thank you for considering the above comments. We would be happy to contribute additional resources and scientific literature as requested. We look forward to their integration within the Illinois 30x30 initiative.

Resources:

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- [Project Coyote](#) (coexistence)
 - [Ending Wildlife Killing Contests](#)
- [Crushing Cruelty: Animal Trapping in the United States](#) (2021, Born Free)
- [Rewilding the Heartland](#) strategy for reconnecting landscapes across the Midwest; features maps with important attributes, such as human footprint, land cover and flyway regions
 - [BeWildReWild](#) land protection interactive map for the Mississippi River Basin
- [Global Safety Net 1.0](#) - “The first global-scale analysis of land areas requiring protection to solve the twin crises of biodiversity loss and climate change, upholding and strengthening Indigenous land rights”
- [Conservation Corridor](#) - provides up-to-date findings from science that will inform applied conservation. We will highlight new innovations in applied conservation, with the goal of guiding the direction of applied science toward management needs.
 - [Article](#) on tools available for mapping
- [Wildlife Corridors Conservation Act](#) - Dedicates \$50 million per year to a Wildlife Movement Grant Program that will incentivize the state and tribal agencies and interested private landowners to improve habitat connectivity on non-federal lands
- [New Mexico DRAFT Wildlife Corridors Action Plan](#)
- [USDA Highway Crossing Structures for Wildlife: Opportunities for Improving Driver and Animal Safety](#)

Sincerely,

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Executive Summary

Conservation Land Trusts are private, 501(c)3 organizations that can access private funding to leverage and match public funds to make state and federal tax dollars go farther. There are over 35 conservation land trusts in Illinois, each is governed by a board of directors, and they are collectively represented by a statewide coalition: the **Prairie State Conservation Coalition (PSCC)**; also, a 501(c)3 organization. Collectively, conservation land trusts in Illinois have saved over 200,000 acres of open space in statewide.

In this document we highlight key areas where Illinois can contribute to President Biden's 30x30 Program. We highlight programs that we know work and advocate that an increase in funding those programs is the fastest way to move forward on 30x30 goals and provide significant additional economic and social benefits to the state.

1. Conservation land trusts are a major partner in implementing the mission of IDNR and the goals of the **Illinois Wildlife Action Plan** because they are able to conduct conservation land transactions at a faster pace and at a lower cost and they draft and work with partners to pass legislation that furthers conservation goals and objectives.
2. It is time to increase the real estate transfer tax. Passed in 1989, it funds **OSLAD** and **NAAF**, two key IDNR programs for acquisition, development and land stewardship for parks and natural areas. We can do more with a modest increase.
3. Invasive species are second only to habitat conversion as the greatest threat to biodiversity. New policies regulating the introduction of invasive species and funding for eradication of newly discovered infestations is needed to meet 30x30 biodiversity goals.
4. Expanding Federal and state cost share programs is the key to the protection and stewardship of farmland and reducing their fragmentation and development.
5. Protection of natural areas needs to be a priority goal in 30x30; a strengthening of the IDNR Comprehensive Environmental Review Program is needed to reach that goal.
6. Two state agencies that need more staff and appropriations are the Illinois Nature Preserves Commissions and the Illinois Endangered Species Protection Board. The INPC has 117,400-acres and only ~13 staff to do the work needed to steward and protect these sites. Additional acreage is added annually.
7. Legal protection of wetlands will go a long way to reach 30x30 goals.
8. Working to allow non-profit conservation partners to access **LAWCON** funds will bring additional capacity and private funds and resources to leverage public investments.
9. There are existing opportunities to add land to the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie (~3000-acres) and the Lost Mound Unit (~300-acres) at the Upper Mississippi National Wildlife Refuge.

1.0 Conservation Land Trusts in Illinois.

Conservation land trusts can be key partners to implement 30x30 goals in Illinois.

In 2005, the Prairie State Conservation Coalition (PSCC) formed to represent the conservation land trusts in Illinois which are located across the state. They have been purchasing Illinois Natural Area Inventory sites, dedicating, and registering them, drafting key conservation bills and working with partners to pass them. In 2016 and 2017, PSCC member organizations acquired more conservation land than did government agencies⁵³. PSCC created the **I-View** database which is the only one of its kind in the nation ([online web map](#)), the core of which is a comprehensive online, publicly available database of all of the state's protected natural lands and municipal parks – public and private, fee-owned, and conservation easements.

The I-View is now relied upon by government agencies, consultants, conservation NGOs and many others not only to understand the current state of conservation in the state, but for planning, collaboration, research, and analysis.

Working with partners, especially the **Illinois Environmental Council**, PSCC has been instrumental in providing political support to pass the following critical bills into law:

- **Recreational Liability Act**—Makes it easier for private landowners to allow recreational pursuits on their land without liability worries.
- **Illinois Prescribed Burning Act**--Made prescribed burning a property right and set the liability standard higher than strict liability. We are working to strengthen the liability issues with this act.
- **Conservation Easement Statute amendment**-- Strengthened language in the act.
- **Natural Areas Stewardship Act (NASA)**-- was drafted by PSCC in 2017 to address the burgeoning need for stewardship on Dedicated Nature Preserves and Registered Land and Water Reserves. It went live in 2021.

NASA is an IDNR grant program that provides stewardship grants to Conservation Land Trust for stewardship on dedicated Nature Preserves and Registered Land and Water Reserves. IDNR allocated \$500,000 for grants and got over \$800,000 dollars in proposals. This grant program will provide an annual source for stewardship funding from the **Natural Areas Acquisition and Stewardship Fund** via the **Real Estate Transfer Act**.

Proposed action to support 30x30.

- ❖ Increase the cap on the *Illinois Land Conservation and Stewardship Act* to \$1-million dollars.

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- ❖ Develop a land acquisition and development grant program similar to OSLAD for Conservation Land Trusts.
- ❖ Help PSCC and the Prescribed Burn Council to increase the liability standard in the Prescribed Burning Act.

2.0 Dedicated state funds and 30x30 goals.

- The Natural Areas Preservation Fund, (NAAF)
- Open Space Land and Development Fund (OSLAD)

There are over 13 dedicated conservation funds that are not General Revenue (GR) funds. These tax dollars are dedicated to specific purposes to support conservation programs. The two examples above are principal land acquisition funding sources for IDNR and Local Park and Conservation Districts. In 1989 the Illinois General Assembly created the Natural Areas Acquisition Fund (NAAF -0298) and the Open Space and Land Acquisition and Development Fund (OSLAD- 0299) and several Homeless Assistance programs, which are funded by the Real- estate Transfer Tax.

Proposed action to support 30x30 goals.

- ❖ It is time to increase the Real-estate Transfer Tax to help support the 30x30 effort and address increasing homeless issues as well.
- ❖ Refrain from the taking the easy solution of “sweeping”, “freezing”, and “borrowing” from these funds to support unrelated projects or programs.

3.0 Biodiversity and Invasive Species.

Biodiversity:

In an exhaustive report on the importance of biodiversity to the world’s economy, the Dasgupta Review points out that human demands on nature exceed its capacity to supply them therefore threatening biodiversity and putting world economies at risk⁵⁴. **The science is overwhelming and redundant --biodiversity matters; our economies depend on it--our quality of life depends on it; what is needed now are policies to address the issues science has identified⁵⁵.**

Invasive Species:

Invasive species are second only to direct habitat loss as the most important threats to the biodiversity. A recent example is the pending loss of 18 native species of ash trees (*Fraxinus* spp.) from our forests which is due to the invasive emerald ash borer (*Agrilus planipennis*), an insect species from Asia which was detected only 19 years ago in Detroit.

⁵⁴ Dasgupta, P. 2021. The economics of biodiversity: The Dasgupta Review. London: HM treasury. 606 pp.

⁵⁵ United Nations Environment Programme (2021). Making peace with nature: A scientific blueprint to tackle the climate, biodiversity, and pollution emergencies. Nairobi. 168 pp.

Illinois is in a prime area of the country to be impacted by invasive and exotic species because of the connection to the Great Lakes, Illinois River, and serving as a road and rail transportation hub. Exotic, non-indigenous invasive species, affect the biosecurity of Illinois in three ways: (a) threatening human and animal health (b) reducing the profitability of agribusiness and (c) degrading aquatic, natural and urban ecosystems. **Exotic invasive species are reported to cause over \$140 billion of environmental damages and economic losses every year in the United States⁵⁶.** It is estimated that Illinois spent over \$90 million dollars to eradicate the long-horned beetle from Illinois and over \$9.6 million to keep carp out of Lake Michigan. The Great Lake states have spent over \$69 million to control zebra mussels; most use to protect water intake pipes at nuclear plants and water plants. In Illinois, at several state and federal agencies are involved with the permitting, regulation, and eradication of invasive exotic species in Illinois. This causes time consuming bottlenecks slowing the legal and administrative actions needed to keep new risky introductions out of Illinois.

Proposed action to support 30x30 goals.

Prevention and early intervention are the most cost-effective approaches to address the economic impact of exotic invasive species to the biosecurity of Illinois. To be successful this will require a coordinated approach in the form of a **Governor's Council on Biosecurity**. This Council will involve all levels of government, impacted industries, research institutions, local communities, natural resource agencies, not-for-profit organizations and other stakeholders. Its main purpose is to stop the spiraling costs associated with the unregulated introduction of exotic organisms. The Council will do this by developing, in partnership with stakeholders, legislative and administrative remedies to address this serious issue.

Funding source: Quarantine Bonds

New Zealand and Australia have the strictest laws in the world; reviewing their structure and functions would be a good start. But as it stands now the cost of dealing with the skyrocketing cost of escaped and naturalized exotics organisms is wholly paid for by the taxpayer. The intent of this act is to move the cost of assessment, inspection, quarantine, early detection and intervention, eradication, control, research, and litigation **away from the taxpayer and onto the purveyor.**

4.0 Agricultural Lands-CRP, CREP &WRP and ACEP-ALE and RCPP.

- ❖ Grassland birds.
- ❖ River and aquifer protection and floodplain restoration.

Private landowners' control about 95% of the land in Illinois. Illinois. The vast majority of this land is in agricultural production. Farmland in Illinois is a valuable, non-renewal resource that serves important economic and environmental functions, and Illinois' farmers are essential allies in the effort to reach the 30x30 goals for biodiversity conservation and climate mitigation.

There are important opportunities to advance 30x30 goals through more use of in-field and edge-of-field conservation practices via cost share programs, better stewardship; and protecting critical

⁵⁶ Pimentel, D., S. McNAir, J. Janecka, J. Wightman, C. Simmonds, C. O'Connell, E. Wong, L. Russel, J. Zern, T. Aquino, and T. Tsomondo. 2001. Economic and environmental threats of alien plant, animal, and microbe invasions. *Agricultural, Ecosystems, & Environment* 84(1) 1-20

farmland from fragmentation and development using farmland conservation easements. **These are the key ingredients for protecting soil, restoring wildlife habitat and sustaining forest resources on private lands.**

Over 74,000 acres of land has been enrolled in permanent easements in the USDA/ state's Conservation Reserve Enhancement (CREP) program. There are over 34,000 acres of eligible land backlogged for CREP in Illinois, and the IDNR annually requests \$10 million dollars/year out of GRF (General revenue Funds) and Bond Funds to pay the state's share of CREP. They generally receive an appropriation of between \$7-8 million. The Wetland Reserve Program (WRP) can also play a key in reaching 30x30 land protection goals in Illinois.

Significant federal funding is available to purchase farmland protection easements from willing sellers. These easements ensure that farmland remains permanently available for agricultural production and protects the ecosystem services provided by that land. The 2018 Farm Bill includes \$2.25 Billion in mandatory easement funding under the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP), and an additional \$1.5 Billion available for easements under the Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP). State and local dollars are needed to unlock this federal funding source for Illinois.

Grassland Birds:

The CRP program planted thousands of acres to grasslands providing habitat for declining grassland birds. The CRP program is credited with keeping the declining Henslow's Sparrow off the federal endangered species list.

River and aquifer protection and floodplain restoration:

Building upon the success of CREP, a floodplain restoration program should be developed that would focus on sustainable agriculture in floodplains along Illinois' River systems. This could provide cost-share incentives for landowners to plant alternative crops, but also reconnecting the rivers to their floodplains and helping to protect drinking water by protecting recharge areas for aquifers such as the Mahomet Aquifer in Central Illinois.

Proposed action to further 30x30 goals.

The IDNR and the Illinois Department of Agriculture should work together with stakeholders and the General Assembly to develop legislation to create a dedicated fund for the purchase of permanent conservation easements from willing sellers to protect farmland, retire highly erodible lands, and purchase high quality natural areas.

Over 28 states have adopted state-level programs, which enable access to the federal easement dollars. Funding streams for these programs are varied and include: general appropriations and bonds; farmland mitigation fees; real estate transfer taxes; sales taxes; use value assessment recapture; lottery proceeds; and greenhouse gas reduction funds.

For example, A 1-cent tax on a bushel of corn, soybean, and wheat, based on 2003 harvest data would have generated over \$22 million dollars that year for this important farmland protection and conservation program. This program would provide a **\$20 million dollars** influx of funds to help

expand an important conservation and farm program that is clearly in the public interest and releases another \$10 million dollars in general revenue to be used to address other short falls elsewhere in the state budget.

Funding source:

- ❖ Work with stakeholders to develop a funding proposal for **Kernels for Conservation**.
- ❖ Adopt a transferrable tax credit program that allows Illinois landowners to receive a dollar-for-dollar transferrable tax credit for the donation of conservation easements in priority area, such as established Illinois Ag Areas.

5.0 IDNR Comprehensive Environmental Review Program (CERP). Illinois Natural Areas Inventory (INAI)

Completed in 1978, the Illinois Natural Areas Inventory (INAI) was the first state-wide inventory conducted in the United States. It was funded by appropriations from the Illinois General Assembly and federal money from the Land and Water Conservation Fund. The INAI has become one of the most profound agents of change within Illinois government not only with respect to identifying and classifying Illinois' vanishing natural heritage, but also how it drives policy, appropriations, management decisions and legislation at all levels of government.

The INAI resulted in numerous landmark changes in the internal thinking and workings of the IDNR and Illinois Government as it relates to natural areas and endangered species protection. Examples include the Natural Areas Preservation Plan, the Comprehensive Environmental Review Program (CERP, the Natural Areas Preservation Act, Build Illinois Program, Critical Trends Assessment, Resource Rich Areas, Eco Watch Program, Open Land Trust Program, Land and Water Conservation Fund, and Conservation 2000 Program.

County Forest Preserve Districts, County Conservation Districts, Conservation Land Trusts all use the INAI data to develop land protection plans. McHenry County Conservation District, Lake Country Forest Preserve and DuPage County Forest Preserved District are examples of agencies that have protected almost all the known INAI sites within their jurisdictions.

IDNR Comprehensive Environmental Review Program (CERP) Is a process that requires a review of existing information before state dollars can be spent on capital projects. It does not have the force of rule to mandate alternative actions that may impact INAI sites such a Bell Bowl Prairie.

Proposed action to support 30x30 goals.

Thanks to the Illinois Natural History Survey, Illinois has over 164-years of scientific information to make informed decisions about the conservation of our natural resources.

- ❖ INAI data needs to be shared among all IDNR conservation partners.

- ❖ The IDNR should consider partnering with the Illinois Natural History Survey (INHS) to update the Element of Occurrence (EOR) records.
- ❖ The CERP process needs to be amended to include a review of existing information before state dollars can be spent on capital projects that effect INAI sites and provide the rule of law to affect changes in design that would impair or minimize an INAI site.

6.0 II. Nature Preserves Commission (INPC) and the II. Endangered Species Board (IESB).

Illinois Nature Preserve Commission (INPC)

Created in 1963 by the Natural Areas Preservation Act, the mission of the Illinois Nature Preserves Commission (INPC) is to assist private and public landowners in protecting natural areas and endangered species sites through voluntary agreements. INPC is made up of nine citizen commissioners appointed by the Governor to serve three-year terms. They serve without pay but are reimbursed for expenses.

There are currently 601 Dedicated Nature Preserves and Registered Land and Water Reserves in 96 of our 102 counties, totaling over 117,400 acres.

- Government agencies own most Nature Preserves but 83 are owned by private individuals and families. Several nature preserves are owned by corporations.
- Twenty-five percent of all of the occurrences of endangered and threatened species in Illinois are located in Nature Preserves or Land and Water Reserves. Nature preserves are also used extensively for scientific research.

Illinois Endangered Species Protection Board (ESPB)

In 1972, Illinois passed one of the first Endangered Species Acts in the country. This act also created the Endangered Species Protection Board. The mandated role of the ESPB is to list and delist species that are at risk of being extirpated from the state.

Proposed action to support 30x30 goals.

- ❖ The INPC is understaffed to manage the 117,000-acres of land enrolled in their protection programs. IDNR needs to hire additional INPC staff to fulfill the states' contractual obligation to protect and manage these sites.
- ❖ Support the Friends of the Illinois Nature Preserves System a 501(c)3 statewide group formed to assist the INPC to steward and protect Illinois Nature Preserves and Land and Water Reserves.
- ❖ With only one fulltime employee the ESPB is understaffed to fully execute its statutory obligations to examine species for listing and delisting species. An additional headcount is needed to hire a Listing Coordinator.

7.0 Wetland Protection

Isolated wetlands are no longer protected from draining and filling due to a 2001 Supreme Court decision, commonly referred to as the SWANCC decision. Months of comprehensive negotiations in Illinois among state agencies, local governments, business groups, and conservation organizations resulted in the drafting a bill which if adopted provided a good sense approach to wetland protection, taking into account the concerns of Illinois farmers, miners, utility companies, and other landowners while creating an effective statewide wetlands protection program

The benefits of all remaining wetlands are of importance to Illinois for the following reasons:

- Wetlands reduce flood damages by absorbing, storing and conveying peak flows from storm events and buffering aquatic ecosystems from drought.
- Wetlands improve water quality by serving as sedimentation, nutrient cycling and filtering basins and as natural biological treatment areas.
- Wetlands increase infiltration and replenish groundwater and aquifers.
- Wetlands provide breeding, nesting, forage and protective habitat for approximately 40 percent of the State's threatened and endangered plants and animals, in addition to other species of fish, wildlife, waterfowl, and shorebirds.
- Wetlands serve as recreational areas for hunting, fishing, boating, hiking, bird watching, photography and other uses.
- Wetlands reduce flooding, a problem that causes over \$300 million in damage to Illinois each year. Every 1 percent of a watershed in wetlands reduces peak flows after heavy rains by almost 4 percent statewide and almost 8 percent in northern Illinois.

Proposed action to support 30x30 goals.

- ❖ Pass state wetland protection legislation.

8.0 Great American Outdoors Act /Land and Water Conservation Fund

Great American Outdoors Act (GAOA) authorizes permanent funding of the Land and Water Conservation Fund at \$900 million annually to improve recreational opportunities on public lands, protect watersheds and wildlife, and preserve ecosystem benefits for local communities.

Currently only public agencies are eligible for a grant from this fund. Including Conservation Land Trusts in GAOA funding stream can protect more land than most agencies can do alone and with less push back. The AGOA is the cornerstone for the future protection of land and water resources conservation land trusts are the grass roots organizations to implement it a statewide and landscape scale.

To be able to fully utilize the federal funding IDNR will need more staff and a more streamlined process to execute land deals and grants in a timely fashion. It is very difficult to partner with IDNR now but if that changed, the conservation non-profits could help IDNR deploy the acquisition dollars even if the non-profits cannot directly use the LWCF dollars themselves.

An example: One local government partner lost an important site to another buyer because it took months and months for IDNR to approve the appraisal for an OSLAD grant.

Proposed action to support 30x30 goals.

- ❖ Work with the Illinois congressional delegation to amend federal legislation to make 501-(c) (3) not-for profit Conservation Land Trusts eligible for grants from the Land and Water Conservation Fund/ American Great Outdoors Act.
- ❖ Develop a system within IDNR to use conservation land trusts expertise to further 30x30 land protections and management goals.

9.0 30x30 Opportunities at Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie and the Lost Mound National Wildlife Refuge.

In 1996, with the conversion of the closed 23,500-acre Joliet Arsenal to the 19,000-acre Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie and the conversion of the closed 13,500-acre Savanna Army Depot, and the creation of the 9,000-acre Lost Mound unit of the Upper Mississippi River Wildlife Refuge under the Leadership of Governor Edgar, the taxpayers of Illinois were the beneficiaries of a windfall of \$19.45 billion dollars' worth of open space at no cost to Illinois taxpayers.

Joliet Army Training Area (JTA)—Will County

As part of the Defense Authorization Act that created Midewin, there was a provision that the 2,500-acre Joliet Army Training Area (JTA) should also be transferred to the U.S. Forest Service as part of Midewin when it was no longer need by the Military. The Army has since sold off land at the JTA, used parts of it for mitigation for a road project that was done by a private corporation suggesting that they no longer need it for military training purposes

Savanna Army Depot. —Jo Daviess and Carroll Counties

There are still hundreds of acres at the Savanna Army Depot that should be in conservation and outdoor recreational uses. Specifically, there is a block of over 300 acres of the high-quality sand prairie there that makes it the largest unprotected prairie left in left in the state of Illinois.

Proposed action to further 30x30 goals:

Joliet Army Training Area-

- ❖ Work with Senators Durbin and Duckworth to secure a Public Benefit Conveyance of the JTA to the state of Illinois or pass legislation via the Defense Authorization Bill to secure the JTA for public use, it would be worth over \$39-million dollars to Illinois.

Savanna Army Depot.

- ❖ Use funding from the newer federal funding Streams to purchase the G-Area grasslands.

Kerry Leigh, Natural Lands Institute

Governor Pritzker and Illinois 30 x 30 Conservation Task Force Members:

The undersigned would like to thank the Illinois 30 x 30 Conservation Task Force for their leadership in the effort to establish a bold goal to protect the natural lands and waters of Illinois by 2030. The stated mission of this effort notes that:

“Rapid land development in Illinois has led to the loss of vast amounts of natural lands and waters, impacting the quality of life of Illinois residents and potentially jeopardizing the future health of the state’s environment and economy.”⁵⁷

In fact, despite its nickname as the Prairie State, Illinois has lost more than 99 percent of its original open prairie and 95 percent of its original wetlands. Yet, there are important reasons to devote resources to our natural areas and to put Illinois on a path to wisely protect its natural heritage.

Investing in land conservation in Illinois is a sound economic choice.

Lands conserved in Illinois provide a host of benefits that have a measurable economic value to the state and its communities. They include natural goods and services such as water quality protection, wildlife habitat, air pollution removal, and carbon sequestration. Investments in land conservation and our state and local parks also support economic activity and job growth in a variety of other ways including recreational tourism, purchases of sporting goods, and boosts in nearby property values, to name a few. Land conservation in Illinois contributes to a thriving outdoor recreation economy generating \$25.8 billion each year and sustaining 200,000 jobs.

The protection and restoration of wildlife habitat is also strongly supported by the public.

Protecting and stewarding high quality habitat should be the first priority. The most recent Illinois Outdoor Recreation Survey found that 84.6% of respondents felt that a community’s outdoor recreation areas and facilities are important to quality of life and for the promotion of economic development and almost 80% wanted to see more wildlife habitats protected and restored.

A 2019 poll conducted by The Nature Conservancy showed that a majority of Illinois voters believe the state should be spending more on protecting land, water, and wildlife, with one-quarter (26%) saying “much more should be spent”. Voters’ top priorities for this funding included: protecting

⁵⁷ <https://www2.illinois.gov/dnr/programs/30by30/Pages/default.aspx>

wetlands, which help prevent flooding (73%), curbing air pollution (75%), providing opportunities for children to get outdoors and enjoy nature (71%), and protecting natural areas (62%).

Protecting and actively managing our remaining unprotected high quality INAI habitat should be a priority.

Completed in 1978, the Illinois Natural Areas Inventory (INAI) is an index of the state's most rare and unique natural sites. The INAI is often a helpful guide for state agencies, local forest preserves, park districts, land trusts, and private foundations interested in conservation. Illinois completed an update to the INAI in 2011, highlighting three key findings⁵⁸:

1. Natural area management is essential to the continued existence of these sites as natural areas that did not receive management have degraded or vanished; and
2. Small, fragmented natural communities and those subject to significant degradation from off-site factors are especially at risk of disappearing statewide; and
3. Prescribed fire as a management tool is critical.

To leverage existing investments in our Illinois natural areas, we respectfully request that the following recommendations be incorporated into the 30 x 30 Report to the Governor and the General Assembly:

Improve strategies to conserve and protect 30% of land and water by 2030 by:

Develop and adopt robust Administrative Rules for the current IDNR Endangered and Threatened Species Consultation Process.⁵⁹ Procedures for assessing impacts of agency actions on endangered and threatened species and natural areas are currently inadequate for 21st century threats.

Update the Ecological Compliance Assessment Tool⁶⁰ and Process Rules. This is the publicly accessible web-based tool that constitutes the first step for endangered and threatened species and other environmental review.

Integrate environmental considerations, land use planning, and other infrastructure projects into decision making. When proper consideration is given to the ecological impacts of new development, project feasibility and viability increases. Smart siting of new infrastructure projects can save taxpayer dollars and prevent delays in projects. This is especially pertinent as Illinois transitions to a clean energy economy. For example, the Central U.S. provides nearly 80 percent of the country's current and future onshore wind capacity. To ensure momentum continues in the clean energy sector especially, stakeholders must explore how to avoid negative effects on sensitive wildlife and habitats.

Provide tools and resources for landowners and private industry to manage resources responsibly and restore natural areas.

Provide meaningful incentives to private landowners who have INAI or other ecologically important conservation sites on their land that are unprotected. The Illinois Nature

⁵⁸ <https://www.ideals.illinois.edu/handle/2142/45937>

⁵⁹ [The Illinois Administrative Rule for Consultation](#)

⁶⁰ [EcoCAT](#)

Preserves Commission (INPC), a division of IDNR, regularly evaluates land under consideration for property tax incentive conservation programs. Nature preserves protect the highest quality natural lands in the state. Additionally, the Illinois Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) is the largest and second oldest CREP in the nation and allows private landowners to protect environmentally sensitive land in the Illinois and Kaskaskia River watersheds through the voluntary easements. These lands ensure that the investments made in protecting water quality and improving wildlife habitat have a long-lasting impact. Further incentives for all private landowners with ecologically important conservation sites should be enhanced.

Improve ideas for private, public, and philanthropic funding for expanding protection and helping to manage protected lands.

Prioritize ramping up staffing capacity at the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. The recent state budget is a positive step forward and will position the agency to get new hires. However, additional resourcing is needed to ensure the development of a talented and diverse staffing pipeline, the efficient administration of grants and other programs, and to take full advantage of recent federal investments in conservation. The conservation community stands ready to work with the IDNR in advocating for sufficient budgeting resources.

Create a substantial, long-term, dedicated source of state revenue. Altogether, there are approximately 360 park districts, 14 forest preserve districts, 5 conservation districts and over 40 private land trusts in the state. With a reliable source of funds, state governments and private nonprofit conservation organizations can establish meaningful conservation priorities that protect the most valuable resources, are equitably distributed and otherwise meet important statewide goals and values. Well-funded state governments are better positioned to secure and leverage funding from the federal government including providing match for federal grants as well as attracting local government or private philanthropic partners. The Recovering Americas Wildlife Act would bring \$26 million annually to Illinois. Increased and more available state funding would also promote equity in the allocation of resources. This could easily occur with an increase the existing real estate transfer tax supporting public land acquisition would be a significant improvement.

Enable non-profit conservation partners to access those funding streams. These additional resources will leverage this public investment and will bring additional capacity.

Include the true value of nature in our economic systems and project ROI's by utilizing the National System of Natural Capital Accounts to track and manage natural capital assets just like other economic assets⁶¹. These valuations and cost benefit analysis for a project should be incorporated as part of the alternatives analyses for a project and submitted and reviewed as part of the consultation process.

With partners, identify, promote and fund natural solutions practices through the carbon market like reforestation, forest management and cover crops to significantly increase

⁶¹ <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/04/22/fact-sheet-president-biden-signs-executive-order-to-strengthen-americas-forests-boost-wildfire-resilience-and-combat-global-deforestation/>

carbon storage and reduce emissions through carbon markets. Limiting climate warming to under 2 degrees C requires increased mitigation efforts, including land stewardship⁶². This study quantifies the potential of natural climate solutions to increase carbon storage and avoid greenhouse gas emissions in the US. Twenty on conservation, restoration, and improved land management interventions on natural and agricultural lands increase carbon storage and avoid greenhouse gas emissions. Current carbon market prices (USD 10 per Mg CO₂).

Support the acquisition and restoration of floodplains, as this is more cost effective than paying for flood damages. Flooding is the costliest form of natural disasters, and impacts are expected to increase, in part, due to exposure of new development to flooding. However, these costs could be reduced through the acquisition and conservation of natural land in floodplains.⁶³ This reference quantifies the benefits and costs of reducing future flood damages in the United States by avoiding development in floodplains. By 2070, cumulative avoided future flood damages exceed the costs of land acquisition for more than one-third of the unprotected natural lands in the 100-year floodplain (areas with a 1% chance of flooding annually). Large areas have an even higher benefit–cost ratio: for 54,433 km² of floodplain, avoided damages exceed land acquisition costs by a factor of at least five to one. Strategic conservation of floodplains would avoid unnecessarily increasing the economic and human costs of flooding while simultaneously providing multiple ecosystem services.

Illinois increased investment in our state agencies and their NGO partners as well as our natural and agricultural areas will protect the remaining habitat for our native species, make natural areas available for all Illinois citizens to access and enjoy, mitigate climate change, enhance partnerships, and promote equity in the allocation of resources.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide comment on this important initiative. Thank you for your consideration of our request.

The Natural Land Institute
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The Illinois Nature Conservancy
www.nature.org

Appendix VIII: Task Force Review Meeting Presentations

Introduction

- Chair Rogner gave a brief review of the duties of the task force.

⁶² Fargione et al. 2018. Natural Climate Solutions for the United States. Science Advances. <https://doi.org/10.1126/sciadv.aat1869>

⁶³ Johnson et al. 2019. A benefit–cost analysis of floodplain land acquisition for US flood damage reduction. Nature Sustainability. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41893-019-0437-5>

- Among the findings of the General Assembly included in the original bill is that Illinois has lost large amounts of natural habitat across many areas, contributing to the overall loss of biodiversity.
- It also pointed out that what has happened in Illinois is just a microcosm of what has happened across the country and the globe.
- The legislation cited the recommendation of scientists that we need to conserve 30% of our land and water by 2030 to address the twin crises of biodiversity loss and climate change, and concluded by directing the task force to collect information in support of setting a bold goal for the amount of land to be conserved by that time.
- Chair Rogner discussed the listening sessions the task force held and how the task force can proceed from here.
 - All the written and verbal comments and presentations received have been collected and summarized in one document, shared with all.
 - Next the task force has eight weeks to prepare the actual report.

Presentation of the Vision

- Leon Hinz, Illinois State Wildlife Action Plan coordinator, presented a proposal for a 30 by 30 vision for the Illinois landscape.
 - We need a vision for three reasons:
 - To motivate us to action
 - To assess our progress
 - To celebrate our successes
 - To develop goals for conservation of land and water, we need to imagine different possible futures for the state.
 - A positive vision of the future aligns with our values.
 - A shared vision established with common values will enable us to develop collective goals and realistic recommendations.
 - There are many common values, discussed and presented during the listening sessions, that could inform this vision. Here are several examples:
 - All residents living and working in safe and healthy environments
 - Vibrant and sustainable economies existing throughout the state
 - All communities having equitable local access to open spaces
 - Land protection yields equitable distribution of benefits to all people
 - Ecologically important areas are effectively managed and protected
 - Key terrestrial and aquatic habitats are connected across the state
 - All types of land share in mitigating climate change
 - Robust populations of native species exist statewide
 - We have developed a three-part vision as a reflection of these values.
 - The Illinois landscape maintains native species, mitigates climate change, and provides equitable access to nature's benefits to all residents.
 - People in Illinois live and work in safe and healthy communities with vibrant economies, equitable local access to open spaces, and that support native species while contributing to a sustainable future.
 - Private landowners regularly adopt voluntary conservation measures that sustain Illinois' native plant and animal communities, mitigate climate change, and support recreational and economic activities throughout the state.

- John Rogner
 - Think the first statement gets at the twin crises at the core of 30 by 30, but it also goes beyond that to discuss access for all people, to their mental and physical health, in line with the national 30 by 30 movement.
 - I also like that it includes engaging private landowners, since any 30 by 30 strategy in Illinois is going to by necessity rely heavily on voluntary efforts on private land.

Presentation of Survey Comments

- Olivia Schickel presented key findings from the survey of students that was conducted by the student members of the task force.
 - We received more than 150 responses to the survey, covering a broad range of areas.
 - One comment was concerned about converting land from agriculture to urban areas, and supported encouraging native plants and animals.
 - Another comment cited agricultural runoff into waterways as a concern.
 - Others discussed the need to reduce the dependence on non-renewable energy.
 - Still others cited concerns about lack of forests, lack of access to forests.
 - These echo a lot of the themes that we have discussed – a focus on encouraging native biodiversity, promoting equitable access, for example.
 - A major theme across comments was concerns about land being taken out of agricultural production for conservation and solar energy production, how that affects farmers' profitability, how that affects food availability.
 - Think this is an issue of education and marketing. Want to recommend that we understand these concerns and that we are looking for solutions that do not focus on taking land out of production, and that we want to improve profitability.

Task Force Discussion

Agricultural Areas

- Michael Lynch, IDNR staff, briefly summarized some of the programs discussed and comments received on the agricultural areas theme.
 - Comments varied, some expressing concern about urban development taking land out of agricultural production while others expressed concern about the impact of row-crop agriculture on natural habitats.
 - Across many comments, there was support for voluntary programs providing incentives to landowners and farmers for conservation practices.
 - Some of these programs pay farmers to take land out of production, while others focus on encouraging practices that provide broader ecosystem services.
 - IDNR Agricultural Lease Lands
 - FSA Conservation Reserve Program
 - IDNR Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program
 - NRCS Environmental Quality Incentives Program
 - IDoA Partners for Conservation
 - IDoA Fall Covers for Spring Savings
 - IDoA Stream Bank Stabilization Program
 - IEPA Section 319
- John Rogner

- Want to open it up for discussion on these themes and programs, how do we scale them up.
- Paul Ritter
 - Believe Olivia had some ideas on this.
- Olivia Schickel
 - With many of these programs we are not seeing the impact we would like.
 - A reason for that is people do not understand them or see them as being bad for their profitability; they would make more money just planting normally.
 - Think we should change direction to focus more on patches of pollinator habitat.
 - More agreeable to farmers, because does not necessitate taking land out of production
 - Easy for many people to get involved in at the community level since it is small scale
 - We would propose having agribusiness and seed producers help provide some of the initial funding for this and offering contracts to farmers to make more with this than regular planting in a tiered system.
- Brian Rennecker
 - A lot of federal conservation programs do not allow the stacking of private incentives on top of their programs, which may be a barrier to consider.
 - Like the idea, especially in the urban context with brownfields and vacant lots.
- Paul Ritter
 - Is that federal prohibition something we could talk to our legislators about?
- Brian Rennecker
 - Some of this is in the Farm Bill, which is currently in the process of being written for next year.
 - With cover crops, we worked directly with the USDA Risk Management Agency to get some leniency in what they would consider stacking.
- Bob Caveny
 - There is a part of CRP, called CP42, that is focused on pollinator habitat. It has been around maybe 10 years, and Illinois has around 200,000-300,000 acres enrolled in pollinator habitat through CRP currently.
- Jason Bleich
 - To add to that, all those acres are going to expire soon, so unless we can find a way to get them into a new program or revisit the CP42 guidelines, we are going to lose 200,000 of the best CRP acres in the state.
 - Also agree on the marketing. We often get so focused on the project that we forget to tell our story. As a field, we do not devote enough resources to that.
 - On another subject, other states have dedicated funding for their DNR. Missouri and Minnesota both dedicate a small portion of their sales tax to their state wildlife and conservation agency. That could be one of the biggest things we could do, if we could do that in Illinois.
- Todd Katz
 - Overall, what is the best way of conserving agricultural land? What is the goal if we want to get to 9 million acres?
- Bob Caveny

- Think that the main approach would be a focus on regenerative agriculture, changing how we farm to improve soil health.
- Right now, Illinois is mainly devoted to soybeans and corn, so empty seven months out of the year. Incorporating living plants, cover crops, in that time is important.
 - Soil health can improve agriculture in the long run and helps the biodiversity of underground ecosystems.
- Another change could be to cut down on insecticide use, which harms biodiversity.
- Lindsay Keeney
 - As we discuss new and expanded programs, want to make sure that the agencies implementing them have the capacity to do so.
 - Concurrent with creative thinking about programs, also need funding and staffing for these agencies, for the SWCDs
- John Rogner
 - Wholeheartedly agree, just to add that we are seeing some progress.
 - This upcoming budget is one of the best in a while, so an upward trend.
 - The Recovering America's Wildlife Act is expected to pass, providing \$25 million to IDNR every year for such programs.
- Todd Rettig
 - Back to agricultural practices, those are the same things we focus on when trying to reduce nutrient loading and runoff into waterways.
 - Important to build up these programs that have multiple overlapping benefits.
- Austin Omer
 - There are pretty good acreage estimates for conservation practices and nutrient loss reduction programs that you could borrow.
 - With President Biden's Earth Day address, they are planning to do a significant amount of conservation mapping through the Department of the Interior.
- John Rogner
 - Had seen about that mapping, do you know if states will have input in that mapping?
- Austin Omer
 - Currently do not know, sure you could reach out to them about that.
- Lindsay Keeney
 - They have had public comment on the Living Atlas project, but not sure they have gotten to the point of figuring out how to incorporate states into it.

Cities and Towns

- Michael Lynch, IDNR staff, briefly summarized some of the programs discussed and comments received on the cities and towns theme.
 - A major theme is the importance of accessibility to open space since these areas hold most of the population of the state.
 - We also heard about the possibility of seeing more conservation value from current open spaces, by converting turf in lawns or parks to pollinator habitat, for example.
 - We covered some programs that are intended to set aside land for conservation generally, but have a presence in urban areas, like state parks, as well as programs focused on urban areas, such those helping and encouraging homeowners to adopt conservation practices on their lawns.
 - Public Conservation Areas

- State
 - Local
 - Conservation Land Trust Areas
 - IDOT Right of Way Lands
 - Nature Preserves
 - IDNR OSLAD Grants
 - IDNR Coastal Grants
 - Urban Forestry
 - IEPA Green Infrastructure Grants
 - Private Habitat Registration (Conservation at Home)
- John Rogner
 - There may be a relatively larger role for public conservation areas in cities and towns, since there tends to be a demand for access to open spaces and the wealth to make that happen.
- Olivia Schickel
 - A common trend that we noticed in the comments was the existence of programs in these areas that are ready to go, but that require residents to reach out to them.
 - We need to connect these programs to community leaders, to make getting involved easy and accessible.
- Ellicia Sanchez
 - Agree that we want to make sure communities have the resources to access these programs, perhaps in terms of technical assistance.
 - Interested in the new Outdoor Recreation Partnership Service Program, offering grants to low-to-moderate income communities of 50,000 people or more to promote equitable access to green space.
 - Also wanted to call to attention the Vote Yes for Clean Air, Clean Water, and Wildlife Campaign, a ballot measure to increase to the Cook County Forest Preserves.
- John Rogner
 - Would like to add that our Open Space Land Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) grants typically require a 50/50 match, but we are allowed to provide a 90/10 match for underserved communities. Conducted more outreach recently and saw a response.
- Todd Katz
 - Wonder if there could be more of an effort to help private landowners reforest their lawns.
 - Know a big part is awareness, since there are organizations and governments that would like to provide trees. Could we partner with utility companies or another organization that communicates with everyone to spread awareness?
 - Or a holiday devoted to planting trees.
- John Rogner
 - IDNR with USFS has an Urban and Community Forestry Program to help cities and homeowners do exactly that. The questions are whether we can increase funding, measure success.
- Austin Omer

- Has IDNR looked at potentially using federal infrastructure funding for this program, or others? Could be something to report on to the General Assembly or the governor.
- John Rogner
 - Know the main infrastructure money for IDNR is for mine reclamation and oil and gas well plugging, but will check.
- Chris Young
 - We do have opportunities through the Infrastructure and Jobs Act to bolster forestry programs to a lesser extent.
- Todd Katz
 - Want to add an aspect of access is keeping people and dollars in the state since there are opportunities at home.

Natural Lands and Waters

- Michael Lynch, IDNR staff, briefly summarized some of the programs discussed and comments received on the natural lands and waters theme.
 - We have focused a lot on the importance of private landowners, but we also received comments emphasizing that public land and water should remain part of the conversation, especially to protect areas of high biodiversity.
 - Programs include both publicly owned areas, programs providing incentives for private landowner conservation, and areas where landowners voluntarily adopt practices improving the conservation value of their land.
 - Public Conservation Areas
 - Federal
 - State
 - Local
 - Conservation Land Trust Areas
 - IDOT Right of Way Lands
 - Nature Preserves
 - USFWS Partners for Fish & Wildlife Program
 - IDNR Forestry Programs
 - IDNR Conservation Stewardship Program
 - IDNR Illinois Recreational Access Program
 - NRCS Wetland Reserve Program
 - Solar Pollinator Scorecard Program
 - National Monarch Candidate Conservation Agreement
- John Rogner
 - At the state level, IDNR owns a significant amount of land, and although it is small compared to the state, it is already difficult to manage at current staffing levels.
 - For every acquisition, we need to think if we can manage it, and we are hitting our limit to a degree.
- Bob Caveny
 - On management, for the first time we are doing a full inventory of all the invasive species on our lands, including relative density and total acreage covered.
 - By May will have a good estimate on what it will take to deal with that.
- Ellicia Sanchez

- In thinking about prioritization, we should focus not just on total acreage but on the relative resiliency of the conserved land. Areas with more climate resiliency are of particular importance to protect.
 - Can provide public resources on this.

Next Steps

- Austin Omer
 - What are our next steps?
- John Rogner
 - Our plan would be to provide all of you an outline of the report based on this conversation and for you to respond with written comments.
 - Based on our feedback, we would put together the draft report and meet again to discuss that.
- Mike Vanderhoof
 - Think we have done some good scoping work, would like to see options presented, based on goal metrics, to help us decide where to focus our resources.
 - Would not mind more detail work, going through programs and seeing where there is low-hanging fruit, where there are legislative impediments, and so on.
- John Rogner
 - That is a good point. We can only do so much in this report, but I hope it is the start of a broader conversation.
- Austin Omer
 - Agree with that approach.
- Todd Katz
 - Could we work with citizen scientists to track biodiversity metrics, see how we are doing and where?
- John Rogner
 - Definitely.
- Matt Montgomery
 - Had connection issues earlier, but wanted to add to the agricultural discussion.
 - Like the idea of communicating the benefits of conservation practices, wonder if we can also tie them to efficiency in inputs.
 - Growers seeing nitrogen costs going up, production costs going up for inputs, so if we can explain that these practices and increase the efficiency of those inputs, that could be very powerful.
 - We tend to see those input prices not fall back once commodity prices go up.

Park District Board of Trustees Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: December 14, 2022

Submitted by: Alicia Woodworth

Submitting Department: Administration

Item Type: Minutes

Agenda Section:

Subject:

Programming Committee

Approved Minutes of October 10, 2022 Meeting

Suggested Action:

Attachments:

[10.10.22 Programming Committee Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE HELD AT 3:30 P.M., MONDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2022 AT THE NOBLE CENTER FOR PARK DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, 1125 WEST LAKE AVENUE, PEORIA, ILLINOIS.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Trustee and Chair Alexander Sierra and Executive Director Emily Cahill

MEMBERS ABSENT: Trustee and Vice Chair Kyle Bright

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Trustees Joyce Harant and Laurie Covington (in at 3:52 pm)

STAFF PRESENT: Emily Cahill, Brent Wheeler, Kevin Davis, Susie Ingram (v), Scott Loftus, and Alicia Woodworth

Note: (v) = attended virtually

OTHERS PRESENT: None

1. CALL TO ORDER

Trustee Sierra presided and called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

3. MINUTES

3.A. Approval of August 8, 2022 Programming Committee Meeting Minutes

Executive Director Cahill MOVED TO APPROVE the minutes of the August 8, 2022 Programming Committee Meeting Minutes. Motion seconded by Trustee Sierra and carried on a unanimous aye of those present.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.A. Environmental Programming Overview

Susie Ingram, Naturalist at Forest Park Nature Center (FPNC), gave an overview of the kinds of programming offered at FPNC. This time of year, many groups, i.e. scouts and school groups, enjoy FPNC, Sommer Farm, and other environmental locations due to the beauty of the fall colors. Programming offered includes nature and environmental aspects and are offered in correlation with Illinois Next Generation Science Standards. Public-facing programming (patrons not belonging to a group) are offered that include public hikes and hot dogs and hayrack riding with friends at Sommer Farm. Groups from Peoria Academy of Sciences such as the Peoria Audubon Society offer programming at FPNC to engage anyone interested in learning more about the natural world. Volunteer ecological restoration work occurs year-round, letting the community have an impact.

Environmental Interpretive Services (EIS) meets weekly to coordinate their efforts and to help and support each other. During the Covid-related shutdowns, the District's natural areas saw increased patronage, especially by younger patrons, and the increased patronage is still being realized post-Covid.

Emily Cahill stated that EIS is an interesting hybrid between parks and programming as a lot of their services are available for free. Guided hikes and specific programming do have a fee. Trustee Sierra asked where is the opportunity for policy and advocacy to support the environmental work that goes through this committee? Emily Cahill stated that she believes in this case, it's telling the story better. Using connections to reach out to networks to communicate the impact of the environmental work done at the District and also the work that ties to that discussed in the Planning Committee i.e. the sustainability plan. Thinking about how do we make that more engaging and expand the story to different audiences to get more people involved in this area.

Trustee Harant suggested video interviewing volunteers asking them why they do what they do and have volunteers present to area service organizations. This may prove to be very motivating for others.

Trustee Sierra asked Susie Ingram in a year, how many patrons visit FPNC and how many live in the PPD district? She stated it is estimated at 100,000 visits annually with approximately 50% - 60% living in the PPD district. Trustee Sierra asked of that 50% - 60%, how many are from 61603 and 61605 zip codes? Susie stated that data is not tracked as patrons do not check in. Trustee Sierra stated he has always been concerned about the accessibility of PPD locations. The CityLink bus routes are not very conducive to FPNC visits so how often do PPD summer camps visit FPNC or Sommer Farm? Scott Loftus stated that the biggest issue is the cost of buses for campers. At Lakeview and RiverPlex, there are 50-60 campers which requires two buses. Two buses would cost approximately \$600 per day. That wouldn't always be an issue but the District is also busing camp kids to Gwynn Family Aquatic Center. In order to save on transportation costs, EIS staff bring programming to the camps for kids to participate in. Trustee Sierra stated he would like to explore how the District could provide transportation for summer campers to FPNC and Sommer Farm. Also, in a year, he would like a report on how the District increased experiences and visits from 61603 and 61605 patrons, including summer campers. Emily Cahill stated that one of the things that the District has talked about at length is the idea of doing fewer things bigger and better. She would like everyone to think about how to manage the inventory of opportunities for participation, especially when there are beautiful spaces like FPNC. Increasing the number of visitors each year may not be realistic to do and always do it well.

4.B. Community Connections Update

Trustee Sierra asked that this item be placed on today's agenda and asked how do we improve our collaboration model to free up time for staff? Where are there opportunities to collaborate with other organizations? How can this be formalized to be a standing agenda item for this committee? Scott Loftus stated that the biggest challenge is identifying what areas do you want to look at and what other organizations support it to collaborate with? Brent Wheeler stated that while collaboration is great, actually implementing can be a real challenge. Many times, collaborating doesn't save time but takes more time to do it well. Many organizations do not have the same mission and goals as the Park District's and they do have to align.

5. PENDING BUSINESS

5.A. Pickleball Offerings Update

Scott Loftus stated that per the direction of the Programming Committee, below is a schedule for pickleball in the Peoria Park District starting October 2022.

Please see Attachments B and C. At the request of the local players who attended the committee's August meeting, staff have been able to modify the District's current offerings as follows:

- Addition of year-round indoor court access at the RiverPlex Recreation and Wellness Center, with seasonal overlap of open play with Lakeview Recreation Center to help with potential over-crowding.
- Re-establishment of open gym hours at FRC in the evenings and on weekends to provide support for players who work during the day.
- Hours for all open gyms will increase from 2 hours to 2.5 hours per session.

Prior to October, indoor pickleball was not offered by the District. Scott Loftus coordinated the new schedule with local pickleball player and organizer, Kelly Eckert. It was determined that there was not a large need for indoor play in August or September. Trustee Harant stated she spoke with Kelly Eckert about this schedule where she indicated that community pickleball players were very happy about this schedule with the added hours. Trustee Harant thanked staff for this schedule and expressed her concern for the need for even more hours and opportunities for pickleball play as the sport has grown considerably in the community. Brent Wheeler stated that pickleball will be available for Silver Sneakers at the RiverPlex in the next 4-6 weeks.

5.B. Scholarship Data Update

Kevin Davis, Business Systems Supervisor, as was requested at the last Programming Committee meeting on 8.8.22, presented April 2022 thru July 2022 scholarship statistics. *Please see Attachment A.* Going forward, this information will be reported regularly to the committee.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

6.A. Review and Follow up on Fees and Charges

Emily Cahill stated that earlier, the proposed programming fees and charges for the 2023 budget was distributed to the committee and asked if the committee had any questions, comments or concerns. Trustee Sierra stated he is waiting to render feedback until he sees what the actual 2023 proposed budget will be so he can compare the fees and charges 2022 vs. proposed 2023. Trustee Harant stated she wants to be sure that the fees and charges structure is fairly applied to all the different programs and offerings.

6.B. Lakeview Recreation Center RFP Review

Scott Loftus provided a quick update on the Lakeview Recreation Center RFP stating that an RFP for the space was developed and promoted. There were no responses. If anyone here today knows of someone who may be interested in leasing the very unique

space, please have them contact Scott. A copy of the lease was emailed to the committee so they may pass along to anyone that may be interested.

Trustee Sierra asked for the status of Peoria Grown. Emily Cahill stated that it is currently with legal counsel to develop the agreement. The District has worked with the Peoria Grown group to ensure they have what they need to go forward with their budget revisions. The District anticipates a January 2023 start.

Trustee Sierra stated that recently, a staff member approached him and expressed concern about the District spending \$13,000 on candy for events. As a result, he would like to know the financials associated with the District's October programming. Emily Cahill stated that \$13,000 probably is correct based on all the family-friendly District-wide events offered, including HowlZooWeen. Thousands of patrons attend HowlZooWeen and it is a revenue-over-expenses event so the District recovered the portion spent on candy. Brent Wheeler stated he is happy to provide the financial information to Trustee Sierra and asked what was the intent of the conversation he had with the staff person about the \$13,000? Trustee Sierra stated that it was a random conversation. The staff person had expressed concern that as had been discussed in a Board meeting, the District does not have funds for certain programming and services but yet has \$13,000 to spend on candy. Trustee Sierra stated the reason he is requesting the financials is to better equip him for future conversations.

7. ACTION STEPS REVIEW

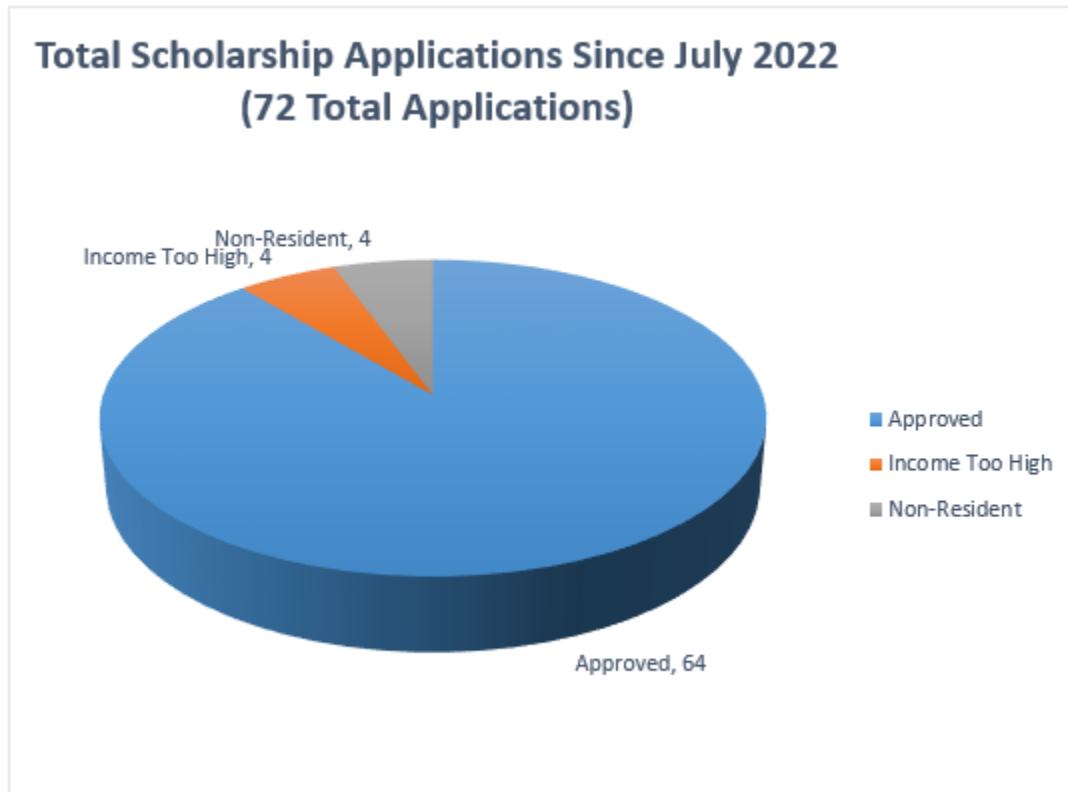
None given at this time.

8. ADJOURNMENT

At 4:59 p.m., Executive Director Cahill MOVED TO ADJOURN. Motion seconded by Trustee Sierra and carried on a unanimous aye of those present.

Respectfully Submitted by Alicia Woodworth
Executive Assistant and Secretary to the Board

Peoria Park District Scholarship Statistics
October 7, 2022



Mean Household Size: 2.12

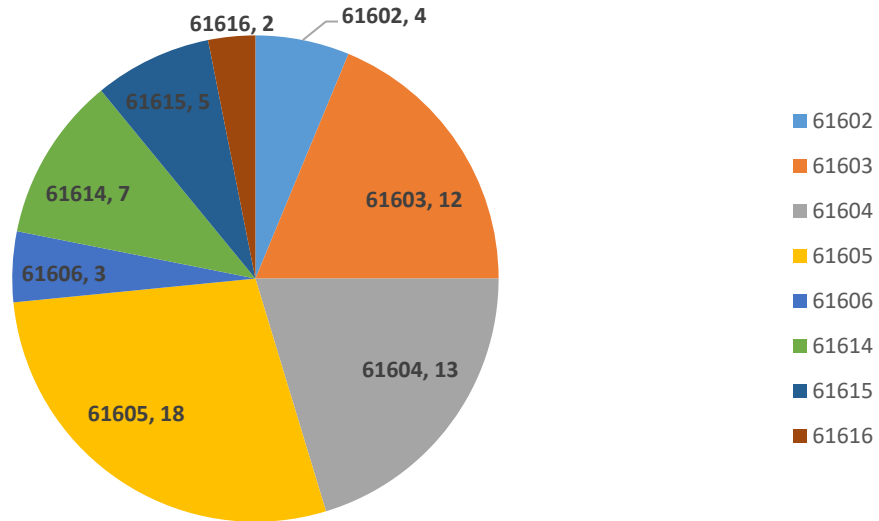
Mode Household Size: 1 (35 of 72 households)

Mean Household Income: \$16,201

Approvals by Income Range:

Income Range	Number of Approvals	Average HH Size
\$0 - \$10,000	13	1.25
\$10,001 - \$20,000	35	1.88
\$20,001 - \$30,000	10	2.6
\$30,001 - \$40,000	2	6.5
\$40,001 - \$50,000	2	5

Approved Scholarships by ZIP Code (64 Total)



Denial Details

Residency-Based Denials (4)

- Brimfield (61517) (2)
- Bartonville (61607) (2)

Income-Based Denials (4)

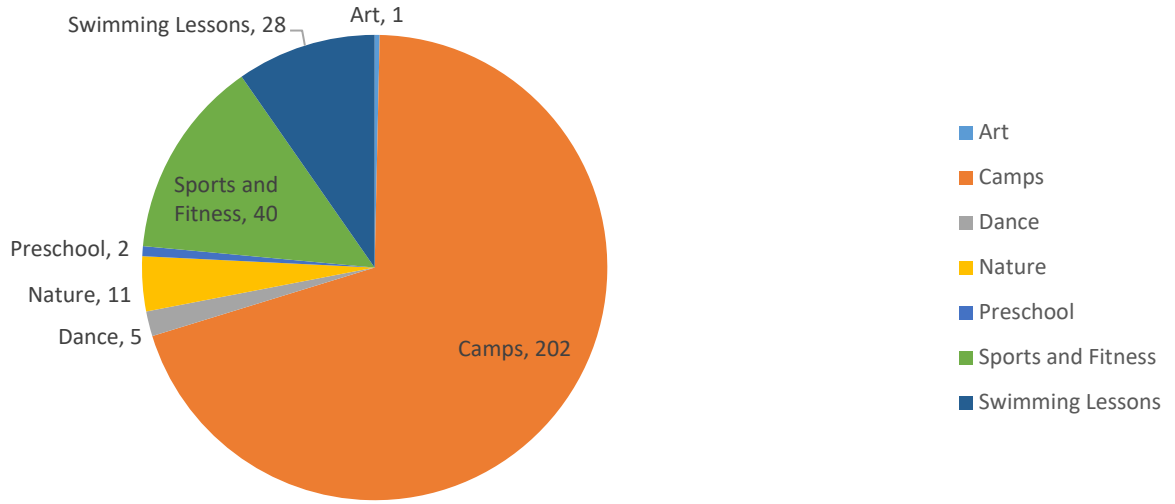
Zip Code	Household Size	Household Income	Approval/Denial
61615	1	\$ 37,757.04	Income Too High
61604	1	\$ 32,048.93	Income Too High
61605	1	\$ 21,673.20	Income Too High
61605	3	\$ 38,171.38	Income Too High

Approval Guidelines for Reference

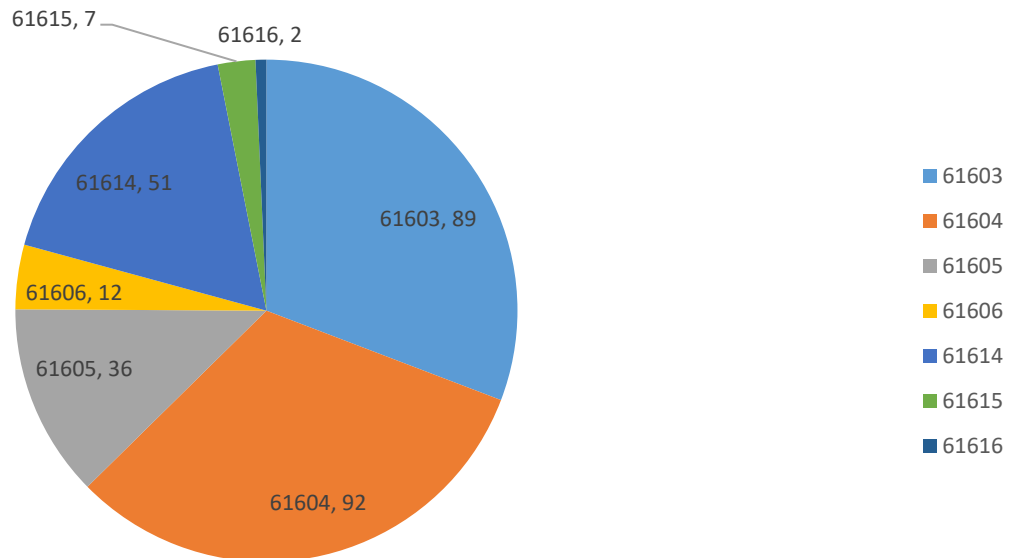
Persons in Household	Federal Poverty Guideline	Full Eligibility (125% of Fed Poverty Guideline)	75% Eligibility	50% eligibility	25% eligibility
1	\$ 13,590.00	\$ 16,987.50	\$ 17,987.50	\$ 18,987.50	\$ 19,987.50
2	\$ 18,310.00	\$ 22,887.50	\$ 24,887.50	\$ 26,887.50	\$ 28,887.50
3	\$ 23,030.00	\$ 28,787.50	\$ 31,787.50	\$ 34,787.50	\$ 37,787.50
4	\$ 27,750.00	\$ 34,687.50	\$ 38,687.50	\$ 42,687.50	\$ 46,687.50
5	\$ 32,470.00	\$ 40,587.50	\$ 45,587.50	\$ 50,587.50	\$ 55,587.50
6	\$ 37,190.00	\$ 46,487.50	\$ 52,487.50	\$ 58,487.50	\$ 64,487.50
7	\$ 41,910.00	\$ 52,387.50	\$ 59,387.50	\$ 66,387.50	\$ 73,387.50
8	\$ 46,630.00	\$ 58,287.50	\$ 66,287.50	\$ 74,287.50	\$ 82,287.50
Add \$4720 for each additional					
*source: US Department of Health and Human Services					

Redemption Details

Scholarship Enrollments by Program Type
(2022 to Date)



Scholarship Enrollments by ZIP Code
(2022 to Date)



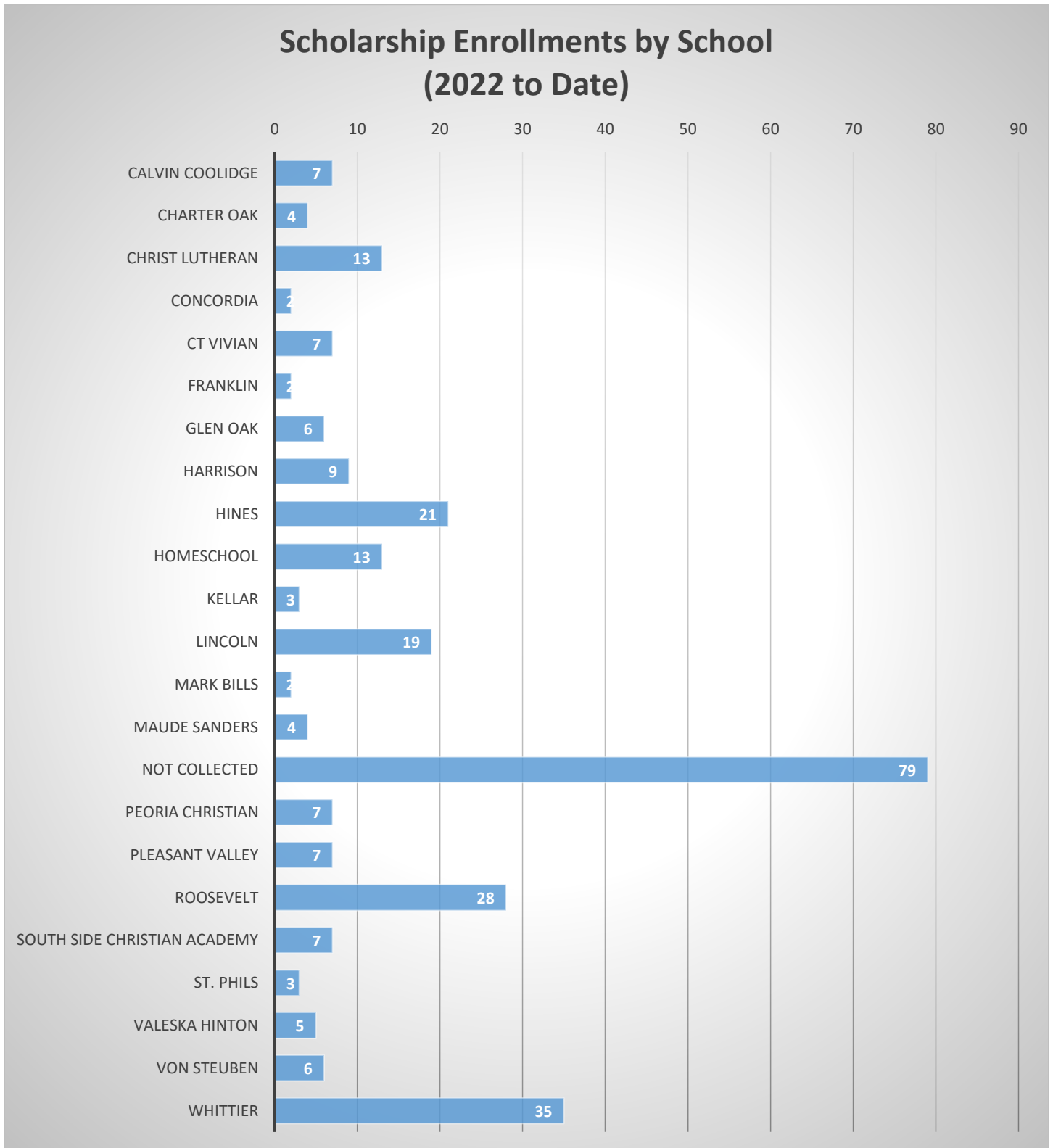
Detailed Enrollment Breakdown by Individual Activity

(*Multiple sections of each activity are consolidated into one line, i.e. multiple weeks of a specific camp, multiple sessions of Happy Feet Soccer, etc.)

Program Description	Scholarship Enrollments
Proctor Summer Camp	148
Fall Break Camp	20
Discovery Swim	17
RiverPlex Summer Camp	13
Lakeview Summer Camp	12
Ancient Oaks Summer Camp	9
Happy Feet Soccer	8
Super Skates Skating Lessons	8
Beginner Tennis	7
Preschool Party	6
Exploration Swim	5
Nature Homeschool Classes	5
Swimming	4
Youth Soccer League	4
Coach Pitch	3
Tumbling	3
Hip Hop Dance	2
Journey Swim	2
Peoria PlayHouse Tot Time	2
Tee Ball	2
Young Ballers Basketball	2
Dungeons and Dragons	1
Hockey Prep	1
Intermediate Tennis	1
Middle School Boys Basketball	1
Pee Wee Tennis	1
PYHA Hockey Prep	1
Youth Basketball Skills Clinic	1
Grand Total	289

Enrollment Breakdown by School

*Not all programs inquire as to the participant's school. The programs which most commonly request this information are camps and youth sports comprised of team play (i.e. tennis, golf lessons, etc. do not request this information, but soccer, coach pitch, etc., do request it.)





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DATE: August 25, 2022

TO: Programming Committee Members

FROM: Scott Loftus, Superintendent of Recreation

SUBJECT: Indoor Pickleball Offerings in the Peoria Park District

Per the direction of the Programming Committee, attached is a proposed schedule for pickleball in the Peoria Park District beginning in October 2022.

At the request of the local players who attended the committee's August meeting, staff have been able to modify the District's current offerings as follows:

- Addition of year-round indoor court access at the RiverPlex Recreation and Wellness Center, with seasonal overlap of open play with Lakeview Recreation Center to help with potential over-crowding.
- Re-establishment of open gym hours at FRC in the evenings and on weekends to provide support for players who work during the day.
- Hours for all open gyms will increase from 2 hours to 2.5 hours per session.

As part of the budgeting process, staff will review the viability of offering Silver Sneaker access for RiverPlex open gyms to help reduce costs of indoor play for eligible seniors.

Following is the pickleball open gym calendar that will begin this fall.

Peoria Park District Pickleball Indoor Schedule:

Location: RiverPlex Recreation and Wellness Center

Number of Courts: 4

Season: Year-round

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	9-11:30am	9-11:30am	9-11:30am	9-11:30am	9-11:30am	

Total Hours of Open Gym at RiverPlex beginning October 2022: 12.5 hours per week
(Current hours = 0 per week)

Location: Lakeview Recreation Center

Number of Courts: 4

Season: October to May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	9-11:30am	9-11:30am	9-11:30am	9-11:30am	9-11:30am	

Total Hours of Open Gym at RiverPlex: 12.5 hours per week
(Current hours =10 per week)

Location: Franciscan Recreation Center

Number of Courts: 3

Season: November to April (due to heat in gymnasium)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		5-7:30pm		5-7:30pm		8:30-11am

Total Hours of Open Gym at RiverPlex: 7.5 hours per week
(Current hours =0 per week)

Net Impact of changes: New schedule = 32.5 hours per week/11 courts

Current Schedule: 10 hours per week/4 courts

Peoria Park District Pickleball Indoor Offerings

Open Gyms:

- Fees: \$40 punch card for 10 visits or \$5 per visit
- New Schedule
 - Lakeview Recreation Center (4 courts)
 - Monday through Friday
 - 9 – 11:30am
 - October through May
 - RiverPlex Recreation and Wellness Center (4 courts)
 - Monday through Friday
 - 9 – 11:30am
 - Year-round
 - Franciscan Recreation Center (3 courts)
 - Tuesday/Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings
 - 5-7:30pm / 8:30-11am
 - November through April

The table below shows the visits per month over a 12-month period. It's not a surprise that the number of visits are low or none during the warmer months since most players would utilize our outdoor courts at Glen Oak Park (8 courts) or Charter Oak Park (4 courts). Based on this table, here is a breakdown of the numbers.

- 1,712 total participants
- 274 daily drop-ins (\$5 per visit)
- 1,438 punch card uses
- 94 unique pickleball players used a punch card
- 65 residents / 29 non-residents
- The average punch card user spent \$61 per year
- The average attendance per day was 13.7 users

AVERAGE VISITS PER MONTH	
Month	# of visits
2021	
Oct	39
Nov	178
Dec	180
2022	
Jan	237
Feb	256
Mar	214
Apr	335
May	132
Jun	54
Jul	87
Grand Total	1712



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MEMO

DATE: December 14, 2022

TO: Park Board Trustees

FROM: Alicia Woodworth, Executive Assistant and Secretary to the Board

SUBJECT: 2022 Tax Levy

Staff recommends Park Board approval of the 2022 tax levy ordinance. This levy ordinance does not include an amount for bond and interest purposes, because the Peoria County Clerk relies upon the bond ordinances approved when the bonds are sold to establish the levy amount for bond and interest payment needs.

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING AND ASSESSING TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2022 OF THE PLEASURE DRIVEWAY AND PARK DISTRICT OF PEORIA, PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

SECTION 1. An Ordinance Levying and Assessing a Tax for the Corporate Purposes of the Pleasure Driveway and Park District of Peoria, Illinois, for the Calendar Year beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022.

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Pleasure Driveway and Park District of Peoria, Illinois, that there is hereby levied against all of the taxable property in said Park District in accordance with the provisions of the Park District Code for the Year 2022 for such purposes the sum of \$2,140,000.

SECTION 2. An Ordinance Levying and Assessing a Tax for the purpose of maintaining, improving and operating recreational and community centers (1935 referenda) and for the purpose of laying out, establishing, building, maintaining and repairing the driveways, boulevards, parks, swimming pools, and recreational and community centers (1945 and 1950 referenda) of the Pleasure Driveway and Park District of Peoria, Illinois for the Calendar Year beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022.

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Pleasure Driveway and Park District of Peoria, Illinois, that there is hereby levied against all of the taxable property in said Park District in accordance with the provisions of the Park District Code for the Year 2022 for such purposes the sum of \$1,337,450.

SECTION 3. An Ordinance Levying and Assessing a Tax for the costs, expenses, fees, assessments and all charges and liabilities to the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund for which the Pleasure Driveway and Park District of Peoria, Illinois, is now, or may hereafter become liable by reason of said District being included within the provisions of an act creating the "Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund," for the Calendar Year beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022.

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Pleasure Driveway and Park District of Peoria, Illinois, that there is hereby levied against all of the taxable property in said Park District in accordance with the provisions of the Park District Code for the Year 2022 for such purposes the sum of \$423,000.

SECTION 4. An Ordinance Levying and Assessing a Tax for the costs, expenses, fees, assessments and all obligations to the Federal Social Security Insurance Program for which the Pleasure Driveway and Park District of Peoria, Illinois, is now, or may hereafter become liable by reason of said District being included within the provisions of the Social Security Enabling Act, for the Calendar Year beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022.

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Pleasure Driveway and Park District of Peoria, Illinois, that there is hereby levied against all of the taxable property in said Park District in accordance with the provisions of the Park District Code for the Year 2022 for such purposes the sum of \$963,900.

SECTION 5. An Ordinance Levying and Assessing a Tax to provide for costs to the Pleasure Driveway and Park District of Peoria, Illinois, for the payment of premiums due for the purchase of insurance, or for the purchase of claims services, of protecting itself or its employees against liability, property damage or loss, including all costs and reserves of being a member of an insurance or self-insurance pool, to pay the cost of risk management programs, and Attorney Fees for defending or otherwise protecting itself against liability for the Calendar Year beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022, in addition to the several other taxes and not to exceed the amount provided by law.

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Pleasure Driveway and Park District of Peoria, Illinois, that there is hereby levied against all of the taxable property in said Park District in accordance with the provisions of the Park District Code for the Year 2022 for such purposes the sum of \$498,190.

SECTION 6. An Ordinance Levying and Assessing a Tax to provide for costs to the Pleasure Driveway and Park District of Peoria, Illinois for the purpose of paying for Auditing expense for the Calendar Year beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022, in addition to the several other taxes and not to exceed the amount provided by law.

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Pleasure Driveway and Park District of Peoria, Illinois, that there is hereby levied against all of the taxable property in said Park District in accordance with the provisions of the Park District Code for the Year 2022 for such purposes the sum of \$44,000.

SECTION 7. An Ordinance Levying and Assessing a Tax for the purpose of planning, establishing and maintaining the Municipal Recreational Program within the boundaries of the Pleasure Driveway and Park District of Peoria, Illinois, for the Calendar Year beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022.

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Pleasure Driveway and Park District of Peoria, Illinois, that there is hereby levied against all of the taxable property in said Park District in accordance with the provisions of the Park District Code for the Year 2022 for such purposes the sum of \$1,925,920.

SECTION 8. An Ordinance Levying and Assessing a Tax for the maintenance, repair and operation of Recreation Centers and planning, establishing and maintaining Recreational Programs by the Pleasure Driveway and Park District of Peoria, Illinois, for the Calendar Year beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022.

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Pleasure Driveway and Park District of Peoria, Illinois, that there is hereby levied against all of the taxable property in said Park District in accordance with the provisions of the Park District Code for the Year 2022 for such purposes the sum of \$1,604,940.

SECTION 9. An Ordinance Levying and Assessing a Tax for the purpose of maintaining Museums by the Pleasure Driveway and Park District of Peoria, Illinois for the Calendar Year beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022.

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Pleasure Driveway and Park District of Peoria, Illinois, that there is hereby levied against all of the taxable property in said Park District in accordance with the provisions of the Park District Code for the Year 2022 for such purposes the sum of \$1,498,000.

SECTION 10. An Ordinance Levying and Assessing a Tax for the purpose of maintaining a Police Force by the Pleasure Driveway and Park District of Peoria, Illinois, for the Calendar Year beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022.

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Pleasure Driveway and Park District of Peoria, Illinois, that there is hereby levied against all of the taxable property in said Park District in accordance with the provisions of the Park District Code for the Year 2022 for such purposes the sum of \$530,730.

SECTION 11. An Ordinance Levying and Assessing a Tax for the purpose of constructing, maintaining, Paving and Lighting streets and roadways by the Pleasure Driveway and Park District of Peoria, Illinois, for the Calendar Year beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022.

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Pleasure Driveway and Park District of Peoria, Illinois, that there is hereby levied against all of the taxable property in said Park District in accordance with the provisions of the Park District Code for the Year 2022 for such purposes the sum of \$91,200.

SECTION 12. An Ordinance Levying and Assessing a Tax for the purpose of paying Workmen's Compensation and Unemployment Insurance by the Pleasure Driveway and Park District of Peoria, Illinois, for the Calendar Year beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022.

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Pleasure Driveway and Park District of Peoria, Illinois, that there is hereby levied against all of the taxable property in said Park District in accordance with the provisions of the Park District Code for the Year 2022 for such purposes the sum of \$279,880.

SECTION 13. An Ordinance Levying and Assessing a Tax for the purpose of funding the District's share of the expenses of providing for the establishment, maintenance and management of joint recreational programs for the handicapped under the joint program agreement of the Pleasure Driveway and Park District of Peoria, Illinois, for the Calendar Year beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022.

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Pleasure Driveway and Park District of Peoria, Illinois, that there is hereby levied against all of the taxable property in said Park District in accordance with the provisions of the Park District Code for the Year 2022 for such purposes the sum of \$427,000.

SECTION 14. That a summary of the aforesaid levies, hereby made in this Ordinance are as follows:

1. General Corporate Purposes	\$ 2,140,000
2. Additional Operation, Building and Maintenance Purposes as Authorized by Special Referenda	\$ 1,337,450
3. Retirement-Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund	\$ 423,000
4. Retirement-Federal Social Security Insurance Programs	\$ 963,900
5. Park District Liability Insurance Fund	\$ 498,190
6. Park District Audit Fund	\$ 44,000
7. Municipal Recreational Programs Fund	\$ 1,925,920
8. Recreation Centers and Recreational Programs Fund	\$ 1,604,940
9. Maintenance of Museums Fund	\$ 1,498,000
10. Police Fund	\$ 530,730
11. Paving and Lighting Fund	\$ 91,200
12. Workmen's Compensation and Unemployment Insurance Fund	\$ 279,880
13. Maintenance and Management of Joint Recreational Programs for the Handicapped	\$ 427,000
TOTAL	\$11,764,210

SECTION 15. That a Certified Copy of this Ordinance be filed with the respective County Clerk of Peoria County, Illinois.

PASSED THIS ____ day of _____, 2022.

APPROVED THIS ____ day of _____, 2022.

**President, Board of Trustees
Pleasure Driveway and Park District
of Peoria, Peoria County, Illinois**

ATTEST:

**Secretary, Board of Trustees
Pleasure Driveway and Park District
of Peoria, Peoria County, Illinois**



PLEASURE DRIVEWAY & PARK DISTRICT OF PEORIA

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MEMO

DATE: December 14, 2022

TO: Park Board Trustees

FROM: Karrie Ross, Superintendent of Finance & Admin. Services

SUBJECT: Preparation of the 2023 Combined Budget &
Appropriations Ordinance

Staff recommends that the Park Board authorize preparation of the 2023 Combined Budget and Appropriations Ordinance.

As required by Park Code 70 ILCS 1205/4-4, the Ordinance shall be adopted before the end of the first quarter of the fiscal year, and a draft version of the Ordinance shall be available for public inspection for at least 30 days prior to the adoption of the Ordinance. Upon the Board's direction, staff will prepare the Ordinance to ensure the required deadlines are met.

Park District Board of Trustees Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: December 14, 2022

Submitted by: Karrie Ross

Submitting Department: Administration

Item Type: Miscellaneous

Agenda Section:

Subject:

Authorization to Solicit Proposals for Year 2023 General Obligation Park Bonds

Suggested Action:

Approval

Attachments:

[Park Board Auth to Solicit 2023 GO Bond Proposals 12-14-2022.pdf](#)



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MEMO

DATE: December 14, 2022

TO: Park Board Trustees

FROM: Karrie Ross, Superintendent of Finance & Admin. Services

SUBJECT: Authorization to Solicit Proposals for Year 2023 General Obligation Park Bonds

Staff recommends that the Park Board authorize staff to engage with bond counsel, Chapman and Cutler LLP, to solicit proposals for the sale of General Obligation Park Bonds in 2023, and for the President to order the calling of a public hearing concerning the Board's intent to sell General Obligation Park Bonds. Such hearing shall be held at least seven days before the passage of an ordinance providing for the sale of the bonds.

Staff's plan for this issuance is outlined below. However, changes to this plan may occur depending on bond counsel recommendations and/or changes in market conditions.

- Issue amount and maturity schedule:

<u>Series 2023A Tax Exempt</u>		<u>Series 2023B Taxable</u>	
Maturity Date	Maturity Amount	Maturity Date	Maturity Amount
12/1/2023	\$ 2,000,000	12/1/2023	\$ 500,000
12/1/2024	<u>2,500,000</u>		
	\$ 4,500,000		
Total 2023 GO Bonds		\$	5,000,000

- Wednesday, January 25, 2023: Public hearing concerning the intent of the Board to issue \$5 million general obligation park bonds for capital improvements.
- Wednesday, February 8, 2023: Board passage of an ordinance providing for the issue of \$5 million general obligation park bonds.

December 7, 2022

Ms. Karrie Ross
Superintendent of Finance
Noble Center Administrative Office
1125 West Lake Avenue
Peoria, Illinois 61614

Re: Pleasure Driveway and Park District of Peoria,
Peoria County, Illinois (the “*District*”)
General Obligation Park Bonds, Series 2023

Dear Karrie:

We are pleased to provide an engagement letter for our services as bond counsel for the bonds in reference (the “*Bonds*”). For convenience and clarity, we may refer to the District in its corporate capacity and to you, the District officers (including the governing body of the District) and employees and general and special counsel to the District, collectively as “*you*” (or the possessive “*your*”). You have advised us that the purpose of the issuance of the Bonds, briefly stated, is for the building, maintaining, improving and protecting of the same and the existing land and facilities of the District, for the payment of outstanding obligations of the District and for the payment of the expenses incident thereto. You are retaining us for the limited purpose of rendering our customary approving legal opinion as described in detail below.

A. DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES

As Bond Counsel, we will work with you and the following persons and firms: the underwriters or other bond purchasers who purchase the Bonds from the District (all of whom are referred to as the “*Bond Purchasers*”), counsel for the Bond Purchasers, financial advisors, trustee, paying agent and bond registrar and their designated counsel (you and all of the foregoing persons or firms, collectively, the “*Participants*”). We intend to undertake each of the following (the “*Services*”) as necessary:

1. Review relevant Illinois law, including pending legislation and other recent developments, relating to the legal status and powers of the District or otherwise relating to the issuance of the Bonds.

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2. Obtain information about the Bond transaction and the nature and use of the facilities or purposes to be financed or, for any portion of the Bonds to be issued for refunding purposes, the facilities or purposes financed with the proceeds of the bonds to be refunded (the “*Project*”).

3. Review the proposed timetable and consult with the Participants as to the issuance of the Bonds in accordance with the timetable.

4. Consider the issues arising under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and applicable tax regulations and other sources of law relating to the issuance of the Bonds on a tax-exempt basis; these issues include, without limitation, ownership and use of the Project, use and investment of Bond proceeds prior to expenditure and security provisions or credit enhancement relating to the Bonds.

5. Prepare or review major Bond documents, including tax compliance certificates, review the bond purchase agreement, if applicable, and, at your request, draft descriptions of the documents which we have drafted. We understand that the Bonds will be taken up by the Bond Purchasers in a private placement and that the Bond Purchasers will provide a letter to the effect that they have had sufficient access to financial and other information from the District to enable them to reach an informed investment decision, that they are experienced investors in obligations of the kind as are the Bonds and that they have no present intent to distribute or resell the Bonds. We would expect to participate in the preparation or review of the exact contents of such letter.

6. Prepare or review all pertinent proceedings to be considered by the governing body of the District; confirm that the necessary quorum, meeting and notice requirements are contained in the proceedings and draft pertinent excerpts of minutes of the meetings relating to the financing.

7. Attend or host such drafting sessions and other conferences as may be necessary, including a preclosing, if needed, and closing; and prepare and coordinate the distribution and execution of closing documents and certificates, opinions and document transcripts.

8. Render our legal opinions regarding the validity of the Bonds, the source of payment for the Bonds and the federal income tax treatment of interest on the Bonds, which opinions (together, the “*Bond Opinion*”) will be delivered in written form on the date the Bonds are exchanged for their purchase price (the “*Closing*”). The Bond Opinion will be based on facts and law existing as of its date. Please see the discussion below at Part D. Please note that our opinion represents our legal judgment based upon our review of the law and the facts so supplied to us that we deem relevant and is not a guarantee of a result.

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B. LIMITATIONS; SERVICES WE DO NOT PROVIDE

Our Services as Bond Counsel are limited as stated above. Consequently, unless otherwise agreed pursuant to a separate engagement letter, our Services *do not* include:

1. Giving any advice, opinion or representation as to the financial feasibility or the fiscal prudence of issuing the Bonds, including, without limitation, the undertaking of the Project, the investment of Bond proceeds, the making of any investigation of or the expression of any view as to the creditworthiness of the District, of the Project or of the Bonds or the form, content, adequacy or correctness of the financial statements of the District. We will not offer you financial advice in any capacity beyond that constituting services of a traditionally legal nature.

2. Except as described in Paragraph (A)(5) above, assisting in the preparation or review of an official statement or any other disclosure document with respect to the Bonds (which may be referred to as the “*Official Statement*”) or performing an independent investigation to determine the accuracy, completeness or sufficiency of the Official Statement or rendering any advice, view or comfort that the Official Statement does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements contained therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading. Please see our comments below at Paragraphs (D)(5) and (D)(6).

3. Independently establishing the veracity of certifications and representations of you or the other Participants. For example, we will not review the data available on the Electronic Municipal Market Access system website created by the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (and commonly known as “EMMA”) to verify the information relating to the Bonds to be provided by the Bond Purchasers, and we will not undertake a review of your website to establish that information contained corresponds to that which you provide independently in your certificates or other transaction documents.

4. Supervising any state, county or local filing of any proceedings held by the governing body of the District incidental to the Bonds.

5. Preparing any of the following — requests for tax rulings from the Internal Revenue Service (the “*IRS*”), blue sky or investment surveys with respect to the Bonds, state legislative amendments or pursuing test cases or other litigation.

6. Opining on securities laws compliance or as to the continuing disclosure undertaking pertaining to the Bonds; and, after the execution and delivery of the Bonds, providing advice as to

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any Securities and Exchange Commission investigations or concerning any actions necessary to assure compliance with any continuing disclosure undertaking.

7. After Closing, providing continuing advice to the District or any other party concerning any actions necessary to assure that interest paid on the Bonds will continue to be tax-exempt; *e.g.*, we will not undertake rebate calculations for the Bonds, we will not monitor the investment, use or expenditure of Bond proceeds or the use of the Project, and we are not retained to respond to IRS audits.

8. Any other services not specifically set forth above in Part A.

C. ATTORNEY-CLIENT RELATIONSHIP; REPRESENTATION OF OTHERS

Upon execution of this engagement letter, the District will be our client, and an attorney-client relationship will exist between us. However, our Services as Bond Counsel are limited as set forth in this engagement letter, and your execution of this engagement letter will constitute an acknowledgment of those limitations. Also, please note that the attorney-client privilege, normally applicable under state law, may be diminished or non-existent for written advice delivered with respect to federal tax law matters.

This engagement letter will also serve to give you express written notice that from time to time we represent in a variety of capacities and consult with most underwriters, investment bankers, credit enhancers such as bond insurers or issuers of letters of credit, ratings agencies, investment providers, brokers of financial products, financial advisors, banks and other financial institutions and other persons who participate in the public finance market on a wide range of issues. We may represent the Bond Purchasers in other matters not related to the Bond transaction. Prior to execution of this engagement letter we may have consulted with one or more of such firms regarding the Bonds including, specifically, the Bond Purchasers. We are advising you, and you understand that the District consents to our representation of it in this matter, notwithstanding such consultations, and even though parties whose interests are or may be adverse to the District in this transaction are clients in other unrelated matters. Your acceptance of our services constitutes consent to these other engagements. Neither our representation of the District nor such additional relationships or prior consultations will affect, however, our responsibility to render an objective Bond Opinion.

Your consent does not extend to any conflict that is not subject to waiver under applicable Rules of Professional Conduct (including Circular 230 discussed below), or to any matter that involves the assertion of a claim against the District or the defense of a claim asserted by the District. In addition, we agree that we will not use any confidential non-public information

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received from you in connection with this engagement to your material disadvantage in any matter in which we would be adverse to you.

Circular 230 as promulgated by the U.S. Department of Treasury (“*Circular 230*”) provides rules of professional conduct governing tax practitioners. Circular 230 includes provisions regarding conflicts of interest and related consents that in some respects are stricter than applicable state rules of professional conduct which otherwise apply. In particular, Circular 230 requires your consent to conflicts of interest be given in writing within 30 days of the date of this letter. If we have not received all of the required written consents by this date, we may be required under Circular 230 to “promptly withdraw from representation” of the District in this matter.

Further, this engagement letter will also serve to give you express notice that we represent many other municipalities, school districts, park districts, counties, townships, special districts and units of local government both within and outside of the State of Illinois and also the State itself and various of its agencies and authorities (collectively, the “*governmental units*”). Most but not all of these representations involve bond or other borrowing transactions. We have assumed that there are no controversies pending to which the District is a party and is taking any position which is adverse to any other governmental unit, and you agree to advise us promptly if this assumption is incorrect. In such event, we will advise you if the other governmental unit is our client and, if so, determine what actions are appropriate. Such actions could include seeking waivers from both the District and such other governmental unit or withdrawal from representation.

We anticipate that the District will have its general or special counsel available as needed to provide advocacy in the Bond transaction and has had the opportunity to consult with such counsel concerning the conflict consents and other provisions of this letter; and that other Participants will retain such counsel as they deem necessary and appropriate to represent their interests.

D. OTHER TERMS OF THE ENGAGEMENT; CERTAIN OF YOUR UNDERTAKINGS

Please note our understanding with respect to this engagement and your role in connection with the issuance of the Bonds.

1. In rendering the Bond Opinion and in performing any other Services hereunder, we will rely upon the certified proceedings and other certifications you and other persons furnish us. Other than as we may determine as appropriate to rendering the Bond Opinion, we are not engaged and will not provide services intended to verify the truth or accuracy of these proceedings or certifications. We do not ordinarily attend meetings of the governing body of the District at which

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proceedings related to the Bonds are discussed or passed unless special circumstances require our attendance.

2. The factual representations contained in those documents which are prepared by us, and the factual representations which may also be contained in any other documents that are furnished to us by you are essential for and provide the basis for our conclusions that there is compliance with State law requirements for the issue and sale of valid bonds and with the federal tax law for the tax exemption of interest paid on the Bonds. Accordingly, it is important for you to read and understand the documents we provide to you because you will be confirming the truth, accuracy and completeness of matters contained in those documents at the issuance of the Bonds.

3. If the documents contain incorrect or incomplete factual statements, you must call those to our attention. We are always happy to discuss the content or meaning of the transaction documents with you. Any untruth, inaccuracy or incompleteness may have adverse consequences affecting either the tax exemption of interest paid on the Bonds or the adequacy of disclosures made in the Official Statement under the State and federal securities laws, with resulting potential liability for you. During the course of this engagement, we will further assume and rely on you to provide us with complete and timely information on all developments pertaining to any aspect of the Bonds and their security. We understand that you will cooperate with us in this regard.

4. You should carefully review all of the representations you are making in the transaction documents. We are available and encourage you to consult with us for explanations as to what is intended in these documents. To the extent that the facts and representations stated in the documents we provide to you appear reasonable to us, and are not corrected by you, we are then relying upon your signed certifications for their truth, accuracy and completeness.

5. Issuing the Bonds as “securities” under State and federal securities laws and the Bonds on a tax-exempt basis is a serious undertaking. As the issuer of the Bonds, the District is obligated under the State and federal securities laws and the federal tax laws to disclose all material facts. The District’s lawyers, financial advisers and bankers can assist the District in fulfilling these duties, but the District in its corporate capacity, including your knowledge, has the collective knowledge of the facts pertinent to the transaction and the ultimate responsibility for the presentation and disclosure of the relevant information. Further, there are complicated federal tax rules applicable to tax-exempt bonds. The Service has an active program to audit such transactions. The documents we prepare are designed so that the Bonds will comply with the applicable rules, but this means you must fully understand the documents, including the representations and the covenants relating to continuing compliance with the federal tax requirements. Accordingly, we want you to ask questions about anything in the documents that is unclear.

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6. As noted, the members of the governing body of the District also have duties under the State and federal securities and tax laws with respect to these matters and should be knowledgeable as to the underlying factual basis for the bond issue size, use of proceeds and related matters.

7. We are also concerned about the adoption by the District of the gift ban provisions of the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act, any special ethics or gift ban ordinance, resolution, bylaw or code provision, any lobbyist registration ordinance, resolution, bylaw or code provision or any special provision of law or ordinance, resolution, bylaw or code provision relating to disqualification of counsel for any reason. We are aware of the provisions of the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act and will assume that you are aware of these provisions as well and that the District has adopted proceedings that are only as restrictive as such Act. However, if the District has stricter provisions than appear in such Act or has adopted such other special ethics or lobbyist provisions, we assume and are relying upon you to advise us of same.

E. FEES

As is customary, we will bill our fees as Bond Counsel on a transactional basis instead of hourly. Factors which affect our billing include: (a) the amount of the Bonds; (b) an estimate of the time necessary to do the work; (c) the complexity of the issue (number of parties, timetable, type of financing, legal issues and so forth); (d) recognition of the partially contingent nature of our fee, since it is customary that in the case no financing is ever completed, we render a greatly reduced statement of charges; and (e) a recognition that we carry the time for services rendered on our books until a financing is completed, rather than billing monthly or quarterly. The continuation of this agreement is dependent upon our fee as Bond Counsel being mutually agreeable to you and to us.

Based upon our current understanding of the terms, structure, size and schedule of the proposed financing, the duties we will undertake pursuant to this engagement letter, the time we estimate will be necessary to effectuate the transaction and the responsibilities we will assume, we expect that our fee will be \$25,000. If at any time, we believe that circumstances require an adjustment of our original fee estimate, we will consult with you and prepare an amendment to this engagement letter.

Our statement of charges is customarily rendered and paid at Closing, or in some instances upon or shortly after delivery of the bond transcripts; we generally do not submit any statement for fees prior to the Closing, except in instances where there is a substantial delay from the expected timetable. In such instances, we reserve the right to present an interim statement of charges. If, for any reason, the Bonds are not issued or are issued without the rendition of our

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Bond Opinion as bond counsel, or our services are otherwise terminated, we expect to negotiate with you a mutually agreeable compensation.

The undersigned will be the attorney primarily responsible for the firm's services on this Bond issue, with assistance as needed from other members of our bond, securities and tax departments.

F. RISK OF AUDIT BY INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

The Service has an ongoing program of auditing tax-exempt obligations to determine whether, in the view of the IRS, interest on such tax-exempt obligations is excludable from gross income of the owners for federal income tax purposes. We can give no assurances as to whether the IRS might commence an audit of the Bonds or whether, in the event of an audit, the IRS would agree with our opinions. If an audit were to be commenced, the IRS may treat the District as the taxpayer for purposes of the examination. As noted in Paragraph 7 of Part B above, the scope of our representation does not include responding to such an audit. However, if we were separately engaged at the time, and subject to the applicable rules of professional conduct, we may be able to represent the District in the matter.

G. END OF ENGAGEMENT AND POST-ENGAGEMENT; RECORDS

Our representation of the District and the attorney-client relationship created by this engagement letter will be concluded upon the issuance of the Bonds. Nevertheless, subsequent to the Closing, we will prepare and provide the Participants a bond transcript in a CD-ROM format pertaining to the Bonds and make certain that a Federal Information Reporting Form 8038-G is filed.

Please note that you are engaging us as special counsel to provide legal services in connection with a specific matter. After the engagement, changes may occur in the applicable laws or regulations, or interpretations of those laws or regulations by the courts or governmental agencies, that could have an impact on your future rights and liabilities. Unless you engage us specifically to provide additional services or advice on issues arising from this matter, we have no continuing obligation to advise you with respect to future legal developments.

This will be true even though as a matter of courtesy we may from time to time provide you with information or newsletters about current developments that we think may be of interest to you. While we would be pleased to represent you in the future pursuant to a new engagement agreement, courtesy communications about developments in the law and other matters of mutual

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interest are not indications that we have considered the individual circumstances that may affect your rights or have undertaken to represent you or provide legal services.

At your request, to be made at or prior to Closing, any other papers and property provided by the District will be promptly returned to you upon receipt of payment for our outstanding fees and client disbursements. All other materials shall thereupon constitute our own files and property, and these materials, including lawyer work product pertaining to the transaction, will be retained or discarded by us at our sole discretion. You also agree with respect to any documents or information relating to our representation of you in any matter which have been lawfully disclosed to the public in any manner, such as by posting on EMMA, your website, newspaper publications, filings with a County Clerk or Recorder or with the Secretary of State, or otherwise, that we are permitted to make such documents or information available to other persons in our reasonable discretion. Such documents might include (without limitation) legal opinions, official statements, resolutions or ordinances, or like documents as assembled and made public in a governmental securities offering.

In addition, we employ cloud-based applications to transmit and to store some or all information concerning this engagement, including the confidential or personal information you provide us. This means that the information you provide with respect to this engagement will not necessarily be stored within our firm or our network, but rather on a third-party's servers, which is commonly referred to as being stored in the cloud. We have reviewed the terms of use, policies, procedures and security practices of each cloud provider we use and your information will be encrypted while in transit to that third party's servers and while at rest in the cloud. While we cannot provide any type of guarantee about the security of the information stored in the cloud, we have concluded the respective cloud providers' practices are compatible with our professional obligations regarding confidential treatment of your information. If you have any concerns about the cloud applications we use please contact us and we will be glad to discuss them further with you.

We call your attention to the District's own record keeping requirements as required by the IRS. Answers to frequently asked questions pertaining to those requirements can be found on the IRS's website under frequently asked questions related to tax-exempt bonds at www.irs.gov (click on "Tax Exempt Bond Community", then "Frequently Asked Questions"), and it will be your obligation to comply for at least as long as any of the Bonds (or any future bonds issued to refund the Bonds) are outstanding, plus three years.

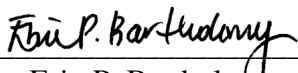
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H. YOUR SIGNATURE REQUIRED

If the foregoing terms are acceptable to you, please so indicate by returning a copy of this engagement letter dated and signed by an authorized officer within 30 days of the date of this letter. Please note that if we perform Services prior to your executing this engagement letter, this engagement letter shall be effective as of the date we have begun rendering the Services. We will provide copies of this letter to certain of the Participants to provide them with an understanding of our role. We look forward to working with you.

Very truly yours,

CHAPMAN AND CUTLER LLP

By 
Erin P. Bartholomy

Accepted and Approved:

PLEASURE DRIVEWAY AND PARK
DISTRICT OF PEORIA, PEORIA
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Park District Board of Trustees Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: December 14, 2022

Submitted by: Alicia Woodworth

Submitting Department: Administration

Item Type: Agreement

Agenda Section:

Subject:

2023 Administrative and Operating Support Agreement between Peoria Park District Foundation and The Pleasure Driveway and Park District of Peoria, IL

Suggested Action:

Approval

Attachments:

[PPD Recommendation 12-8-22 for 2023 PPD Foundation Operating Agr.pdf](#)

[PPDFoundationAdminAgreement2023.pdf](#)



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MEMO

DATE: December 8, 2022

TO: Park Board Trustees

FROM: Emily G. Cahill, Executive Director

SUBJECT: 2023 ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES AGREEMENT between the PEORIA PARK DISTRICT FOUNDATION and THE PLEASURE DRIVEWAY AND PARK DISTRICT OF PEORIA, IL

BACKGROUND:

The Peoria Park District provides administrative support to the Peoria Park District Foundation and its efforts to raise awareness and financial support for the District.

The attached agreement sets forth the parameters for this cooperation in 2023. There are no substantive changes to the agreement from the 2022 agreement.

In 2023, staff will work with Trustees to prioritize foundation meetings as a way to coordinate and connect fundraising efforts across the District. Staff will present a proposal for this effort in January 2023.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the attached 2023 ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES AGREEMENT between the PEORIA PARK DISTRICT FOUNDATION and THE PLEASURE DRIVEWAY AND PARK DISTRICT OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES AGREEMENT

between the

PEORIA PARK DISTRICT FOUNDATION

and

THE PLEASURE DRIVEWAY AND PARK DISTRICT OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS

The purpose of this agreement is to create a working relationship and cooperative agreement to utilize the administrative, operational, and staffing resources available through the Pleasure Driveway and Park District of Peoria, Illinois (hereinafter “PPD”) to provide both financial, in-kind, and administrative support services to the Peoria Park District Foundation (hereinafter “PPD Foundation”), that focuses on enhancing and providing public educational, adult learning, and youth outreach programs and opportunities to the Peoria community, especially those taking place on Park District property or in connection with Park District leisure and recreation opportunities:

WHEREAS, the PPD Foundation exists for the public purpose of serving and enhancing the continuing education and recreation needs of the Peoria community; and

WHEREAS, the Parties share a mutual commitment to promoting and expanding public leisure, adult education, and recreational opportunities for the public at large, and desire to work together to coordinate, integrate and consolidate the planning, development, and general support of public programming when basic functions are compatible and a public benefit may be derived; and

WHEREAS, this agreement is intended to create a mutually beneficial environment in which to provide quality educational, leisure, and recreation for all the residents served by the parties, as well as the general public; and

WHEREAS, the Parties agree that, through joint efforts, each party can contribute to greater public service without relinquishing their separate identities or any of their individual responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, this agreement cannot be considered absolute; but shall serve as a frame of reference to maximize the parties' concept of cooperative planning, use, and programming, while retaining the essential freedom of discretion, decision and action in planning, developing and maintaining leisure, educational, and recreation programs and activities.

In support of the entities' shared goal of providing high quality educational programming in connection with leisure and recreation offering, and so that the focus of PPD Foundation staff may remain focused on providing this programming, the parties agree as follows:

1. Incorporation of Recitals. The Recitals set forth above are hereby incorporated by reference into this Agreement as though fully set forth herein, and all covenants, terms, conditions, and provisions of this Agreement shall be construed, interpreted, and enforced in accordance therewith.

2. The PPD will maintain separate accounting records for all PPD Foundation transactions and provide monthly financial reports including, but not limited to a PPD Foundation balance sheet, income statement, and all detail transactions. The treasurer or assistant treasurer as appointed by the PPD Foundation board shall sign all checks issued by the PPD Foundation.

3. PPD Foundation will maintain all program records required to comply with reporting requirements of any and all public or private grants received.

4. In order to meet the requirements of the PPD Foundation, the PPD may loan employees to the PPD Foundation. Loaned employees will be considered employees of the PPD for purposes of Federal and State withholding, unemployment benefits, social security, health and dental insurance, and life insurance. Direct costs of health insurance, dental insurance, life insurance, employer's share of IMRF (Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund) and social security and unemployment benefits will be expensed to PPD Foundation accounts. The health insurance premium contribution by loaned employees shall be equal to that paid by PPD nonunion employees.

5. The PPD will assist PPD Foundation staff with claims management for insurance (liability, property, and workmen's compensation), subject to the limitations, terms, and conditions of coverage through the PPD Foundation's carrier(s).

6. With the exception of loaned PPD employees, wages and corresponding benefits for all PPD Foundation employees will be paid directly by the PPD Foundation as allocated in approved program budgets. No restricted funds held in the PPD Foundation may be used for this purpose without prior authorization.

7. PPD staff resources may be utilized to support PPD Foundation efforts whenever appropriate to further the shared vision for the PPD Foundation, including but not limited to human resources and volunteer management, printing, maintenance services, marketing, community relations, development/grant writing, and police services. Direct costs of supplies, equipment, and contracted services will be paid by the PPD Foundation.

8. In exchange for the aforementioned fiscal, staffing, and operational supports provided to the PPD Foundation by the PPD, the PPD will assess an administrative charge equal to 7% of all PPD Foundation expenses.

This amended agreement shall replace the agreement approved by both entities that is set to expire in December 2022 and shall be in effect from the date of approval through December 31, 2023. This agreement shall be reviewed by the staff and board of directors for both entities not less than 30 days prior to January 1 of the succeeding year. It may be renewed only by action of the boards of directors for both entities.

Changes and/or modifications to this agreement shall be in writing and shall require the approval of the board of directors for both entities.

This agreement may be terminated by either party by giving 45 days written notice to the other party.

So agreed this ____ day of _____, 2022.

APPROVED BY:

The Pleasure Driveway and Park District of Peoria, Illinois

By: _____

Its _____

Peoria Park District Foundation

By: _____

Its _____

Park District Board of Trustees Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: December 14, 2022

Submitted by: Alicia Woodworth

Submitting Department: Administration

Item Type: Agreement

Agenda Section:

Subject:

2023 Administrative and Operational Support Services Agreement between Peoria Zoological Society and Pleasure Driveway and Park District of Peoria

Suggested Action:

Approval

Attachments:

[StaffRecommendationPPD-PZS2023.pdf](#)

[PZS Administrative Agreement 2023.pdf](#)



DATE: December 8, 2022
TO: Peoria Park District Board of Trustees

MEMO

FROM: Emily G. Cahill, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Agreement Regarding Peoria Zoological Society

Recommendation:

Staff recommends the approval of the attached 2023 ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES AGREEMENT between PEORIA ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY *and* THE PLEASURE DRIVEWAY AND PARK DISTRICT OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS, which formalizes the administrative relationship between the Park District and the Society, which is dedicated to support of the Zoo.

Background and Rationale:

The proposed agreement reflects no significant changes from previous years' agreements and includes date changes to reflect the 2023 operating year.

Beyond date changes, this agreement also includes herein a commitment to conduct strategic planning that will focus on how the Society and the District work together to support a sustainable Zoo facility and operation, which will be completed during the upcoming year and may impact future administrative agreements.

The attached agreement has been approved in principle by Peoria Zoological Society as of the date of this Recommendation.



2023 ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES AGREEMENT
between
PEORIA ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY
and
THE PLEASURE DRIVEWAY AND PARK DISTRICT OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS

The purpose of this agreement is to create a working relationship and cooperative agreement to utilize the administrative, operational, and staffing resources available through The Pleasure Driveway and Park District of Peoria, Illinois (the "PARK DISTRICT") to provide both financial, in-kind, and administrative support services to Peoria Zoological Society (the "SOCIETY") that focuses on the SOCIETY's mission of supporting Peoria Zoo.

WHEREAS, the SOCIETY exists for charitable, scientific, and educational purposes; to aid in the improvement and development of Peoria Zoo and to foster interest among the general public and to educate the general public regarding Peoria Zoo and the animal kingdom; and

WHEREAS, the parties share a mutual commitment to Peoria Zoo which is articulated in their AGREEMENT REGARDING PEORIA ZOO, which was most recently renewed on the 8th day of December 2022 (the "ZOO AGREEMENT"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the ZOO AGREEMENT the parties contemplate the negotiation and execution, on an annual basis, of an Administrative and Operational Support Services Agreement (the "AOSS Agreement") and this document is intended to represent the 2023 AOSS Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the parties intend to create a mutually beneficial environment in which to provide administrative support in membership, development, fundraising, and capital campaign efforts; and

WHEREAS, the parties agree that, through joint efforts, each party can collaborate in order to avoid duplicative administrative efforts and to maximize the benefits associated with community financial support of Peoria Zoo.

NOW, THEREFORE, in support of the parties' shared goal of supporting Peoria Zoo, the PARK DISTRICT and the SOCIETY agree to the following for 2023:

1. PARK DISTRICT staff resources may be utilized to support SOCIETY efforts whenever appropriate to further the parties' shared vision, including but not limited to accounting and financial reporting services, human resources and volunteer management, maintenance services, marketing, community relations, and development/grant writing. Direct cost of supplies, equipment, and contracted services attributable to the performance of such services solely on behalf of the SOCIETY will be paid by the SOCIETY.

2. In exchange for the fiscal, staffing, and operation support provided to the SOCIETY by the PARK DISTRICT, the SOCIETY will be assessed an administrative charge equal to 7.33% of all SOCIETY expenses, excluding loan principal and interest payments, payments to the PARK DISTRICT to transfer revenues collected by the SOCIETY on behalf of the Peoria Zoo including, but not limited to, memberships sold and A.D.O.P.T. an Animal gifts, and capital projects agreed to as part of Article Three of the Agreement Regarding Peoria Zoo.

3. Membership fees for all SOCIETY memberships issued during calendar year 2023, regardless of category, will belong to the SOCIETY. The SOCIETY agrees to distribute to the PARK DISTRICT, within thirty (30) days of the end of each calendar month, thirty (30%) of the membership fees received during the calendar month then ending. All membership fees paid by a member to Peoria Zoo will be distributed to the SOCIETY on a monthly basis. The PARK DISTRICT agrees to use the membership fees distributed to it for the operation of Peoria Zoo. The SOCIETY and the PARK DISTRICT agree and acknowledge that any funds received by the SOCIETY from any third party as a matching grant respecting membership fees are not considered membership fees and shall not be subject to distribution by the SOCIETY to the PARK DISTRICT.

4. The SOCIETY will reimburse the PARK DISTRICT for 100% of the PARK DISTRICT's costs respecting payments made to or on behalf of the SOCIETY staff.

5. The SOCIETY gives permission to its staff to support ZOO and PARK DISTRICT operations and Zoo-related fundraising materials and activities so long as their SOCIETY duties and responsibilities have been met. This could include, but not be limited to:

- i. Providing assistance in the development and implementation of Zoo-related fundraising materials and activities such as A.D.O.P.T. an Animal, grant writing, special events, and annual appeals
- ii. Technical assistance to PARK DISTRICT users of the Centaman point of sales system
- iii. Technical assistance to PARK DISTRICT in membership related issues of other facilities
- iv. Marketing and Development Consultation
- v. Graphic Design

6. In support of more strategic and sustainable collaboration focused on Peoria Zoo, SOCIETY and the PARK DISTRICT agree to undertake a strategic planning process in 2023. The Society's Development Director and the Park District's Executive Director will initiate the strategic planning process. The Society and the Park District agree to endeavor to have defined goals and a timeline for the strategic planning process established prior to May 31, 2023, and to have a full strategic plan established by December 31, 2023.

This amended agreement shall be in effect from the date of approval through December 31, 2023. This agreement shall be reviewed by the staff and board of trustees of the PARK DISTRICT and the board of directors for the SOCIETY not less than 30 days prior to January 1 of the succeeding year. It may be renewed only by action of the board of trustees of the PARK DISTRICT and the board of directors of the SOCIETY.

Changes and/or modifications to this agreement shall be in writing and shall require the approval of the board of trustees of the PARK DISTRICT and the board of directors of the SOCIETY.

This agreement may be terminated by either party by giving 45 days written notice to the other party. Termination shall not, however, terminate any obligation hereunder that existed on the date of termination but was not to be performed until after the date of termination.

So agreed this ____th day of December, 2022.

APPROVED BY:

The Pleasure Driveway and Park District of Peoria, Illinois

By: _____

Its: _____

Peoria Zoological Society

By: _____

Its: _____

Park District Board of Trustees Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: December 14, 2022

Submitted by: Alicia Woodworth

Submitting Department: Administration

Item Type: Agreement

Agenda Section:

Subject:

2023 Administrative and Operating Support Agreement Between Heart of Illinois Special Recreation Association and The Pleasure Driveway and Park District of Peoria, IL

Suggested Action:

Attachments:

[StaffRecDecember 2022 carryover request.pdf](#)



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MEMO

DATE: December 8, 2022

TO: Park Board Trustees

FROM: Emily G. Cahill, Executive Director

SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATIVE AGREEMENT between THE HEART OF ILLINOIS SPECIAL RECREATION ASSOCIATION (HISRA) and THE PLEASURE DRIVEWAY AND PARK DISTRICT OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS for 2023.

BACKGROUND:

Annually the Peoria Park District and HISRA review and approve an Administrative Support Agreement that outlines the administrative resources and support the District provides HISRA.

As part of a discussion with PDRMA in November 2022, their legal counsel identified some areas in the current agreement that need to be clarified and updated. As such, staff asks that the current agreement be extended on a month to month basis while a revised agreement is drafted and vetted by legal counsel.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff requests board consensus to continue administrative support of the HEART OF ILLINOIS SPECIAL RECREATION ASSOCIATION (HISRA) per the terms of the 2022 agreement until such time as a revised agreement for 2023 can be executed and brought to the Board for consideration in January 2023.

Park District Board of Trustees Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: December 14, 2022

Submitted by: Alicia Woodworth

Submitting Department: Recreation

Item Type: Agreement

Agenda Section:

Subject:

Corn Stock Theatre 2023 Season Agreement

Suggested Action:

Approval

Attachments:

[Board Memo - 2023 Corn Stock Theatre Agreement.pdf](#)

[2023 Corn Stock Theatre Agreement.pdf](#)



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MEMO

DATE: December 8, 2022

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Matt Freeman, Superintendent of Parks

SUBJECT: Agreement between The Pleasure Driveway and
Park District of Peoria and Corn Stock Theatre

BACKGROUND

In December 1966, Corn Stock Theatre entered into an agreement with the Peoria Park District to formally lease ground at Bradley Park to conduct theatre business. As part of this agreement, which remains in effect, Corn Stock does not pay a fee for the property lease and has provided 100% of the funding for construction of all theatre buildings and their maintenance.

This agreement, between the Park District and Corn Stock Theatre, supplements the original lease agreement, and is designed to provide details for coordination, responsibilities, and services provided by each party specific to the 2023 season.

This agreement will be revisited annually so that changes can be made as needed for each new season.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of this request.

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE PLEASURE DRIVEWAY AND PARK DISTRICT OF PEORIA
AND THE CORN STOCK THEATRE
REGARDING THE USE OF LAURA BRADLEY PARK FOR the 2023 SEASON**

This Agreement is between The Pleasure Driveway and Park District of Peoria (referred to herein as the DISTRICT), a park district organized and operated under the Illinois Park District Code, and The Corn Stock Theatre (referred to herein as CST), an Illinois not-for-profit corporation (collectively, the "Parties").

WHEREAS, the DISTRICT and CST entered into that certain Agreement and Lease dated December 14, 1966 (together with amendments thereto, referred to herein as the Lease); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Lease, CST leases certain property in the DISTRICT's Laura Bradley Park (referred to herein as the Park); and

WHEREAS both Parties understand and appreciate the value and mutual benefit of providing access to theatre in CST's current location in the Park; and

WHEREAS, the Parties are committed to continuing to work together in 2023 and in future years; and

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein, the Parties agree to the following terms for the coordination and presentation of the 2023 CST Theatre season:

1. DISTRICT Police will provide one DISTRICT police officer or security personnel for security and traffic control for each of the summer performances from 6:30 pm to approximately 10:30 pm each night.
 - a. No parking signs will be placed in agreed upon locations for Park District Police use.
 - b. CST will pay the DISTRICT \$35 per hour per officer for these services. DISTRICT will bill CST monthly to the attention of John Stuff, CST Manager. Payment is due within 30 days of receipt of invoice.
 - c. Security will be provided by DISTRICT for the following performance dates:
 - i. Sister Act: June 2-10
 - ii. Calendar Girls: June 23-July 1
 - iii. Drowsy Chaperone: July 14-22
 - iv. Titanic: August 4-12
 - v. Dirty Rotten Scoundrels: August 25-September 2

2. CST agrees to reimburse the DISTRICT for the cost of garbage disposal services by GFL.
 - a. CST agrees to follow the same procedure as DISTRICT staff for requesting a change in their garbage disposal pick up schedule, dumpster size and delivery of a roll off. CST received a copy of the memo providing the procedure for changes to service levels and the fee schedule for each type of service.
 - b. CST agrees to request a roll off for disposal of construction materials.
 - c. DISTRICT will bill CST monthly for garbage disposal service at the same rate paid by the DISTRICT to GFL. Payment is due within 30 days of receipt of invoice.
3. CST agrees to oversee planting and maintenance of all their own flowers at CST's location.
4. DISTRICT agrees to continue being responsible for dead tree removal and tree trimming on or near the property being utilized by CST.
5. DISTRICT agrees to continue mowing the property being utilized by CST.
6. DISTRICT agrees to continue providing leaf clean up services in the fall, to the best of the DISTRICT'S ability.
7. DISTRICT will continue to provide the service of moving picnic tables for user group when requested by CST for a charge at the discretion of the DISTRICT.
8. For 2023, the DISTRICT staff liaison to CST is Jacob Kuban ("Kuban"). Both parties agree that all concerns about this agreement or daily operations of the facilities will be addressed first between Kuban and the CST Manager. Both parties will provide notice to the other about events that have been scheduled in Bradley Park in order to limit potential conflicts.
9. DISTRICT agrees to provide CST a place in Bradley Park near CST for banners to be displayed. The banners will be provided and installed at CST's expense. The banners must be exclusively for the promotion of CST activities.
10. DISTRICT agrees to allow CST to sell alcohol under the following conditions:
 - a. Alcohol sales will be limited to beer and wine under tightly regulated conditions.
 - b. Alcohol will only be sold during CST performances between the hours of 6:00 PM and 10:00 PM.
 - c. Alcohol will be sold to CST patrons only.
 - d. An insured outside vendor/caterer will be contracted to sell only beer and wine prior to each production and during intermission. This vendor will be required to carry all required insurance, licensing, and have alcohol trained staff over 21 on

- duty. The vendor will provide a copy of their Liquor License, Liquor Liability insurance certificate, and all other required forms to the DISTRICT.
- e. CST will carry additional liquor liability insurance and will provide a copy to the DISTRICT.
 - f. The selling of beer and wine will be actively monitored and managed in a manner to prevent alcohol from being sold, served, or obtainable by minors. All licensed and trained servers will be required to verify that the person being served is at least 21 years of age.
 - g. A limit of two alcoholic drinks per person will be enforced.
 - h. The consumption of purchased beer and wine will be restricted to the CST and its immediate grounds in a contained designated area. Patrons with alcohol will not be permitted on any of the adjacent park grounds.
 - i. CST agrees that it will comply with the DISTRICT'S established approval process for user groups that desire to serve alcohol at any event on DISTRICT property.
11. CST shall require all vendors to comply with all applicable local, state, and federal laws, regulations and ordinances. In addition, they shall require vendors to meet the insurance requirements listed in the *INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS* section, part *a* of this agreement. All vendors need to submit required proof of insurance to the DISTRICT prior to using DISTRICT property.

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS:

a. Commercial General, Liquor, and Umbrella Liability Insurance

- Commercial General and Umbrella Liability Insurance
CST shall maintain commercial general liability (CGL) and, if necessary, commercial umbrella insurance with a limit of not less than \$2,000,000 each occurrence. If such CGL insurance contains a general aggregate limit, it shall apply separately to this location.

CGL insurance shall be written on Insurance Services Office (ISO) occurrence form CG 00 01 10 93, or a substitute form providing equivalent coverage, and shall cover liability arising from premises, operations, independent contractors, liquor liability, products-completed operations, personal injury and advertising injury, and liability assumed under an insured contract (including the tort liability of another assumed in a business contract).

If CST intends on distributing, selling, serving or furnishing alcoholic beverages, liquor liability coverage (including Dram Shop coverage) shall also be provided with a limit of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence.

The District shall be included as an insured under the CGL, using ISO additional insured endorsement CG 20 26 or a substitute providing equivalent coverage, and under the commercial umbrella, if any. This insurance shall apply as primary insurance with respect to any other insurance or self-insurance afforded to The District. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the District shall be excess of CST's insurance and shall not contribute with it.

b. Business Audit and Umbrella Liability Insurance

- If applicable, CST shall maintain business auto liability, and if necessary, commercial umbrella liability insurance with a limit of not less than \$1,000,000 each accident. Such insurance shall cover liability arising out of any auto including owned, hired and non-owned autos.

Business auto insurance shall be written on Insurance services Office (ISO) form CA 00 01, CA00 05, CA 00 12, CA 00 20, or a substitute form providing equivalent liability coverage. If necessary, the policy shall be endorsed to provide contractual liability coverage equivalent to that provided in the 1990 and later editions of CA 00 01.

c. Workers Compensation Insurance

- CST shall keep and maintain Workers' Compensation Insurance covering all costs, statutory benefits and liabilities under State Workers' Compensation and similar laws for their employees. Any employee claim related to this Agreement will be the responsibility of CST as the employer, and the District shall have no obligation whatsoever to provide Workers' Compensation for CST.

d. General Insurance Provisions

- Evidence of Insurance

At least two weeks prior to the start of the CST 2023 season, CST shall furnish the District with a certificate(s) of insurance and applicable policy endorsement(s), executed by a duly authorized representative of each insurer, showing compliance with the insurance requirements set forth above. All certificates shall provide for advance written notice to the District prior to the cancellation or material change of any insurance referred to therein. Written notice to the District shall be by certified mail, return receipt requested.

Failure of the District to demand such certificate, endorsement or other evidence of full compliance with these insurance requirements or failure of The District to identify a deficiency from evidence that is provided shall not be construed as a waiver of CST's obligation to maintain such insurance.

Failure to maintain the required insurance may result in termination of this use agreement at the District's option.

CST shall provide certified copies of all insurance policies required above within 10 days of the District's written request for said copies.

c. Acceptability of Insurers

- For insurance companies which obtain a rating from A.M. Best, that rating should be no less than A VII using the most recent edition of the A.M. Best's Key Rating Guide. If the Best's rating is less than A VII or a Best's rating is not obtained, the District has the right to reject insurance written by an insurer it deems unacceptable.

d. Cross-Liability Coverage

- If CST's liability policies do not contain the standard ISO separation of insured's provision, or a substantially similar clause, they shall be endorsed to provide cross-liability coverage.

e. Deductibles and Self-Insured Retentions

- Any deductibles or self-insured retentions must be declared to the District. At the option of the District, the CST may be asked to eliminate such deductibles or self-insured retentions as respects the District, its officers, officials, employees, volunteers and agents or required to procure a bond guaranteeing payment of losses and other related costs including but not limited to investigations, claim administration and defense expenses.

Release and Hold Harmless:

CST shall indemnify and hold harmless the Park District and its officers, officials, employees, volunteers and agents from and against all claims, damages, losses and expenses, including but not limited to legal fees (reasonable attorney's and paralegals' fees and court costs), arising from or in any way connected with (i) the conduct or management of the premises or of any business or activity therein, or any work or thing whatsoever done, or condition created in or about the premises during the term of this agreement; (ii) any act, omission wrongful act or negligence of CST or any of CST's partners, directors, officials, officers, agents, employees, members, volunteers, participants, invitees, licensees, contractors, or subcontractors; (iii) any accident, injury or damage whatsoever occurring in or upon District property of facility, regardless of whether or not it is caused in part by a party indemnified hereunder. Such obligation shall not be construed to negate, abridge, or otherwise reduce any other right or obligation of indemnity which would otherwise exist as to any party or person described in this paragraph. CST shall similarly protect, indemnify and hold and save harmless the District, its officers, officials, employees, volunteers and agents against and from any and all claims, costs, causes, actions and expenses including but not limited to legal fees, incurred by reason of CST's breach of any of its obligations under, or CST's default of any provision of this agreement.

DURATION OF AGREEMENT AND TERMINATION:

The term of this agreement shall be in effect from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023. This agreement shall be reviewed by the staff and board of directors for both entities not less than 45 days prior to January 1 of the succeeding year. It may be renewed only by action of the boards of directors for both entities.

Changes and/or modifications to this agreement shall be in writing and shall require the approval of the board of directors for both entities.

This agreement may be terminated by either party by giving 45 days written notice to the other party.

THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES:

No person other than the Parties themselves has any rights or remedies under this Agreement. This Agreement may be terminated only upon mutual agreement of the Parties in writing, or as otherwise provided herein, or CST's breach of the insurance requirements of this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Parties have hereunto set their hands and seals.

PLEASURE DRIVEWAY AND PARK DISTRICT OF PEORIA

By: _____

Its: _____

Date: _____

THE CORN STOCK THEATRE

By: _____

Its: _____

Date: _____

Park District Board of Trustees Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: December 14, 2022

Submitted by: Alicia Woodworth

Submitting Department: Administration

Item Type: Agreement

Agenda Section:

Subject:

The Peoria Citizens Committee for Economic Opportunity, Inc. (PCCEO) Agreement Renewal

Suggested Action:

Attachments:

[Staff Recommendation for 2023-2025 Agreement.pdf](#)

[2023-2025 PCCEO CAA Agreement.pdf](#)



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EMILY G. CAHILL

DATE: December 8, 2022

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Matt Freeman – Superintendent of Parks

SUBJECT: UTILIZATION AGREEMENT WITH PEORIA CITIZENS
COMMITTEE FOR ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY,
INC.

BACKGROUND

For the past two decades, the Peoria Citizens Committee for Economic Opportunity (Community Action Agency) has utilized Trewyn Park Pavilion for its social service programs and recreational activities. The Head Start Preschool and Foster Grandparents programs are conducted in Trewyn Pavilion.

The current three-year agreement with PCCEO expires on December 31, 2022. Times of use and usage during the new three- year agreement for the years of 2023-2025, align with the usage of the expiring agreement. A copy of the agreement is included in the Board Books.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of this agreement.

AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN

The Pleasure Driveway and Park District of Peoria
And
The Peoria Citizens Committee
For Economic Opportunity, Inc.

UTILIZATION OF TREWYN PARK FACILITIES

The Pleasure Driveway and Park District of Peoria, an Illinois park district, hereinafter referred to as the Peoria Park District, grants authority to the Peoria Citizens Committee for Economic Opportunity, Inc., an Illinois not for profit corporation, hereinafter referred to as CAA (Community Action Agency), to: provide, schedule and conduct recreational and social programs and services at the Trewyn Park facilities designated on Exhibit A and Exhibit B hereto (the "Premises") Monday through Friday from 8:00 am until 6:00 pm; and to provide, schedule and conduct special programs and services during the time periods not covered above solely with the prior approval of the Executive Director of Parks and Recreation, or his/her designee. It is stipulated that programs and services shall address the needs and wants of persons three (3) years of age and older, and that such programs and services shall be available to all Peoria Park District residents with first priority being given to persons or families residing in the Trewyn Park area. Programs and services that will be scheduled and conducted by CAA at the Trewyn Park facilities are:

HEAD START

Head Start is a preschool education program involving approximately 60 children and their parents. The program provides for: physical and mental development of children three (3) to five (5) years old; a full nutritional meal daily; medical screening and care; and, transportation to and from their homes. Parents and family members receive training and assistance in civic awareness and self-help procedures.

FOSTER GRANDPARENTS

Foster Grandparents is a senior citizen volunteer program providing a "one-on-one" relationship for young persons who need special attention in the form of emotional or physical attachment because of mental or physical handicaps or because they are experiencing difficulty in adjusting to a new environment. Some Foster Grandparents will work with the Head Start program.

CONDITIONS AND TERMS

1. Peoria Park District will have the right of review of all programs and services to be scheduled and/or conducted at the facility to ensure that such programs and/or services are consistent with the terms and conditions of this Agreement. Review will occur on a quarterly basis unless unusual circumstances require a special review. Appeal of decisions, resulting from such review, may be made to the Executive Director of Parks and Recreation.

2. Programs or services not specified within this Agreement will not be scheduled or conducted without formal review and specific prior written approval of the Executive Director of Parks and Recreation, or his/her designee.
3. Peoria Park District reserves the right to provide, schedule and conduct programs and/or services at the Premises at any time not in conflict with CAA programs or services.
4. CAA may not grant authority to any other agencies or other entities to provide services, conduct programming, or otherwise use the Premises without prior and specific written approval from the Executive Director of Parks and Recreation, or his/her designee.
5. The Peoria Park District will have authority over and be responsible for the overall building security (with the exception of CAA Premises), upkeep and maintenance of the facility in a condition suitable to program operation. CAA will provide manpower to the Peoria Park District for upkeep and maintenance of the space utilized by CAA.
6. CAA will be responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of all CAA equipment. CAA will be responsible for general clean up of the utilized space on a daily basis (trash removal, cleaning of chairs, tables and floors) and will provide security for program equipment and supplies.
7. The Peoria Park District will pay utilities for the purpose of lighting, environmental control, security system, and maintaining the facility, except as otherwise stated in this Agreement. The cost of providing such services will be reviewed at the end of the term of this Agreement, by designated representatives of the Peoria Park District and CAA. CAA will pay a fee of two thousand fifty dollars (\$2,050.00) per month in 2023, two thousand one hundred dollars (\$2,100.00) per month in 2024, and two thousand one hundred fifty dollars (\$2,150.00) per month in 2025. The said fee is payable on the last day of each month of occupancy, to help offset the associated costs for the use of the facilities.
8. Peoria Park District grants to CAA the use of program related office space within the facility. Programs or services not scheduled nor conducted within the facility shall not have the use of office space within the building.
9. Peoria Park District grants to CAA the use of property for an outdoor playground exclusively for the use of CAA and their program participants. CAA accepts full responsibility for the maintenance of the playground equipment, the fence surrounding the playground, and the surface material within the fenced area. It is the responsibility of CAA to ensure that the playground area is always secured when not in use to prohibit access by the general public.

10. CAA shall not, without Peoria Park District's prior written consent, make or permit to be made, any alterations, additions or improvements to the Premises.
11. CAA shall occupy the Premises in a safe and careful manner, without committing or permitting waste and in compliance with all laws, regulations and orders of all governmental bodies having jurisdiction over the Premises.
12. **INSURANCE AND INDEMNIFICATION**
 - A. **Liability Insurance.** During the Term of this Agreement, CAA shall, at CAA's expense, procure and maintain comprehensive general liability insurance covering the Premises, from companies authorized to do business in the State of Illinois and rated A or better by Best's Insurance Rating System or its equivalent, with minimums of not less than \$2,000,000 on account of bodily injuries to or death of any one or more persons as a result of any occurrence, and \$2,000,000 coverage for property damage, and to deposit said policy or policies (or certificates thereof) with Peoria Park District prior to the date of any use, occupancy or possession of the Premises by CAA. Said policy or policies shall name Peoria Park District and, at Peoria Park District's request, Peoria Park District's mortgagee, as additional insureds, shall include contractual liability, and shall bear endorsements to the effect that the insurer agrees to notify Peoria Park District not less than thirty (30) days in advance of any modifications or cancellation thereof. CAA's general liability insurance or self-insurance shall be primary insurance as respects the Peoria Park District. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the Peoria Park District shall be excess of CAA's insurance and shall not contribute with it.
 - B. **Fire and Extended Coverage Insurance.** During the Term of this Agreement, Peoria Park District shall procure and maintain an All Risk fire and casualty insurance policy insuring the Building and improvements on the real property in an amount equal to the full replacement cost of such improvements, together with insurance against such other risks (including loss of rent) and in such amounts as Peoria Park District deems appropriate. Such insurance shall be carried with companies authorized to do business in the State of Illinois and rated A or better by Best's Insurance Rating System or its equivalent. In addition, CAA agrees to comply with all reasonable requirements of Peoria Park District's insurance company and to refrain from any activities, which would contravene or violate the reasonable requirements of Peoria Park District's insurance company.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Section, the Peoria Park District's obligations to carry the insurance provided for in this Section shall be satisfied by the coverages extended to the Peoria Park District by the Park District Risk Management Agency ("PDRMA") or other similar risk management agency which provides risk management and

insurance coverage for park districts so long as the coverages set forth in this Section are maintained. Peoria Park District shall not be responsible for insuring or replacing CAA's personal property located in the Premises.

- C. CAA's Personal Property. CAA shall also maintain insurance against fire and such other risks as are, from time to time, included in standard extended coverage endorsements, insuring CAA's stock-in-trade, trade fixtures, furnishings, furniture, special equipment, plate glass, floor and wall coverings and all other items of personal property of CAA located in the Premises, in an amount equal to the full replacement cost thereof. Prior to CAA's use or occupancy of the Premises, CAA shall furnish Peoria Park District with a certificate evidencing such coverage.
- D. Workmen's Compensation Insurance. CAA shall, during the entire term hereof, keep in full force and effect and pay all premiums or other charges for policies of workmen's compensation insurance, as required by the Illinois Workers' Compensation Act (IWCA).
- E. Indemnification. CAA shall indemnify and hold harmless the Peoria Park District and its trustees, officers, officials, employees, volunteers, attorneys and agents from and against all claims, damages, losses and expenses, including but not limited to legal fees (attorney's and paralegals' fees and court costs), arising from or in any way connected with (i) the use of the Property or of any business or activity thereon, or any work or thing whatsoever done, or condition created in or about the Property during the use; (ii) any act, omission, wrongful act or negligence of CAA or any CAA's contractors or subcontractors, or the directors, officers, agents, employees, invitees of CAA or CAA's contractors or subcontractors. Such obligation shall not be construed to negate, abridge or otherwise reduce any other right or obligation of indemnity which would otherwise exist as to any party or person described in this Paragraph. CAA shall similarly protect, indemnify and hold and save harmless the Peoria Park District, its trustees, officers, officials, employees, volunteers, attorneys and agents against and from any and all claims, costs, causes, actions and expenses including but not limited to legal fees, incurred by reason of CAA's breach of any of its obligations under or CAA's default of any provision of this Agreement.
- F. No Waiver of Tort Immunity Defenses. Nothing contained in this Agreement is intended to constitute nor shall constitute a waiver of the defenses available to the Peoria Park District including, without limitation, under the Illinois Local Governmental and Governmental Employees Tort Immunity Act, with respect to claims by CAA or third parties.

13. CAA agrees that during the use of the Trewyn Park facilities they will not exclude anyone from participation in, deny anyone the benefits of or otherwise subject anyone to discrimination because of the person's race, religion, sex, age, color, national origin, or physical or mental handicap.
14. No consent, approval or waiver, express or implied, by either of the parties hereto to or of any breach of any covenant, Agreement or obligation of the other party shall be construed as a consent or waiver to or of any other breach of the same or any other covenant, Agreement or obligation.
15. This Agreement is entered into solely for the benefit of the contracting parties, and nothing in this Agreement is intended, either expressly or impliedly, to provide any right or benefit of any kind whatsoever to any person or entity that is not a party to this Agreement, or to acknowledge, establish or impose any legal duty to any third party.
16. No provision contained in this Agreement may be construed as creating a relationship of principal and agent, or partnership or joint venture between or among any of the parties here.
17. At the end of the term of this Agreement, the CAA will yield up the Premises to the Peoria Park District without further notice in as good condition as the Premises were received and promptly pay for damages to the premises caused by the program, unless renewed in accordance with the following paragraph.

The aforementioned conditions and terms, subject to amendment by written mutual agreement signed by designated representatives of the two parties between which this Agreement has been made, shall be binding on all future representatives of the Peoria Park District and CAA, commencing January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2025. Either party may cancel this Agreement by giving thirty (30) days notice, in writing, to the other party. Upon discontinuance of program funding, CAA may cancel this Agreement by submitting written notification and documentation to the Peoria Park District. This Agreement may be renegotiated and renewed by mutual agreement of the parties, not later than thirty (30) days prior to the end of its term.

Exhibit A Trewyn Pavilion Basement

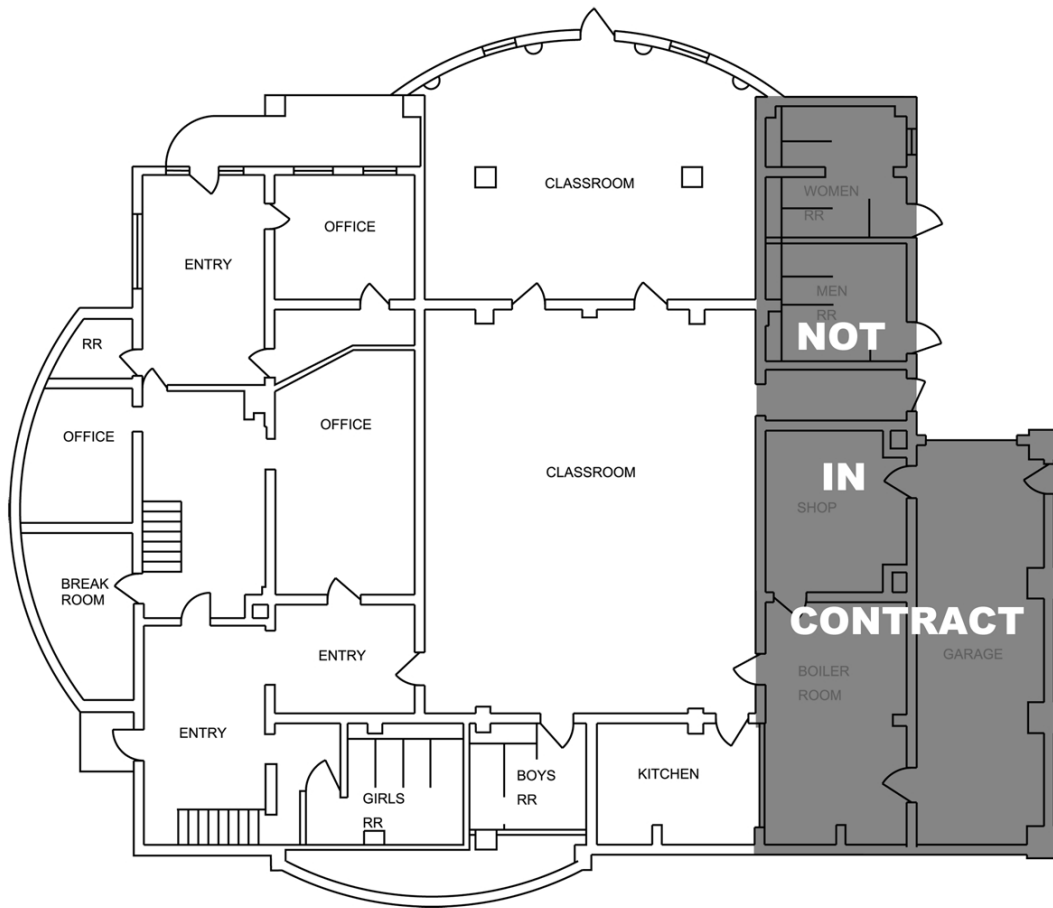


Exhibit B
Head Start Playground



President, Board of Trustees
PLEASURE DRIVEWAY AND PARK
DISTRICT OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS

Date

ATTEST:

Secretary to the Board of Trustees

Date

PEORIA CITIZENS COMMITTEE FOR
ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY, INC.

Date

Park District Board of Trustees Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: December 14, 2022

Submitted by: Alicia Woodworth

Submitting Department: Administration

Item Type: Miscellaneous

Agenda Section:

Subject:

Approval of IAPD Credentials Resolutions

Suggested Action:

Attachments:

[IAPD 2022 Credentials Certificate Board Memo.pdf](#)

[IAPD 2023 Annual Conference Credentials Certificate.pdf](#)



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MEMO

DATE: December 14, 2022

TO: Park Board of Trustees

FROM: Alicia Woodworth, Board Secretary

SUBJECT: Credentials Certificate; Illinois Association of Park Districts
Annual Conference January 26-28, 2023

The annual Illinois Parks and Recreation Conference will be held January 26-28, 2023 in Chicago, IL. To ensure eligibility of Peoria Park District delegates to vote on matters presented during the Association's annual conference on January 28, 2023, the attached credentials certificate, naming a Delegate, and First Alternate must be voted upon by the Board of Trustees.



TO: ALL MEMBER DISTRICTS

FROM: Peter M. Murphy, President/CEO

DATE: October 5, 2022

RE: **CREDENTIALS CERTIFICATE**

The IAPD/IPRA Soaring to New Heights Conference will be held on January 26-28, 2023.

Article V, Section 3 and 4 of the Constitutional By-Laws of the Illinois Association of Park Districts provides as follows:

"Section 3. Each member district shall be entitled to be represented at all Association meetings and conferences by a delegate or delegates. Delegates of the Association meetings or conference may include members of the governing boards of member districts, the Secretary, Attorney, Treasurer, Director or any paid employee of the member district. Each delegate shall present proper credentials consisting of a certificate by the Secretary of the member district said delegate or delegates represent, with seal of office affixed, showing that the governing board at a special or regular meeting authorized said delegate or delegates to represent said member district. On all questions each member district represented shall have one vote which shall be the majority expression of the delegation from that member district."

"Section 4. No member district shall be entitled to vote by proxy and only delegates of a member district shall cast a ballot for that member district."

Accordingly, we enclose herewith a certificate, which, when properly certified by the Secretary of your agency after its governing board authorizes such delegate and alternates at a regular or special meeting, shall be mailed to the Association's office, 211 East Monroe Street, Springfield, IL 62701.

This certificate will entitle the delegate or, in their absence, an alternate listed thereon to vote on matters presented during the Association's Annual Business meeting to be held on Saturday, January 28, 2023 at 3:30 p.m.

Your agency must be in good standing, the Credentials Certificate must be signed by the Board President and Secretary with your agency seal affixed.

NOTE: If your agency does not have a seal, then write the word "SEAL" and circle it where indicated on the certificate.

Your careful and prompt attention to this important matter is requested.

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CREDENTIALS CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that at a meeting of the Governing Board of the

The Pleasure Driveway and Park District of Peoria IL

held at

(Name of Agency)

Peoria IL

on December 14, 2022

at 6:00 PM

(Location)

(Month/Day/Year)

(Time)

the following individuals were designated to serve as delegate(s) to the Annual Business Meeting of the ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF PARK DISTRICTS to be held on **Saturday, January 28, 2023 at 3:30 p.m.:**

Name

Title

Email

Delegate: Laurie Covington Trustee lcovington@peoriaparks.org

1st Alternate: Alexander Sierra Trustee asierra@peoriaparks.org

2nd Alternate: -----

3rd Alternate: -----

This is to certify that the foregoing is a statement of action taken at the board meeting cited above.

Affix Seal:

Signed: -----
(President of Board)

Attest: -----
(Board Secretary)

Return this form to:

Illinois Association of Park Districts
211 East Monroe Street
Springfield, IL 62701-1186
Email: iapd@ilparks.org

Park District Board of Trustees Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: December 14, 2022

Submitted by: Alicia Woodworth

Submitting Department: Administration

Item Type: Receive and File

Agenda Section:

Subject:

2023 Park Board and Committee Meetings Schedule

Suggested Action:

Attachments:

[2023 Meeting Schedule.pdf](#)



2023 MEETING SCHEDULE
PARK BOARD AND COMMITTEES



REGULAR PARK BOARD MEETINGS

PARK BOARD REGULAR MEETINGS (2nd & 4th Wednesday, 6:00 PM)

LOCATION: The Bonnie W. Noble Center for Park District Administration OR as specifically designated

JANUARY	11, 18*	JULY	12, 26
FEBRUARY	8, 22	AUGUST	9, 23
MARCH	8, 22	SEPTEMBER	13, 27
APRIL	12, 26	OCTOBER	11, 25
MAY	10, 24	NOVEMBER	1***, 8, 15****
JUNE	14, 28	DECEMBER	6, 13*****

*Rescheduled meeting due to IAPD Conference, January 26-28, 2023

***Special Meeting Scheduled for FY 2022 Budget

****Rescheduled meeting due to Thanksgiving Holiday

*****Rescheduled meeting due to Christmas Holiday

STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE COMMITTEE (4th Wednesday, 5:00 PM, immediately preceding Park Board meetings)

LOCATION: The Bonnie W. Noble Center for Park District Administration OR as specifically designated

JANUARY	18*	JULY	26
FEBRUARY	22	AUGUST	23
MARCH	22	SEPTEMBER	27
APRIL	26	OCTOBER	25
MAY	24	NOVEMBER	15***
JUNE	28	DECEMBER	13****

*Rescheduled meeting due to IAPD Conference, January 26-28, 2023

***Rescheduled meeting due to Thanksgiving Holiday

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PLANNING COMMITTEE (1st Tuesday, 3:00 PM)

LOCATION: The Bonnie W. Noble Center for Park District Administration OR as specifically designated

JANUARY	No Meeting	MAY	2	SEPTEMBER	5
FEBRUARY	7	JUNE	6	OCTOBER	3
MARCH	7	JULY	No Meeting	NOVEMBER	No Meeting
APRIL	4	AUGUST	No Meeting	DECEMBER	No Meeting

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION, and ACCESSIBILITY COMMITTEE (3rd Tuesday, 10:00 AM)

LOCATION: The Bonnie W. Noble Center for Park District Administration OR as specifically designated

JANUARY	17	MAY	16	SEPTEMBER	19
FEBRUARY	21	JUNE	20	OCTOBER	17
MARCH	21	JULY	18	NOVEMBER	14*
APRIL	18	AUGUST	15	DECEMBER	No Meeting

*Rescheduled meeting due to Thanksgiving Holiday

TALENT MANAGEMENT AND ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE (Meeting dates and times to be announced)

LOCATION: The Bonnie W. Noble Center for Park District Administration OR as specifically designated

PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE (2nd Monday Every Other Month, 3:00 PM)

LOCATION: The Bonnie W. Noble Center for Park District Administration OR as specifically designated

February	13	August	14
April	10	October	9
June	12	December	11

AD HOC COMMITTEES

BOARD OF THE WHOLE STRATEGY AD HOC COMMITTEE (2ND Wednesday, 5:00 PM immediately preceding Park Board meeting)

LOCATION: The Bonnie W. Noble Center for Park District Administration OR as specifically designated

JANUARY	11	JULY	12
FEBRUARY	8	AUGUST	9
APRIL	12	OCTOBER	11
MAY	10	NOVEMBER	8
JUNE	14	DECEMBER	6

GOLF ADVISORY AD HOC COMMITTEE (2nd Monday, 12:00 PM)

LOCATION: The Bonnie W. Noble Center for Park District Administration OR as specifically designated

JANUARY	No Meeting	MAY	8	SEPTEMBER	11
FEBRUARY	No Meeting	JUNE	12	OCTOBER	9
MARCH	13	JULY	10	NOVEMBER	No Meeting
APRIL	10	AUGUST	14	DECEMBER	No Meeting

OTHER BOARDS OR COMMITTEES

HEART OF ILLINOIS SPECIAL RECREATION ASSOCIATION (Per HISRA bylaws: Each member district appoints 2 members to serve on HISRA Board)
(3rd Wednesday, 5:15 PM) LOCATION: HISRA Offices Peoria

PEORIA PARK DISTRICT FOUNDATION (Per Foundation bylaws: PPD Board President & 2 PPD Board Trustees)

(Quarterly, Meeting dates and times to be announced)

LOCATION: The Bonnie W. Noble Center for Park District Administration OR as specifically designated

PEORIA PLAYHOUSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

(4th Monday, 12:00 PM) LOCATION: The Peoria PlayHouse Children’s Museum

PEORIA ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY (Per PZS bylaws: 2 PPD Board Trustees & Executive Director Serve on PZS Board)

(2nd Thursday, 4:00 PM) LOCATION: The Peoria Zoo Zambezi River Lodge

SPRINGDALE CEMETERY MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (Per IGA: 1 individual appointed by PPD Pres. serve on Springdale Cemetery Board)

(Meeting dates and times to be announced)

Peoria Park District offices will be closed for the following holidays:

FRIDAY,	DECEMBER 30, 2022	NEW YEAR’S EVE HOLIDAY CELEBRATED
MONDAY,	JANUARY 2, 2023	NEW YEAR DAY HOLIDAY CELEBRATED
MONDAY,	JANUARY 16, 2023	DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. HOLIDAY CELEBRATED
MONDAY,	MAY 29, 2023	MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY
TUESDAY,	JULY 4, 2023	INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY CELEBRATED
MONDAY,	SEPTEMBER 4, 2023	LABOR DAY HOLIDAY
FRIDAY,	NOVEMBER 10, 2023	VETERANS DAY HOLIDAY CELEBRATED
THURSDAY,	NOVEMBER 23, 2023	THANKSGIVING DAY HOLIDAY
FRIDAY,	NOVEMBER 24, 2023	DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY
MONDAY,	DECEMBER 25, 2023	DAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS DAY HOLIDAY CELEBRATED
TUESDAY,	DECEMBER 26, 2023	CHRISTMAS DAY HOLIDAY CELEBRATED
MONDAY,	JANUARY 1, 2024	NEW YEAR’S EVE HOLIDAY CELEBRATED
TUESDAY,	JANUARY 2, 2024	NEW YEAR’S DAY HOLIDAY CELEBRATED

Park District Board of Trustees Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: December 14, 2022

Submitted by: Karrie Ross

Submitting Department: Finance

Item Type: Ordinance

Agenda Section:

Subject:

Ordinance 395 - Disposal of Personal Property

Suggested Action:

Approval

Attachments:

[Recommendation - Ordinance #395.pdf](#)



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DATE: December 14, 2022

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Nicole Staley
Purchasing Supervisor

SUBJECT: Ordinance #395 – Disposal of Personal Property

Recommendation:

Staff recommends adoption of Ordinance #395 to authorize the disposition of personal property that is no longer necessary or useful to the Peoria Park District.

PLEASURE DRIVEWAY AND PARK DISTRICT OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS

ORDINANCE NO. 395

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSITION OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

December 14, 2022

WHEREAS, the Pleasure Driveway and Park District of Peoria ("Park District") is an Illinois park district subject to the provision of the Illinois Park District Code; and

WHEREAS, Section 8-22 of the Illinois Park District Code allows the Board of Trustees, by ordinance, to authorize the conveyance of the Park District's personal property upon finding that such personal property is no longer necessary, useful for, or for the best interest of the Park District; and

WHEREAS, the Park District owns various items of personal property listed on Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference (the "Personal Property"); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has determined that the Personal Property is no longer necessary, useful to, or for the best interest of the Park District; and

WHEREAS, Staff has recommended that the Personal Property be disposed of as set forth on Exhibit A therein; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has determined that it is in the best interest of the Park District and its citizens to dispose of the Personal Property as set forth on Exhibit A.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE PLEASURE DRIVEWAY AND PARK DISTRICT OF PEORIA:

Section 1: The foregoing recitals and findings therein are hereby adopted by the Board of Trustees and are incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 2: The disposal of the Personal Property in the manner set forth in Exhibit A hereto is hereby approved.

Section 3: The Board President, Executive Director, and Board Secretary are authorized and directed to execute such documents as may be necessary to effectuate this ordinance and the transfer of ownership of the personal property described herein.

PASSED this ____ day of _____, 2022.

Ayes: _____

Nays: _____

Absent: _____

President, Board of Trustees

Secretary, Board of Trustees

Exhibit A – Ordinance #395
December 14, 2022
Equipment Disposal Listing

Equipment Disposal through GovDeals.Com:

1. Unit #740F – Brush Bandit Brush Chipper Serial #6553

Equipment Disposal at Auction:

2. Unit #248G – Kawasaki Mule Service Cart, serial #JK1AFC14PB505043
3. Unit #240U – John Deere Outfront Mower, serial #TC1445D08070
4. Unit #520T – John Deere Fairway Mower, serial #TC3225T010371
5. Unit #545T – John Deere Fairway Mower, serial #TC3225T010210
6. Fitness Equipment from the RiverPlex:
 - a. Unit #51, Life Fitness Recumbent Bike
 - b. Unit #12, Precor Treadmill
 - c. Unit #17, Precor Treadmill
 - d. Unit #144, Matrix Climbmill

Equipment to be Traded-In:

7. Fitness Equipment from the RiverPlex:
 - a. Unit #31, Precor Elliptical
 - b. Unit #35, Precor Elliptical
 - c. Unit #40, Precor Elliptical

Equipment to be Scrapped:

8. Western Snow Plow from unit #110
9. Western Snow Plow from unit #105

Park District Board of Trustees Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: December 14, 2022

Submitted by: Karrie Ross

Submitting Department: Finance

Item Type: Contract

Agenda Section:

Subject:

Proposal – Drone Light Show on June 10, 2023

Suggested Action:

Approval

Attachments:

[Recommendation - Drone Light Show on June 10, 2023.pdf](#)



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DATE: December 14, 2022

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Nicole Staley
Purchasing Supervisor

SUBJECT: Proposal – Drone Light Show on June 10, 2023

Budgets Available:

B6-B46-5110-2411 Special Event – Carnival/Park

Background:

A Tourism grant through the State of Illinois' Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) has been awarded to the Peoria Park District to promote tourism opportunities. The grant funds must be utilized in accordance with the state's current fiscal year from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. Following conversations with Representative Gordon-Booth, staff has narrowed focus on the grant opportunity into the creation of Park-A-Palooza – a 3 day event scheduled for June 8-10 at Detweiller Park in 2023. Park-A-Palooza will feature three main components – a drone show, Big Bounce America, and a concert featuring a national touring artist. All projected costs for the event were submitted to the DCEO for approval and will be reimbursable to the District following the reporting period.

Proposals were solicited from five vendors for a drone light show to be held on June 10, 2023. The show will consist of three hundred drones synchronized to music in a twelve-minute display. A second flight will be scheduled to allow more spectators.

Strategic Priority Focus:

 X *Long-term sustainability of the District: we will be responsible stewards of all District resources.*

 What it is we should be doing: we will focus on services that make the greatest impact.

 Communication, collaboration & customer service: we will create community.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends the acceptance of the proposal for a Drone Light Show on June 10, 2023 from Sky Elements LLC of North Richland Hills, TX at a cost of \$79,500.00.

The proposal summary, proposal receipt form, Company Ownership Form, EEO Form and Workforce Profile are attached for review.

Proposal Summary

Prepared By: Nicole Staley
Purchasing Supervisor

Proposal Project: Drone Light Show on June 10, 2023

Proposal Advertised: November 7, 2022

Proposal Opening: Tuesday, November 29, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

Present at Opening: Alicia Woodworth, Peoria Park District
Nicole Staley, Peoria Park District

Proposals Received By: Sky Elements LLC

Proposal Packages Sent to: Sky Elements LLC
Hire UAV Pro
Firefly Drone Shows
Great Lakes Drone Co.
Jay Goldberg Events & Entertainment

Central Illinois Plan Room
Greater Peoria Contractors and Suppliers Association
Peoria Black Chamber
Illinois Black Chamber of Commerce
NAACP of Peoria
Hispanic Chamber of Commerce



Proposal Receipt Form

Proposals were received by the following companies for the
Drone Light Show on June 10, 2023 22-16-RFP:

Company/Organization
Sky Elements LLC

Company Ownership Certification:

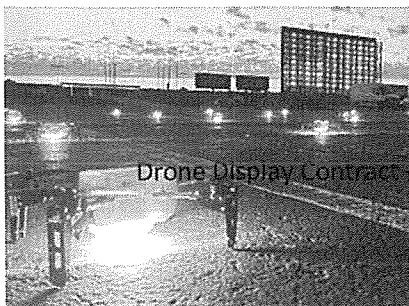


PEORIA PARK DISTRICT Company Ownership Certification

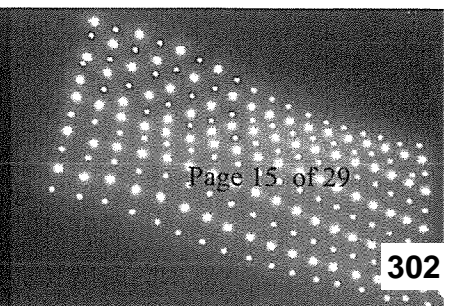
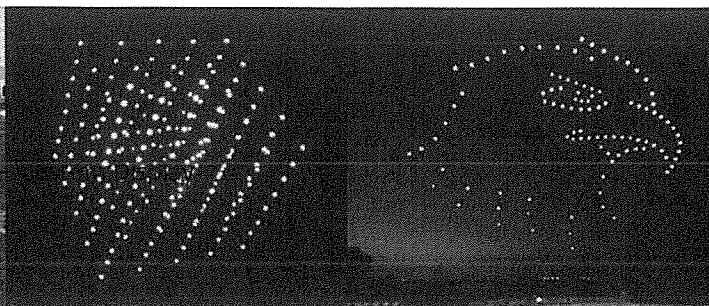
In compliance with Illinois Public Act 102-265, and Peoria Park District policy, disclosure of the information requested in this form is required by the Peoria Park District. Failure to properly complete and sign this form will result in it being returned unprocessed thereby resulting in a delay or denial of Company's eligibility to transact business with Peoria Park District.

Please answer all questions. Note, Company may answer "Yes" to more than one category.

- Is the Company a Minority Owned Business? ☐ YES ☒ NO
Check One:
☐ Company holds Certification for this classification, or
☒ Company is self-certifying
- Is the Company a Woman Owned Business? ☐ YES ☒ NO
Check One:
☐ Company holds Certification for this classification, or
☒ Company is self-certifying
- Is the Company a Disability-Owned Business? ☐ YES ☒ NO
Check One:
☐ Company holds Certification for this classification, or
☒ Company is self-certifying
- Is the Company a Veteran Owned Business? ☐ YES ☒ NO
Check One:
☐ Company holds Certification for this classification, or
☒ Company is self-certifying



Drone Display Contract





Required Documents

- Is the Company a Service Disabled Veteran Owned Business? ☐ YES ☒ NO

Check One:

- ☐ Company holds Certification for this classification, or
☒ Company is self-certifying

Does Company qualify as a small business under federal Small Business Administration? ☐ YES ☒ NO

<https://www.sba.gov/document/support-table-size-standards>

Please list the name(s) of the Company majority owner(s): Rick Boss, Preston Ward, Tyler Johnson and Brian Geck

Does Company have any parent and/or subsidiary companies? ☐ YES ☒ NO

If yes, please list all companies: _____

By signing this form, the Company and the individual signing below attest that the above questions have been answered truthfully, to the best of their knowledge.

Sky Elements LLC

Company Name

Preston Ward

Signature of Company Official

(817) 538-3207

Telephone Number & Fax Number

3819 Rufe Snow Drive Suite 203 North Richland Hills, TX 76180

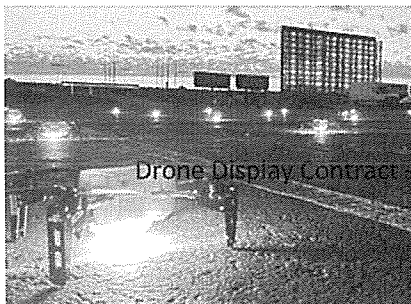
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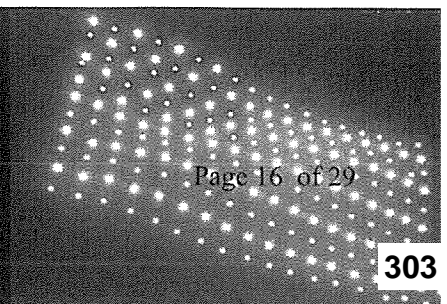
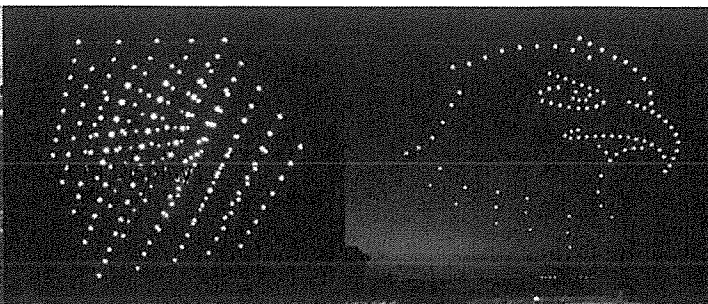
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Drone Display Contract





Peoria Park District Certificate of Equal Employment Opportunity Compliance for Contractors & Vendors

The Peoria Park District is an Equal Opportunity Employer and it agrees with each of the provisions below and requires that all suppliers, contractors, subcontractors, and vendors doing business with the Park District be Certified Equal Employment Opportunity Employers in compliance with the Illinois Human Rights Act and such regulations promulgated thereunder, and, that any and all suppliers, contractors, subcontractors or vendors who are found to be in non-compliance with the Illinois Human Rights Act or said regulations may be declared ineligible for future contracts with this Park District; and, that each and every supplier, contractor, subcontractor or vendor does at all times in connection with any dealings with this Park District agree as follows:

- 1) That it will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, order of protection status, national origin or ancestry, citizenship status, age, physical or mental disability unrelated to ability, military status or an unfavorable discharge from military service; and, further, that it will examine all job classifications to determine if minority persons or women are underutilized and will take appropriate affirmative action to rectify any underutilization.
- 2) That, if it hires additional employees in order to perform this contract or any portion of this contract, it will determine the availability (in accordance with the Illinois Department of Human Rights Rules and Regulations) of minorities and women in the areas from which it may reasonably recruit and it will hire for each job classification for which employees are hired in a way that minorities and women are not underutilized.
- 3) That, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by it or on its behalf, it will state that all applicants will be afforded equal opportunity without discrimination because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, order of protection status, national origin or ancestry, citizenship status, age, physical or mental disability unrelated to ability, military status or an unfavorable discharge from military service.
- 4) That it will send to each labor organization or representative of workers with which it has or is bound by a collective bargaining or other agreement or understanding, a notice advising the labor organization or representative of the contractor's obligations under the Illinois Human Rights Act and the Department's Rules and Regulations. If any labor organization or representative fails or refuses to cooperate with the contractor in its efforts to comply with such Act and Rules and Regulations, the contractor will promptly notify the Peoria Park District and will recruit employees from other sources when necessary to fulfill its obligations under the contract.
- 5) That it will submit reports as required by the Department's Rules and Regulations, furnish all relevant information as may from time to time be requested by the Department or the Peoria Park District, and in all respects comply with the Illinois Human Rights Act and the Department's Rules and Regulations.
- 6) That it will permit access to all relevant books, records, accounts and work sites by personnel of the Peoria Park District and the Department for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with the Illinois Human Rights Act and the Department's Rules and Regulations.
- 7) That it will include verbatim or by reference the provisions of this clause in every subcontract awarded under which any portion of the contract obligations are undertaken or assumed, so that the provisions will be binding upon the subcontractor. In the same manner as with other provisions of this contract, the contractor will be liable for compliance with applicable provisions of this clause by subcontractors; and further it will promptly notify the Peoria Park District and the Department in the event any subcontractor fails or refuses to comply with the provisions. In addition, the contractor will not utilize any subcontractor declared by the Illinois Human Rights Commission to be ineligible for contracts or subcontracts with the State of Illinois or any of its political subdivisions or municipal corporations.

Failure to properly complete and sign this form, certifying that the Company will agree to the above provisions of the Illinois Human Rights Act as well as the items below will result in it being returned unprocessed thereby resulting in a delay or denial of eligibility to be awarded work with the Peoria Park District.

The Company certifies that it has a written sexual harassment policy meeting the Illinois Human Rights Act and Illinois Department of Human Rights requirements.

If the Company will be doing work on Peoria Park District property, the Company shall complete the attached Full Time Workforce Profile Sheet to the best of its knowledge.

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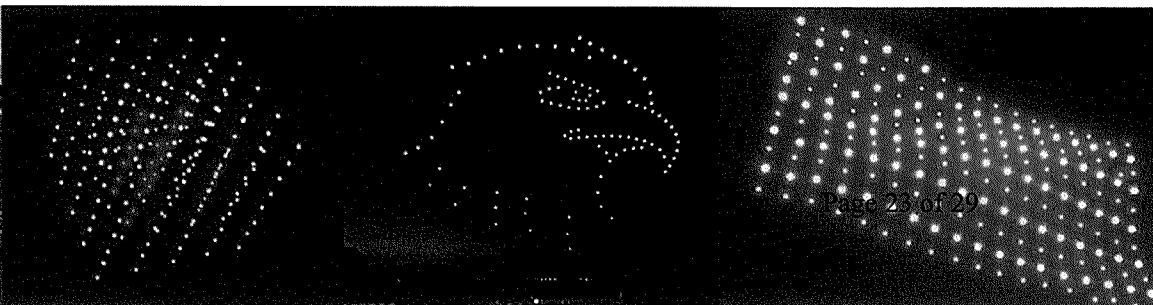
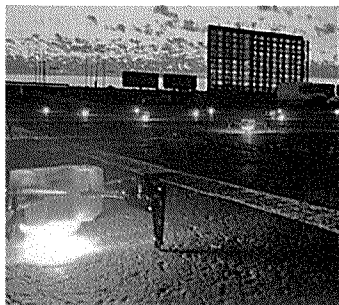
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Required Documents



Job Classifications	Black Emp		White Emp		Hispanic Emp		Native American Emp		Asian Emp		Other Emp		Total Emp	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Officials, Managers, Supervisors	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0
Professionals	0	0	10	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	2
Technicians	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sales	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1
Office/Clerical	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Park District Board of Trustees Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: December 14, 2022

Submitted by: Karrie Ross

Submitting Department: Finance

Item Type: Agreement

Agenda Section:

Subject:

Proposal – Big Bounce America

Suggested Action:

Approval

Attachments:

[Recommendation - Bounce Rental June 2023.pdf](#)



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DATE: December 14, 2022

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Nicole Staley
Purchasing Supervisor

SUBJECT: Proposal – Big Bounce America

Budgets Available:

B6-B46-5110-2411 Special Event – Carnival/Park

Background:

A Tourism grant through the State of Illinois' Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) has been awarded to the Peoria Park District to promote tourism opportunities. The grant funds must be utilized in accordance with the state's current fiscal year from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. Following conversations with Representative Gordon-Booth, staff has narrowed focus on the grant opportunity into the creation of Park-A-Palooza – a 3-day event scheduled for June 8-10 at Detweiller Park in 2023. Park-A-Palooza will feature three main components – a drone show, Big Bounce America, and a concert featuring a national touring artist. All projected costs for the event were submitted to the DCEO for approval and will be reimbursable to the District following the reporting period.

As part of the proposed agreement for the Park-A-Palooza event, Big Bounce America will be providing their bouncer which is approximately 215'x140' and the obstacle course that is 230'x80'. The proposed agreement includes up to three days and ten hours per day of access to the bouncer and obstacle course. The bouncer has a capacity of 250 people at one time. The obstacle course operates in a one in, one out fashion, where, according to Big Bounce America representatives, the average person takes five to seven minutes to complete the course.

Multiple District staff completed online research of bounce house vendors, both locally and from outside the state of Illinois, to determine that there was not a comparable alternative and Big Bounce America was a single source vendor for these specific attractions. In addition, Big Bounce America's bouncer is the current Guinness Book of World Record holder as the largest bounce castle.

Strategic Priority Focus:

 X *Long-term sustainability of the District: we will be responsible stewards of all District resources.*

 What it is we should be doing: we will focus on services that make the greatest impact.

 Communication, collaboration & customer service: we will create community.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends the acceptance of the proposal for bouncer rentals from Big Bounce America LLC of Orlando, FL at a cost of \$86,000.00.

The booking contract and rider, Company Ownership Form, EEO Form and Workforce Profile are attached for review.

DEGY BOOKING INTERNATIONAL, INC.
9826 Montpelier Drive Delray
Beach, FL 33446
PH: 732-818-9600 – FX: (732) 818-9611 – E ari@degys.com

Booking Contract (the “Agreement”)

This Agreement for the professional entertainment services of **Big Bounce America-The World's Largest Bounce House** hereinafter referred to as “Artist”, which include the specific details of an entertainment booking Performance (the “Performance”), is entered into on this date **11/10/22** by and between **Peoria Park District** hereinafter referred to as “Purchaser” as listed below, and Big Bounce America LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (“BBA” or the “Artist”). Both Purchaser and Artist (hereinafter collectively referred to as “Parties”) agree to and contract as follows:

Date of Performance: 06/08/23-06/10/2023
College/University: Peoria Park District
Place of Performance (the “Venue”): Detweiller Park for Peoria Park District
Rain Location: N/A
Web Site for Venue/Purchaser: <https://peoriaparks.org/>
Address of Venue: 1125 West Lake Avenue
City/State/Zip Code: Peoria Illinois 61614
Venue Phone Number: (309) 682-1200

Main Contact Name: Brent Wheeler
Main Contact Phone: (309) 681- 2815
Main Contact E-Mail: bwheeler@peoriaparks.org
Advance show with Name: Nick Conrad
Advance Show with Number: (309) 681 - 2951
Advance Show with E-Mail: nconrad@peoriaparks.org
Emergency Number Day of Show: Jake Rockhold;
(309)258-3213

Performance fee (the “Wage”): \$86,000.00 USD
Event Information: Event dates open June 8-10, 2023. Load-in/Setup on June 7 and Tear down/Load-Out on June 11. Event will run approx. 8-9 hours per day with times to be approved in advance with BBA. All marketing, ticketing must be approved in advance by BBA. Artist will provide BBA Main Bouncer (largest bounce house in the world), The Giant (obstacle course), staff of 4-6 people for setup/teardown/oversight/DJing, PA system in unit, stakes, blowers, equipment necessary to setup/run units, travel, and ground. Purchaser will provide items on attached rider inclusive of house power/generators, boom fork lift, volunteers/staffing, hotels/meals/water for staff from arrival to departure, and other items as noted in rider.

Check Payable To: Big Bounce America, LLC
Payee Address: 37 N. Orange Ave Suite 900E Orlando Florida 32801 United States
Stage: N/A
Sound: Provided by Artist, PA system within the unit with DJs on BBA team
Lights: Provided by Artist within unit, however anything in the eve/night will require Purchaser outside lighting
Backline: Provided by Artist, DJ backline
Lodging/Hotel: Provided by Purchaser – See Attached Rider
Meals: Provided by Artist
Drinks: Provided by Artist
Deposit amount required: \$43,000.00 USD
Deposit required by what date: 01/01/23
Age: All Ages
Capacity: 250
Ticket Price: \$
Advance Ticket Info: TBD - ticket info and marketing to be approved by BBA in advance
Artist or Artist's designated representative shall be paid in U.S. funds in cash, cashier's check, certified check, college or university check, or money order only on the day of Performance. W9 form is available on request for balance payments.

Showtime for Artist: 12:00 PM
Length and number of sets for Artist: Running for approx. 8 hours daily
Load in time: 08:00 AM
Sound check time: 08:00 AM
Doors open at what time: 12:00 PM
Other acts: N/A

Merchandise:

80% to Artist, 20% to Purchaser

For this performance, the Purchaser may advance any day-of-show information with the following main contact for the Artist. You can also reach out to this person to request promotional materials

Advance contact person:**Title:**

Josh Kinnersley

Phone:

Director of Operations

Email:

(732) 818-9600

josh@xleventlab.com

Notes:

Load in June 7, event open June 8-10, Load out June 11. Tickets and marketing to be approved in advance. Grass surface under the unit.

Organization: Peoria Park District. Individual: Emily Cahill/Executive Director

Contract Terms:

1. This Agreement will confirm the Performance of the Artist listed above at the date listed above with the above stipulations.
2. Artist obligations under this Agreement are subject to detention by sickness, riots, strikes, epidemics, death to Artist or its family members, or any other Act of God, which could endanger the health or safety of the Artist.
3. Artist reserves the right to cancel this Agreement without obligation if notice is received by Purchaser at least fourteen (14) days in advance of the Performance date.
4. Artist and Degy Booking International, Inc. are being independently contracted by the Purchaser, and therefore do not represent the ideas, philosophies, actions, decisions, or feelings of the Purchaser and its Venue. No provision contained in this Agreement may be construed as creating a relationship of principal and agent, or partnership or joint venture between or among any of the parties hereto.

5. Insurance**A. Commercial General and Umbrella Liability Insurance**

Artist shall maintain commercial general liability (CGL) and, if necessary, commercial umbrella insurance with a limit of not less than \$2,000,000 each occurrence. If such CGL insurance contains a general aggregate limit, it shall apply separately to this project/location.

CGL insurance shall be written on Insurance Services Office (ISO) occurrence form CG 00 01 10 93, or a substitute form providing equivalent coverage, and shall cover liability arising from premises, operations, independent contractors, products-completed operations, personal injury and advertising injury, and liability assumed under an insured contract (including the tort liability of another assumed in a business contract).

Purchaser shall be included as an insured under the CGL, using ISO additional insured endorsement CG 20 26 or a substitute providing equivalent coverage, and under the commercial umbrella, if any. This insurance shall apply as primary insurance with respect to any other insurance or self-insurance afforded to Purchaser. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the Purchaser shall be excess of Artist's insurance and shall not contribute with it.

B. Business Auto and Umbrella Liability Insurance

Artist shall maintain business auto liability and, if necessary, commercial umbrella liability insurance with a limit of not less than \$1,000,000 each accident. Such insurance shall cover liability arising out of any auto including owned, hired and non-owned autos.

Business auto insurance shall be written on Insurance Services Office (ISO) form CA 00 01, CA 00 05, CA 00 12, CA 00 20, or a substitute form providing equivalent liability coverage. If necessary, the policy shall be endorsed to provide contractual liability coverage equivalent to that provided in the 1990 and later editions of CA 00 01.

C. Workers Compensation Insurance

Artist shall maintain workers compensation and employer's liability insurance. The commercial umbrella and/or employers liability limits shall not be less than \$1,000,000 each accident for bodily injury by accident or \$1,000,000 each employee for bodily injury by disease.

If Purchaser has not been included as an insured under the CGL using ISO additional insured endorsement CG 20 26 under the Commercial General and Umbrella Liability Insurance required in this Contract, Artist waives all rights against Purchaser and its officers, officials, employees, volunteers and agents for recovery of damages arising out of or incident to this Agreement.

D. General Insurance Provisions

1. Evidence of Insurance

Artist shall furnish Purchaser with a certificate(s) of insurance and applicable policy endorsement(s), executed by a duly authorized representative of each insurer, showing compliance with the insurance requirements set forth above.

All certificates shall provide for 30 days' written notice to Purchaser prior to the cancellation or material change of any insurance referred to therein. Written notice to Purchaser shall be by certified mail, return receipt requested.

Failure of Purchaser to demand such certificate, endorsement or other evidence of full compliance with these insurance requirements or failure of Purchaser to identify a deficiency from evidence that is provided shall not be construed as a waiver of Artist's obligation to maintain such insurance.

Purchaser shall have the right, but not the obligation, of prohibiting Artist from entering the premises until such certificates or other evidence that insurance has been placed in complete compliance with these requirements is received and approved by Purchaser.

Failure to maintain the required insurance may result in termination of this Contract at Purchaser's option.

Artist shall provide certified copies of all insurance policies required above within 10 days of Purchasers' written request for said copies.

2. Acceptability of Insurers

For insurance companies which obtain a rating from A.M. Best, that rating should be no less than A VII using the most recent edition of the A.M. Best's Key Rating Guide. If the Best's rating is less than A VII or a Best's rating is not obtained, the Purchaser has the right to reject insurance written by an insurer it deems unacceptable.

3. Deductibles and Self Insured Retentions

Any deductibles or self insured retentions must be declared to the Purchaser. At the option of the Purchaser, the Artist may be asked to eliminate such deductibles or self insured retentions as respects the Purchaser, its officers, officials, employees, volunteers and agents or required to procure a bond guaranteeing payment of losses and other related costs including but not limited to investigations, claim administration and defense expenses.

4. Subcontractors

Artist shall cause each subcontractor employed by Artist to purchase and maintain insurance of the type specified above. When requested by the Purchaser, Artist shall furnish copies of certificates of insurance evidencing coverage for each subcontractor.

E. Indemnification

To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Artist shall indemnify and hold harmless the Purchaser and its officers, officials, employees, volunteers and agents from and against all claims, damages, losses and expenses, including but not limited to legal fees (attorney's and paralegals' fees and court costs), arising out of or resulting from the Artist's activities, provided that any such claim, damage, loss or expense (i) is attributable to bodily injury, sickness, disease or death, or injury to or destruction of tangible property, and (ii) is caused in whole or in part by any negligent or wrongful act or omission of the Artist, any Subcontractor, anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable, except to the extent caused in part by a party indemnified hereunder. Such obligation shall not be construed to negate, abridge, or otherwise reduce any other right or obligation of indemnity which would otherwise exist as to any party or person described in this Paragraph. Artist shall similarly protect, indemnify and hold and save harmless the Purchaser, its officers, officials, employees, volunteers and agents against and from any and all claims, costs, causes, actions and expenses including but not limited to legal fees, incurred by reason of Artist's breach of any of its obligations under, or Artist's default of, any provision of the Contract.

F. No Waiver of Tort Immunity Defenses. Nothing contained in this Agreement is intended to constitute nor shall constitute a waiver of the defenses available to Purchaser including, without limitation, under the Illinois Local Governmental and Governmental Employees Tort Immunity Act, with respect to claims by Artist or third parties.

6. [DETAILS ABOUT SECURITY AND WHO IS TO PROVIDE NEED TO BE INSERTED] Purchaser is responsible for the well keeping of Artist's equipment from patrons, guests, and employees during the time that this Agreement is in effect. Purchaser may either provide a safely kept area, stage raised above foot level, or a separate room from the Performance. Purchaser may also

provide security at the expense of Purchaser. If Artist or Degy Booking International, Inc. deem necessary for the well keeping of Artist's persons, Purchaser may be required to provide ample security, at Purchaser's expense.

7. Artist will submit a guest list no later than seven days prior to Performance, which will be acknowledged and used by the door representation provided by the Purchaser or Venue. Such list will be subject to Purchaser's approval, in Purchaser's sole and absolute discretion.
8. The recording, reproduction, or transmission of Artist's Performance is prohibited absent the written or oral consent of the Artist, Degy Booking International, Inc., or Degy Entertainment
9. Purchaser is responsible for finding an alternative Venue due to inclement weather or other circumstances, which would prevent the Performance from occurring. Artist will be paid agreed upon Wage, despite outside conditions or other factors causing cancellation. If Artist's Wage is based solely or partially on a percentage or door receipts, or any Wage beyond a guarantee, the Parties will mutually agree upon a fair Wage to be paid to Artist as a result of the Purchaser cancelling the Performance. If a mutually agreed upon Wage cannot be determined, Parties agree to allow a third-party arbitrator, agreed upon by both Parties, to oversee and decide such Wage. The decision made by this third-party Arbitrator will be final. In all cases of cancellation, Artist must be paid in full within ten (10) days after the scheduled Performance date.
10. If any part of this Agreement shall be determined to be invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction or by any other legally constituted body having jurisdiction to make such a determination, the remainder of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.
11. This Agreement and the rights of DBI and Purchaser is, and always will be, exclusively governed by and construed in accordance with the Laws of the State of Illinois, excluding choice-of-law principles of the Laws of the State of Illinois that would require the application of the laws of a jurisdiction other than Illinois. Both Degy Booking International, Inc. and Purchaser hereby irrevocably and unconditionally consent to submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the State courts in Peoria County in the State of Illinois, and the Federal courts of the United States of America, Central District of Illinois, for any actions, suits, or proceedings arising out of or relating to this Agreement (and agrees not to commence any actions, suits, or proceedings related thereto except in such courts), and further agrees that service of any process, summons, notice, or document by U.S. registered mail to its address as listed in this Agreement, shall be effective service of process for any action, suit, or proceeding brought against it in any such court.
12. Understanding that this event may be confirmed under the throngs of the Covid pandemic, Degy Booking International, Inc. and its artists are working with its booking partners to offer options to the Purchaser should this date be impacted by Covid. Whether by government local, state or federal mandate or by selective Purchaser initiated convenience and or discretion, the following options are available to Purchaser in the case of an impacted date. The Purchaser may elect one of the following options:
 1. cancel the date outright with the agreed upon Wage/Fee being paid in full to the Artist as noted in the Agreement,
 - 2 convert the date to a virtual or online event where applicable and remit the Wage/Fee as stated in the Agreement,
 3. reschedule the date to a mutually agreeable date on Artists calendar (if Artist has incurred any hard expenses for the initial date, the parties agree to work together to resolve said expenses). If a special routing fee or Wage was arranged for this event, Purchaser realizes that they may need to increase the Wage to the Artist for the rescheduled date.

13. IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Parties hereto have executed this Agreement according to the terms herein and acknowledge that this is an important legal document, and that Purchaser has had the full opportunity to have this Agreement reviewed by a lawyer or attorney of Purchasers own choice and Purchaser has either obtained such independent legal advice or has knowingly and voluntarily declined to do so.

Signature:

Purchaser: Peoria Park District

Signed:

Print:

Date:

Signature:

Artist (or DBI, Inc. Representative on behalf of Artist):

Signed:

Print:

Date:



BIG BOUNCE AMERICA LLC (BBA) LOGISTICS AND HOSPITALITY RIDER 2021

This rider forms an integral part of the contract.

1. Venue requirements:

- A. Minimum 215ft x 140ft space needed for World's Biggest Bounce House. Separately, a minimum 270ft x 85ft for The Giant obstacle course, if booked. Please discuss measurements for bookings of other attractions.
- B. Grass surface should be well maintained and cannot be overgrown. Grass ideally 2 inches in length maximum.
- C. Non grass surfaces can be discussed as alternatives, with flooring provided by the purchaser, however must be agreed on at time of booking.
- D. The footprint must be clear of all obstructions (trees, picnic benches, paths etc)
- E. The footprint must be free of any overhead obstructions (power lines etc)
- F. The footprint must be fairly flat, with no significant slope.

2. Staking

- A. The inflatables are required to be staked into the ground using 200+ stakes, which are 30 inches long x 1 inch thick.
- B. Permission to stake on the surface must be obtained in advance by the purchaser, with marking out of irrigation and/or utilities to be done prior to our teams arrival, and hotlining carried out if necessary.
- C. BBA will not be responsible for any damage to irrigation pipes or other subterranean obstructions caused by staking. The purchaser is responsible for surveying the area prior to arrival of BBA crew and advising of any potential subterranean obstructions.
- D. If staking is not possible, then filled 55-gallon water barrels, or concrete ballasts could be considered as an alternative, however must be agreed on at time of booking.

3. Power

- A. Purchaser to supply generator power for the inflatables; the exact requirements will vary depending on inflatables booked and any plans by the purchases to use the generators for other purposes at the event. Please discuss with BBA in advance.

- B. If there is a power source at the event location that can be utilised then this should be discussed at time of advancing.
- C. Permission to use Diesel powered generators within the footprint must be obtained by the purchaser.
- D. Purchaser to arrange fuel delivery for the generators; please discuss requirements and schedule with BBA in advance.

4. Parking

- A. The purchaser agrees to provide parking for 1 or 2 (depending on inflatables booked) 53ft dry van trailers and 2 SUVs in close proximity to the event footprint, of the duration of the event
- B. Full 'in/out' privileges are required for all vehicles for the duration of the event.

5. Security

- A. The event space should be a safe and secure environment at all times. The purchaser agrees to provide security dedicated specifically to the perimeter of the BBA operating area, inflatables and all equipment during periods when the attraction is not in use, including overnight.

6. Forklift

- A. The purchaser agrees to provide an extended boom forklift for unloading and loading on setup and strike days.
- B. Purchaser must ensure permission is granted to drive forklift on grass at the venue
- C. If permission is not granted to drive the forklift on grass, a track skid steer must be booked by the Purchaser, in order to move inflatable pieces.
- D. Purchaser to ensure there is adequate forklift access to the event footprint from the trailer parking location (check gate heights and widths). Artist must provide an adequately trained and certified operator for any fork lift procured by Purchaser.

7. Restrooms

- A. The purchaser agrees to provide restroom facilities within a reasonable walking distance of the attraction for customer and staff use. Port-o-potties are suitable as an option if restroom facilities are not within a short walk from the event site, for a busy event we recommend at least 6 portable toilets. These facilities must be available from the first build day, for crew to utilize.

8. First Aid

- A. The purchaser agrees to provide First Aid facilities and a dedicated first aider within a reasonable walking distance of the attraction.

9. Volunteer Staff for Event Days

- A. The purchaser agrees to provide 12 volunteer staff for World's Biggest Bounce House during all times when the attraction is operational. For events that include The Giant, a further 12 volunteers are required. For events with further attractions, please discuss requirements with BBA.

- B. Volunteer staff are to be managed by the client, and trained and deployed by BBA's Tour Manager.
- C. Any staff to manage the Purchaser's box office/ticketing are not included in the above requirements.

10. Waivers & Safety

- A. Everyone who participates in the event must sign a BBA waiver before entering any of the inflatables
- B. Waiver copy will be provided by BBA and the volunteer staff will be briefed on this procedure by the event manager
- C. Waivers are to be printed by the purchaser
- D. All participants must wear socks when entering any of the inflatable attractions for safety and hygiene reasons.
Purchaser to ensure this information is relayed to participants in advance of the event.

11. Weather

- A. The inflatable attractions may be rendered unsafe during certain types of weather and the Purchaser is required to obtain any weather or non-performance related insurance to protect against the threat of closure as a result of this.
- B. The BBA staff will monitor all weather conditions throughout the course of the event.
- C. At the sole discretion of the BBA event manager, the attractions may be closed to ensure the safety of participants, workers, and those in the immediate area.
- D. The following are the conditions under which the **attractions would be closed**;
 - a. Persistent or heavy rain making the inflatable surfaces unsafe.
 - b. Lightning within 20 miles of the event location.
 - c. Constant wind speeds of 15mph or gusting from 15-20mph.

12. Permits

- A. The Purchaser is responsible for obtaining any relevant and required permits for hosting the BBA event.
- B. The Purchaser is responsible for any costs for permits or inspections related to this.

13. Merchandise

- A. BBA will have permission to sell merchandise including jump socks and branded t-shirts at the registration desk.
BBA will be responsible for handling of all sales.
- B. BBA will retain 80% of all revenue generated from merchandise sales, and shall promptly pay to Purchaser 20% of such such revenue.

14. Accommodations

- A. The purchaser agrees to provide four (4) double hotel rooms, each containing two beds for the duration of the build, break and live event dates. Any hotel charges beyond the room rate and taxes thereon shall be the responsibility of BBA.
- B. Please discuss exact requirements with BBA in advance of booking rooms, to ensure requirements are correct.
- C. The hotel should be located no further than 10 miles from the event location.
- D. Minimum 3 star hotel.

15. Sponsorship

- A. Any sponsorship arranged by the purchaser for the BBA event must be pre approved in advance of anything being agreed.
- B. All sponsorship requests and offers should be proposed in writing to BBA.

16. Advertising and ticketing

- A. All artwork, advertising material and ticketing MUST be approved by BBA before being used in any way. This includes use of the BBA logo in any format.

BBA reserves the right to cancel any booking if artwork and/or ticketing is not cleared prior to its use and/or artwork that is used is not the correct representation of the brand. This applies to all advertising media, including (but not limited to) websites, social media sites, ticketing platforms, forums, press releases, flyers, posters, print advertising, **Signed on behalf of the purchaser:**

Printed name:

Company position:

Date signed:



PEORIA PARK DISTRICT

Company Ownership Certification

In compliance with Illinois Public Act 102-265, and Peoria Park District policy, disclosure of the information requested in this form is required by the Peoria Park District. Failure to properly complete and sign this form will result in it being returned unprocessed thereby resulting in a delay or denial of Company's eligibility to transact business with Peoria Park District.

Please answer all questions. Note, Company may answer "Yes" to more than one category.

- Is the Company a Minority Owned Business? ☐ YES ☒ NO

Check One:

- ☐ Company holds Certification for this classification, or
- ☐ Company is self-certifying

- Is the Company a Woman Owned Business? ☐ YES ☒ NO

Check One:

- ☐ Company holds Certification for this classification, or
- ☐ Company is self-certifying

- Is the Company a Disability-Owned Business? ☐ YES ☒ NO

Check One:

- ☐ Company holds Certification for this classification, or
- ☐ Company is self-certifying

- Is the Company a Veteran Owned Business? ☐ YES ☒ NO

Check One:

- ☐ Company holds Certification for this classification, or
- ☐ Company is self-certifying

- Is the Company a Service Disabled Veteran Owned Business? ☐ YES ☒ NO

Check One:

- ☐ Company holds Certification for this classification, or
- ☐ Company is self-certifying

Does Company qualify as a small business under federal Small Business Administration? ☒ YES ☐ NO
<https://www.sba.gov/document/support-table-size-standards>

Please list the name(s) of the Company majority owner(s): Grahame Ferguson

Does Company have any parent and/or subsidiary companies? ☐ YES ☒ NO

If yes, please list all companies: _____

By signing this form, the Company and the individual signing below attest that the above questions have been answered truthfully, to the best of their knowledge.

Big Bounce America LLC

Company Name

A. Noble

Signature of Company Official

321-431-2111

Telephone Number & Fax Number

37 N Orange Ave, Ste 900E, Orlando,

Company Address

Alexandra Noble / Sr Event Producer

Name / Title

alex@xleventlab.com

Email Address



Peoria Park District Certificate of Equal Employment Opportunity Compliance for Contractors & Vendors

The Peoria Park District is an Equal Opportunity Employer and it agrees with each of the provisions below and requires that all suppliers, contractors, subcontractors, and vendors doing business with the Park District be Certified Equal Employment Opportunity Employers in compliance with the Illinois Human Rights Act and such regulations promulgated thereunder, and, that any and all suppliers, contractors, subcontractors or vendors who are found to be in non-compliance with the Illinois Human Rights Act or said regulations may be declared ineligible for future contracts with this Park District; and, that each and every supplier, contractor, subcontractor or vendor does at all times in connection with any dealings with this Park District agree as follows:

- 1) That it will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, order of protection status, national origin or ancestry, citizenship status, age, physical or mental disability unrelated to ability, military status or an unfavorable discharge from military service; and, further, that it will examine all job classifications to determine if minority persons or women are underutilized and will take appropriate affirmative action to rectify any underutilization.
- 2) That, if it hires additional employees in order to perform this contract or any portion of this contract, it will determine the availability (in accordance with the Illinois Department of Human Rights Rules and Regulations) of minorities and women in the areas from which it may reasonably recruit and it will hire for each job classification for which employees are hired in a way that minorities and women are not underutilized.
- 3) That, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by it or on its behalf, it will state that all applicants will be afforded equal opportunity without discrimination because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, order of protection status, national origin or ancestry, citizenship status, age, physical or mental disability unrelated to ability, military status or an unfavorable discharge from military service.
- 4) That it will send to each labor organization or representative of workers with which it has or is bound by a collective bargaining or other agreement or understanding, a notice advising the labor organization or representative of the contractor's obligations under the Illinois Human Rights Act and the Department's Rules and Regulations. If any labor organization or representative fails or refuses to cooperate with the contractor in its efforts to comply with such Act and Rules and Regulations, the contractor will promptly notify the Peoria Park District and will recruit employees from other sources when necessary to fulfill its obligations under the contract.
- 5) That it will submit reports as required by the Department's Rules and Regulations, furnish all relevant information as may from time to time be requested by the Department or the Peoria Park District, and in all respects comply with the Illinois Human Rights Act and the Department's Rules and Regulations.
- 6) That it will permit access to all relevant books, records, accounts and work sites by personnel of the Peoria Park District and the Department for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with the Illinois Human Rights Act and the Department's Rules and Regulations.
- 7) That it will include verbatim or by reference the provisions of this clause in every subcontract awarded under which any portion of the contract obligations are undertaken or assumed, so that the provisions will be binding upon the subcontractor. In the same manner as with other provisions of this contract, the contractor will be liable for compliance with applicable provisions of this clause by subcontractors; and further it will promptly notify the Peoria Park District and the Department in the event any subcontractor fails or refuses to comply with the provisions. In addition, the contractor will not utilize any subcontractor declared by the Illinois Human Rights Commission to be ineligible for contracts or subcontracts with the State of Illinois or any of its political subdivisions or municipal corporations.

Failure to properly complete and sign this form, certifying that the Company will agree to the above provisions of the Illinois Human Rights Act as well as the items below will result in it being returned unprocessed thereby resulting in a delay or denial of eligibility to be awarded work with the Peoria Park District.

The Company certifies that it has a written sexual harassment policy meeting the Illinois Human Rights Act and Illinois Department of Human Rights requirements.

If the Company will be doing work on Peoria Park District property, the Company shall complete the attached Full Time Workforce Profile Sheet to the best of its knowledge.

Big Bounce America LLC

Company Name

A. Noble

Signature of Company Official

321-431-2111

Telephone Number & Fax Number

37 N Orange Ave, Ste 900E, Orlando,

Company Address

Alexandra Noble / Sr Event Production

Name / Title

alex@xleventlab.com

Email Address

WORKFORCE PROFILE

Job Classifications	Black Employees		White Employees		Hispanic Employees		Native American Employees		Asian Employees		Other Employees		TOTAL EMPLOYEES	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
1. Officials, Managers, Supervisors			3	2									3	2
2. Professionals	1		1	1									2	1
3. Technicians														
4. Sales														
5. Office/Clerical	1	1		2									1	3
6. White Collar Trainees:														
7. Skilled Crafts:			3										3	0
8. Apprentices:														
9. On-the-job Trainees:														
10. Semi-skilled	2		3										5	0
11. Service Workers	3	1	3	3									6	4
12. Unskilled														
TOTALS	7	2	13	8									20	10

COMPANY NAME: Big Bounce America LLC

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Park District Board of Trustees Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: December 14, 2022

Submitted by: Alicia Woodworth

Submitting Department: Administration

Item Type: Agreement

Agenda Section:

Subject:

Approval of Union Council Labor Agreement

Suggested Action:

Attachments:

[Staff Recommendation Union Council.pdf](#)



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DATE: December 14, 2022

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Matt Freeman – Superintendent of Parks

SUBJECT: UNION COUNCIL LABOR AGREEMENT

BACKGROUND

After a series of meetings, staff has successfully negotiated a new labor agreement with the Union Council. The new agreement is for a three-year term, for the years of 2023 through 2025. Members of the Union Council ratified the labor agreement on December 14, 2022.

A list highlighting changes to the agreement and copies of the draft agreement will be provided to Trustees prior to the meeting for review.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends Board approval of the labor agreement between the Pleasure Driveway and Park District of Peoria and the Union Council for the three-year term of 2023, 2024, and 2025.

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Park District Board of Trustees Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: December 14, 2022

Submitted by: Alicia Woodworth

Submitting Department: Administration

Item Type: Miscellaneous

Agenda Section:

Subject:

PAV in the Park at Donovan Park

Suggested Action:

At its October 26, 2022 Board meeting, the Peoria Park District Board of Trustees agreed by consensus to invite the PAV in the Park organizers to present at its November 16, 2022 Board meeting. Representatives of the PAV board presented information about their project and public input was gathered as part of the public meeting and through email communications received by staff and board both before and after the meeting.

Per the original consensus agreement, at the December 14, 2022 Board meeting, Trustees will vote on whether the proposal to build a performing arts center/amphitheater and associated amenities in Donovan Park as presented by the Performing Arts Center Ltd Board of Directors should receive future consideration by the Board of Trustees.

Per Board policy, prior to any vote taken, a final request for public input will be offered.

Attachments:

Park District Board of Trustees Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: December 14, 2022

Submitted by: Alicia Woodworth

Submitting Department: Planning

Item Type: Easement

Agenda Section:

Subject:

Ratification of Phone Poll Dated 11.17.22 for Approval of a Temporary Construction Easement - Mossville Soccer Complex

Suggested Action:

Attachments:

[Brd Rec_GalenaRdEasement.pdf](#)

[Parcel 3_Updated Docs.pdf](#)



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DATE: 11/17/2022

TO: Emily Cahill thru Becky Fredrickson

FROM: Mike Friberg, Planner III

SUBJECT: Temporary Construction Easement
Mossville Soccer Complex

Background:

Peoria County is reconstructing Old Galena Road in front of the Mossville Soccer Complex. This work will require a Temporary Construction Easement to perform grading and entrance apron work on Park District property. The area of the work totals .239 acres in a narrow strip along the front of the Mossville soccer Complex property. Compensation of \$1,040.00 has been offered. No permanent transfer of property is needed.

Peoria County is now in some schedule difficulty, as Park District staff were delayed many months while trying to get answers from IDNR regarding what type of compensation or other requirement would be needed for a permanent easement (Mossville Soccer Complex was acquired with OSLAD funds). IDNR was unresponsive to multiple calls and emails. Staff then asked the County if a temporary easement would be workable, since that would not require IDNR approval. The County was able to re-engineer the plans to make sure nothing would be permanently located on park land. Peoria County needs this approved by November 30, 2022 to meet State letting schedules.

A previous version of this agreement was presented to the Planning Committee on October 4, 2022. At that time, a permanent easement was still under consideration. That area is now requested as a temporary easement only. Attorney Streeter has reviewed this latest agreement.

Strategic Priority Focus:

☐ Long-term sustainability of the District: we will be responsible stewards of all District resources.

☒ What it is we should be doing: we will focus on services that make the greatest impact.

☒ Communication, collaboration & customer service: we will create a culture that values and supports each other, those we serve, and our community.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends granting the temporary easement for construction on the Mossville Soccer Complex property and accepting the offered compensation.

Affidavit of Title

Owner The Pleasure Driveway and Park District of Peoria, IL
Address 12026 N. Old Galena Rd.
Chillicothe, IL 61523
Route FAS 1387
Section 16-00058-10-PV
County Peoria
Project Old Galena Road (FAS 384 and 1387)
Parcel No. 3
P.I.N. No. 09-23-301-004

State of Illinois)
) ss.
County of Peoria)

I, _____, as _____,

of The Pleasure Driveway and Park District of Peoria, IL, being first duly sworn upon oath states as follows:

1. Affiant has personal knowledge of the facts averred herein.
2. ☒ There are **no parties** other than Grantor in possession of any portion of the premises described in attached Exhibit "A" through easement, lease, oral or written, or otherwise, whether or not of record.
☐ There are no parties other than Grantor **and the parties listed below** in possession of any portion of the premises described in attached Exhibit "A" through easement, lease, oral or written, or otherwise, whether or not of record:

SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A"

3. This affidavit is made to provide factual representation as a basis for the State of Illinois to accept a document of conveyance for the premises described in said conveyance, the premises being a portion of or all of the above described premises, from the record owners thereof.
4. The affiant has no knowledge of any driveway agreements, encroachments, overlaps, or boundary line disputes involving the premises to be conveyed.
5. The said premises described in Exhibit "A" are: (Check One)
☒ Vacant and unimproved ☐ Agricultural and unimproved
☐ Improved and
 - (A) There have been no improvements made or contracted for on the premises within six (6) months immediately preceding the date of the affidavit, out of which a claim for a mechanic's lien could accrue or has accrued; and
 - (B) To the best of my knowledge all improvements now on the premises comply with all local building and zoning ordinances.

6. There are no chattel mortgages, conditional sales contracts or financing statements existing on or in connection with the premises to be conveyed which are not shown by the public records.
7. There are no taxes or special assessments which are not shown as existing liens by the public records involving the premises described in Exhibit A.
8. Per 50 ILCS 105/3.1, the identities of all owners and beneficiaries having an interest in the premises to be conveyed are as follows (check applicable box(es) and complete information requested):

☐ **Individual.** Individual **owner** of the property is: _____

☐ **Nonprofit Organization.** There is no individual or other organization receiving distributable income from the organization.

☒ **Public Organization, including units of local government.** There is no individual or other organization receiving distributable income from the organization

☐ **Publicly-Traded Corporation.** There is no readily known shareholder entitled to receive more than 7-1/2% interest in the total distribution income of the corporation.

☐ **Corporation, Partnership, Limited Liability Company.** Those entitled to receive more than 7-1/2% of the total distributable income of said entity are as follows:

	Name	Address
*1.	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____

☐ **Land Trust or Declaration of Trust.** The identity of each beneficiary of Grantor Trust is as follows:

	Name	Address	% of Interest
*1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____

* IF THE INITIAL DISCLOSURES SHOW INTERESTS HELD BY ANOTHER CORPORATION, PARTNERSHIP, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, OR TRUST, THEN FURTHER DISCLOSURES SHOULD BE PROVIDED UNTIL THE NAMES OF INDIVIDUALS OWNING THE INTEREST IN THE ENTITY ARE DISCLOSED.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20____.

By: _____
Signature

Print Name and Title if applicable

State of Illinois)
) ss
County of)

This instrument was acknowledged before me on _____, 20____, by

(SEAL)

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: _____

NOTE: THIS AFFIDAVIT MAY BE EXECUTED AND ACKNOWLEDGED ON BEHALF OF THE RECORD OWNER(S) BY ANY **ONE** OF THE RECORD OWNERS, OFFICERS, MANAGERS, PARTNERS, OR TRUSTEES HAVING KNOWLEDGE OF THE FACTS IN THIS AFFIDAVIT.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Tract 1:

A part of the Northwest Quarter and the Southwest Quarter of Section 23, Township 10 North, Range 8 East of the Fourth Principal Meridian, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Northwest Corner of said Section 23; thence South $00^{\circ} 00' 57''$ West (bearing assumed for purpose of description only), along the West line of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 23, 1783.30 feet; thence North $89^{\circ} 57' 16''$ East, 70.00 feet to the Easterly right of way line of Old Galena Road (County Highway R60), said point also being the Point of Beginning of the tract to be described, from the Point of Beginning, thence North $89^{\circ} 57' 16''$ East, 2378.21 feet; thence South $38^{\circ} 04' 01''$ West, 1799.21 feet; thence South $88^{\circ} 48' 27''$ West, 571.54 feet; thence North $00^{\circ} 47' 53''$ West, 622.54 feet; thence South $89^{\circ} 12' 07''$ West, 494.18 feet; thence North $01^{\circ} 53' 12''$ East, 163.75 feet; thence South $89^{\circ} 28' 54''$ West, 198.32 feet to the Easterly right of way line of Old Galena Road (County Highway R60) said point hereafter referred to as Point "A"; thence North $02^{\circ} 50' 48''$ West, along said Easterly right of way line, 37.71 feet; thence North $00^{\circ} 00' 57''$ East, along said Easterly right of way line, 611.37 feet to the Point of Beginning, as shown on the plat of survey dated September 23, 2002 and recorded September 30, 2002 in Tract Survey 38, Page 57, as Document No. 02-39555, situated in Peoria County, Illinois.

Tract 2:

Easement for ingress-egress and parking for the benefit of the above tract 1, over the following described tract: Beginning at the aforementioned Point "A"; thence North 89 degrees 28 minutes 54 seconds East, 198.32 feet; thence South 01 degrees 53 minutes 12 seconds West, 163.75 feet; thence North 89 degrees 12 minutes 07 seconds East, 353.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 47 minutes 53 seconds East, 331.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 12 minutes 07 seconds West, 235.00 feet; thence North 34 degrees 31 minutes 15 seconds West, 553.70 feet to the Easterly Right of Way line of Old Galena Road (County Highway R60); thence North 02 degrees 50 minutes 48 seconds West, along said Easterly right of way line, 35.03 feet to the point of beginning as shown on the Plat of Survey dated September 23, 2002 and recorded September 30, 2002 in Tract Survey 38, page 57, as Document No. 02-39555.

Permanent Index Number: 09-23-301-004

Owner The Pleasure Driveway and
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Address 12026 N. Old Galena Rd.
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Parcel No. 3
P.I.N. No. 09-23-301-004
Section 16-00058-140-PV
Project No. Old Galena Road

TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT
(Governmental Entity)

The Pleasure Driveway and Park District of Peoria, IL, a governmental entity organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Illinois and duly authorized to do business under the Statutes of the State of Illinois, (Grantor), by _____, its _____, for and in consideration of One Thousand Forty and 00/100 Dollars (\$1,040.00), receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, and pursuant to the provisions of 70 ILCS 1205/8-11 hereby represents that Grantor owns the fee simple title to and grants and conveys to the Peoria County Highway Department (Grantee), a temporary construction easement for the purpose of entrance construction and grading and other highway purposes, on, over, and through the following described real estate:

A PART OF NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 23, TOWNSHIP 10 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS;

COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 23; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 59 SECONDS WEST (BEARINGS ARE BASED ON THE ILLINOIS STATE PLANE COORDINATE SYSTEM, NAD83, 2011 ADJUSTMENT, WEST ZONE 1202), ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 23, 222.02 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 01 SECOND EAST, 71.88 FEET TO POINT BEING ON THE EXISTING EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF OLD GALENA ROAD (COUNTY HIGHWAY R60), SAID POINT ALSO BEING THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF A 48.944± ACRE TRACT AS SHOWN IN TRACT BOOK 38, PAGE 57 AT THE PEORIA COUNTY RECORDER'S OFFICE, AS THE POINT OF BEGINNING;

THENCE NORTH 02 DEGREES 57 MINUTES 46 SECONDS WEST, ALONG SAID EXISTING EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE, 37.73 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 59 SECONDS WEST, 611.37 FEET TO THE NORTHERLY LINE OF A 48.944± ACRE TRACT AS SHOWN IN TRACT BOOK 38, PAGE 57 AT THE PEORIA COUNTY RECORDER'S OFFICE; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 50 MINUTES 14 SECONDS EAST, ALONG SAID NORTHERLY LINE, 15.00 FEET TO A POINT ON THE PROPOSED TEMPORARY EASEMENT LINE; THE FOLLOWING THREE COURSES ARE

ALONG SAID PROPOSED TEMPORARY EASEMENT LINE, THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 59 SECONDS EAST, 607.82 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 01 SECOND EAST, 17.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 59 SECONDS EAST, 40.97 FEET TO A POINT BEING ON THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF SAID 48.944± ACRES TRACT; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 22 MINUTES 59 SECONDS WEST, ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY LINE, 30.12 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING AND CONTAINING 10,397 SQUARE FEET, MORE OR LESS, OR 0.239 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

situated in the County of Peoria, State of Illinois. The above-described real estate and improvements located thereon are herein referred to as the "premises."

The right, easement and privilege granted herein shall terminate three (3) years from the execution of this document, or on the completion of the proposed project, whichever is the sooner.

Grantor shall have and retain all rights to use and occupy the premises and access to Grantor's remaining property, except as herein expressly granted; provided, however, that Grantor's use and occupation of the premises may not interfere with Grantee's use of the premises in the purposes herein described.

Grantor, without limiting the interest above granted and conveyed, acknowledges that upon payment of the agreed consideration, all claims arising out of the above acquisition have been settled, including without limitation, any diminution in value to any remaining property of the Grantor caused by the opening, improving and using the premises for highway purposes. This acknowledgment does not waive any claim for trespass or negligence against the Grantee or Grantee's agents which may cause damage to the Grantor's remaining property.

This grant shall constitute a covenant, which runs with the land, and shall be binding upon the legal representatives, successors and assigns of Grantor.

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Dated this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Attest:

The Pleasure Driveway and
Park District of Peoria, IL

Name of Governmental Entity

By: _____
Signature

By: _____
Signature

Print Name and Title

Print Name and Title

State of Illinois)
) ss
County of)

This instrument was acknowledged before me on _____, 20____, by _____ and _____ of The Pleasure Driveway and Park District of Peoria, IL _____.

(SEAL)

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: _____

This instrument was prepared by and after recording return to:

Peoria County Highway Department
6915 W. Plank Rd.
Peoria, IL 61604-5246

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CERTIFIED RESOLUTION
(Governmental Entity)

I, _____, as _____ of The Pleasure Driveway and Park District of Peoria, IL, a governmental entity organized and existing under the laws of the State of Illinois, including without limitation, city, village, incorporated town, county, park district, or township, do hereby certify that:

1. The following is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Council or Board of said governmental entity, a quorum of its members, trustees, or commissioners being present at a meeting held of the _____ day of _____, 20____, and

2. The resolution has not been amended or revoked and is in full force and effect.

Resolved that _____, the _____ and _____, the _____ of the Council or Board of the above-referenced governmental entity are hereby authorized and directed to convey the governmental entity's interest in the following described real estate in Peoria County, Illinois to the Peoria County Highway Department for highway purposes for the sum of \$1,040.00:

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Further resolved that they are authorized and directed to execute and deliver such instruments as may be necessary or convenient to consummate such conveyance.

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Further resolved that the members, aldermen, trustees or commissioners of the Council or Board of the governmental entity or electors of the governmental entity, pursuant to 70 ILCS 1205/8-11 voted for the adoption of this resolution as follows: AYE _____; NAY _____; ABSENT _____

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Signature

Print Name and Title

State of Illinois)
County of _____) ss

This instrument was acknowledged before me on _____, 20____, by _____, as _____ of The Pleasure Driveway and Park District of Peoria, IL .

(SEAL)

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: _____

Receipt of Conveyance Documents and Disbursement Statement

Owner The Pleasure Driveway and Park District of Peoria, IL
Parcel No. 3

The Peoria County Highway Department (Grantee) acknowledges Receipt of the following:

(Check all that apply.)

- ☐ Warranty Deed covering acres
☐ Permanent Easement covering acres
☒ Temporary Construction Easement covering 0.239 acres

all located in Peoria County, Illinois as right of way for Old Galena Road, Route FAS 384 and 1387, Section 16-00058-10-PV dated _____, executed by the undersigned Grantors.

Grantor and Grantee agree as follows:

1. The payment of the sum of One Thousand Forty and 00/100 Dollars (\$1,040.00) to Grantor as total consideration for the temporary construction easement, by Grantee is subject to Grantee's approval of title and documentation and, if applicable, Grantee's final approval in accordance with Section 9.02 of the Illinois State Finance Act.
2. All improvements located, wholly or partially, on the parcel shall become the property of the Peoria County Highway Department, unless provided as follows:

None.
3. Possession and transfer of title to Peoria County Highway Department occur when Grantee delivers a warrant to Grantor, in person or to the address stated herein, in the amount of the above stated consideration, unless provided herein. Grantor shall have the sole responsibility and obligation to protect, preserve and maintain the parcel and improvements thereon until delivery of possession to Grantee.
4. Grantor directs Grantee to disburse the above stated consideration by warrant or by separate warrants as follows:

<u>Name*</u>	<u>TIN/FEIN/SSN**</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Amount</u>
The Pleasure Driveway and Park District of Peoria, IL		1125 W. Lake Drive Peoria, IL 61614	\$1,040.00
			\$
			\$

*If multiple names on the same warrant, list first and circle the name of the person or entity whose TIN/FEIN/SSN is entered above. If lien holder is to be paid by warrant, use Grantor's TIN or SSN with their name listed first and lien holder second. The first payee must match the TIN used.

****Attach a current W-9 form for each TIN/FEIN/SSN.**

5. **NON-FOREIGN CERTIFICATION – FIRPTA.** Section 1445 of the Internal Revenue Code provides that a transferee (buyer) of a U.S. real property interest must withhold tax if the transferor is a foreign person. For purposes of this paragraph, “Transferee” shall mean “Grantee” and “Transferor” shall mean “Grantor”. To inform the Grantee that withholding of tax is not required upon the disposition of a U.S. real property interest by Grantor, the Grantor hereby certifies the following:

- a. Transferor is the owner of the real property being conveyed;
- b. Transferor is not a foreign person, entity, or disregarded entity (as such terms are defined in the Internal Revenue Code and Income Tax Regulations); and
- c. Transferor’s U.S. Taxpayer Identification Number and address set forth above are true and correct.

Transferor understands that this certification may be disclosed to the Internal Revenue Service by Transferee and that any false statement contained herein could be punished by fine, imprisonment or both.

Initial

6. This Receipt of Conveyance Documents and Disbursement Statement is the entire and exclusive agreement between the parties and supersede any written or oral understanding, promise or agreement, directly or indirectly related to the conveyance of parcel and improvements. The parties agree that any changes to this Receipt may only be made in writing and signed by the parties.

Date: _____

Grantor: The Pleasure Driveway and Park District of Peoria, IL

Signature

Print Name (and Title, if applicable)

Signature

Print Name (and Title, if applicable)

Signature

Print Name (and Title, if applicable)

Signature

Print Name (and Title, if applicable)

Date: _____

Grantee:

The Peoria County Highway Department

for Peoria County Highway Department



PTAX-203

Illinois Real Estate Transfer Declaration

Please read the instructions before completing this form.
This form can be completed electronically at tax.illinois.gov/retd.

Step 1: Identify the property and sale information.

- 1 _____
Street address of property (or 911 address, if available)
- _____ City or village _____ ZIP _____
- _____ Township _____
- 2 Write the total number of parcels to be transferred. _____
- 3 Write the parcel identifying numbers and lot sizes or acreage.
- | Property index number (PIN) | Lot size or acreage |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| a _____ | _____ |
| b _____ | _____ |
| c _____ | _____ |
| d _____ | _____ |
- Write additional property index numbers, lot sizes or acreage in Step 3.
- 4 Date of instrument: _____ / _____
Month Year
- 5 Type of instrument (Mark with an "X.") _____ Warranty deed
_____ Quit claim deed _____ Executor deed _____ Trustee deed
_____ Beneficial interest _____ Other (specify): _____
- 6 _____ Yes _____ No Will the property be the buyer's principal residence?
- 7 _____ Yes _____ No Was the property advertised for sale?
(i.e., media, sign, newspaper, realtor)
- 8 Identify the property's current and intended primary use.
Current Intended (Mark **only one item per column** with an "X.")
- | | |
|---------|---|
| a _____ | Land/lot only |
| b _____ | Residence (single-family, condominium, townhome, or duplex) |
| c _____ | Mobile home residence |
| d _____ | Apartment building (6 units or less) No. of units: _____ |
| e _____ | Apartment building (over 6 units) No. of units: _____ |
| f _____ | Office |
| g _____ | Retail establishment |
| h _____ | Commercial building (specify): _____ |
| i _____ | Industrial building |
| j _____ | Farm |
| k _____ | Other (specify): _____ |

Do not write in this area.
County Recorder's Office use.

County: _____

Date: _____

Doc. No.: _____

Vol.: _____

Page: _____

Received by: _____

- 9 Identify any significant physical changes in the property since January 1 of the previous year and **write the date of the change**.
Date of significant change: _____ / _____
Month Year
(Mark with an "X.")
_____ Demolition/damage _____ Additions _____ Major remodeling
_____ New construction _____ Other (specify): _____
- 10 Identify only the items that apply to this sale. (Mark with an "X.")
- a _____ Fulfillment of installment contract —
year contract initiated : _____
- b _____ Sale between related individuals or corporate affiliates
- c _____ Transfer of less than 100 percent interest
- d _____ Court-ordered sale
- e _____ Sale in lieu of foreclosure
- f _____ Condemnation
- g _____ Short sale
- h _____ Bank REO (real estate owned)
- i _____ Auction sale
- j _____ Seller/buyer is a relocation company
- k _____ Seller/buyer is a financial institution or government agency
- l _____ Buyer is a real estate investment trust
- m _____ Buyer is a pension fund
- n _____ Buyer is an adjacent property owner
- o _____ Buyer is exercising an option to purchase
- p _____ Trade of property (simultaneous)
- q _____ Sale-leaseback
- r _____ Other (specify): _____
- s _____ Homestead exemptions on most recent tax bill:
- | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------|
| 1 General/Alternative | \$ _____ |
| 2 Senior Citizens | \$ _____ |
| 3 Senior Citizens Assessment Freeze | \$ _____ |

Step 2: Calculate the amount of transfer tax due.

Note: Round Lines 11 through 18 to the next highest whole dollar. If the amount on Line 11 is over \$1 million and the property's current use on Line 8 above is marked "e," "f," "g," "h," "i," or "k," complete Form PTAX-203-A, Illinois Real Estate Transfer Declaration Supplemental Form A. If you are recording a beneficial interest transfer, do not complete this step. Complete Form PTAX-203-B, Illinois Real Estate Transfer Declaration Supplemental Form B.

- | | |
|--|-------------------------|
| 11 Full actual consideration | 11 \$ _____ |
| 12a Amount of personal property included in the purchase | 12a \$ _____ |
| 12b Was the value of a mobile home included on Line 12a? | 12b _____ Yes _____ No |
| 13 Subtract Line 12a from Line 11. This is the net consideration for real property. | 13 \$ _____ |
| 14 Amount for other real property transferred to the seller (in a simultaneous exchange) as part of the full actual consideration on Line 11 | 14 \$ _____ |
| 15 Outstanding mortgage amount to which the transferred real property remains subject | 15 \$ _____ |
| 16 If this transfer is exempt, use an "X" to identify the provision. | 16 _____b _____k _____m |
| 17 Subtract Lines 14 and 15 from Line 13. This is the net consideration subject to transfer tax. | 17 \$ _____ |
| 18 Divide Line 17 by 500. Round the result to the next highest whole number (e.g., 61.002 rounds to 62). | 18 _____ |
| 19 Illinois tax stamps — multiply Line 18 by 0.50. | 19 \$ _____ |
| 20 County tax stamps — multiply Line 18 by 0.25. | 20 \$ _____ |
| 21 Add Lines 19 and 20. This is the total amount of transfer tax due. | 21 \$ _____ |

EXHIBIT A

TEMPORARY EASEMENT DESCRIPTION

P.I.N. 09-23-301-004

A PART OF NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 23, TOWNSHIP 10 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS;

COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 23; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 59 SECONDS WEST (BEARINGS ARE BASED ON THE ILLINOIS STATE PLANE COORDINATE SYSTEM, NAD83, 2011 ADJUSTMENT, WEST ZONE 1202), ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 23, 222.02 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 01 SECOND EAST, 71.88 FEET TO POINT BEING ON THE EXISTING EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF OLD GALENA ROAD (COUNTY HIGHWAY R60), SAID POINT ALSO BEING THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF A 48.944± ACRE TRACT AS SHOWN IN TRACT BOOK 38, PAGE 57 AT THE PEORIA COUNTY RECORDER'S OFFICE, AS THE POINT OF BEGINNING;

THENCE NORTH 02 DEGREES 57 MINUTES 46 SECONDS WEST, ALONG SAID EXISTING EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE, 37.73 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 59 SECONDS WEST, 611.37 FEET TO THE NORTHERLY LINE OF A 48.944± ACRE TRACT AS SHOWN IN TRACT BOOK 38, PAGE 57 AT THE PEORIA COUNTY RECORDER'S OFFICE; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 50 MINUTES 14 SECONDS EAST, ALONG SAID NORTHERLY LINE, 15.00 FEET TO A POINT ON THE PROPOSED TEMPORARY EASEMENT LINE; THE FOLLOWING THREE COURSES ARE ALONG SAID PROPOSED TEMPORARY EASEMENT LINE, THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 59 SECONDS EAST, 607.82 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 01 SECOND EAST, 17.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 59 SECONDS EAST, 40.97 FEET TO A POINT BEING ON THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF SAID 48.944± ACRES TRACT; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 22 MINUTES 59 SECONDS WEST, ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY LINE, 30.12 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING AND CONTAINING 10,397 SQUARE FEET, MORE OR LESS, OR 0.239 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

Give Form to the
requester. Do not
send to the IRS.

► Go to www.irs.gov/FormW9 for instructions and the latest information.

1 Name (as shown on your income tax return). Name is required on this line; do not leave this line blank.
PLEASURE DRIVEWAY & PARK DISTRICT OF PEORIA

2 Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above
PEORIA PARK DISTRICT

3 Check appropriate box for federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Check only **one** of the following seven boxes.

☐ Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC

☐ C Corporation

☐ S Corporation

☐ Partnership

☐ Trust/estate

☐ Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=Partnership) ► _____

Note: Check the appropriate box in the line above for the tax classification of the single-member owner. Do not check LLC if the LLC is classified as a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner unless the owner of the LLC is another LLC that is **not** disregarded from the owner for U.S. federal tax purposes. Otherwise, a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner.

☒ Other (see instructions) ► **MUNICIPALITY**

4 Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3):

Exempt payee code (if any) **3**

Exemption from FATCA reporting code (if any) _____

(Applies to accounts maintained outside the U.S.)

5 Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.) See instructions.
1125 W LAKE AVE

6 City, state, and ZIP code
PEORIA IL 61614

7 List account number(s) here (optional)

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is generally your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the instructions for Part I, later. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN*, later.

Note: If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1. Also see *What Name and Number To Give the Requester* for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Social security number

____ - ____ - ____

or

Employer identification number

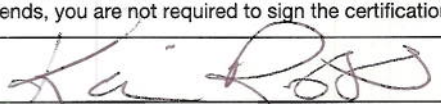
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Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

- The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me); and
- I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding; and
- I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and
- The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions for Part II, later.

Sign Here Signature of U.S. person ►  Date ► **7/4/2020**

General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Future developments. For the latest information about developments related to Form W-9 and its instructions, such as legislation enacted after they were published, go to www.irs.gov/FormW9.

Purpose of Form

An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) which may be your social security number (SSN), individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN), adoption taxpayer identification number (ATIN), or employer identification number (EIN), to report on an information return the amount paid to you, or other amount reportable on an information return. Examples of information returns include, but are not limited to, the following.

- Form 1099-INT (interest earned or paid)

- Form 1099-DIV (dividends, including those from stocks or mutual funds)
 - Form 1099-MISC (various types of income, prizes, awards, or gross proceeds)
 - Form 1099-B (stock or mutual fund sales and certain other transactions by brokers)
 - Form 1099-S (proceeds from real estate transactions)
 - Form 1099-K (merchant card and third party network transactions)
 - Form 1098 (home mortgage interest), 1098-E (student loan interest), 1098-T (tuition)
 - Form 1099-C (canceled debt)
 - Form 1099-A (acquisition or abandonment of secured property)
- Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN.
- If you do not return Form W-9 to the requester with a TIN, you might be subject to backup withholding. See What is backup withholding, later.

Park District Board of Trustees Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: December 14, 2022

Submitted by: Alicia Woodworth

Submitting Department: Recreation

Item Type: Request for Use

Agenda Section:

Subject:

Request for Use - 2023 Eastside Volleyball - RiverPlex

Suggested Action:

Attachments:

[Staff Recommendation 2023 Eastside Volleyball.pdf](#)

[2023 Eastside board letter to Peoria Park District.pdf](#)



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DATE: 11/22/2022

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Matthew Sexton – Recreation and Special Events
Coordinator - RiverPlex

SUBJECT: Request for Use of Facilities

Background:

Requested by: Tim Vande Schraaf

Facility: RiverPlex Recreation & Wellness Center

Event: 2023 Eastside Volleyball

Date: January 21,22, 2023, February 4-5, 2023, February 25-26,
2023, March 4-5, 2023, April 15-16, 2023, April 22-23, 2023,
May 5-6, 2023 & May 20-21, 2023

Time: 8:00am-3:30pm

Organizers Agree to Provide:

Certificate of insurance and endorsement of \$1,000,000 naming
the Peoria Park District as an additional insured.

Strategic Priority Focus:

_____ Long-term sustainability of the District: we will be
responsible stewards of all District resources.

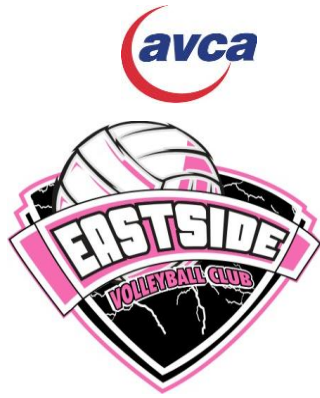
_____ What it is we should be doing: we will focus on services
that make the greatest impact.

___X___ Communication, collaboration & customer service: we
will create a culture that values and supports each other, those
we serve, and our community.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval of this request.

In addition to the relevant information provided above, for your
consideration, a letter of request from the organizer is attached
for review.



Eastside Volleyball Club, Inc.

1621 Highview Road

East Peoria, Illinois 61611

Voice - (309) 699-8738 / Cell - (309) 635-4179

Director@Eastsidevb.com

WWW.EASTSIDEVB.COM

November 17, 2022

Mr. Mathew Sexton
Peoria RiverPlex
600 NE Water St.
Peoria, Illinois 61602

Mr. Sexton:

On behalf of the Eastside Volleyball Club, I would like to request permission to charge admission for our upcoming tournament series that will be held on January 21,22, 2023, February 4-5, 2023, February 25-26, 2023, March 3-4, 2023, April 15-16,2023, April 22-23, 2023, May 5-6, 2023 & May 20-21, 2023 at the Peoria RiverPlex. We will have attendees from all over the Midwest compete in our tournament series. For the event, we will charge a fee of \$4.00 to each spectator, Senior Citizens and Children under 12 years of age will be charged \$1.00 with children under 5 admitted free. Our tournament series is a sanctioned Junior Volleyball Association Event, and is one of the premiere events in Junior Volleyball.

The Eastside Volleyball Club has been running Junior Volleyball in Central Illinois for the last 26 years. The RiverPlex has proven to be a wonderful venue for our competition and practices. I hope this partnership of bringing volleyball to a higher standard and affording a program for girls continues for many years. We are proud to provide the academic and athletic opportunities for the girls in Central Illinois that would never exist if not for Junior Volleyball. I will look forward to your reply.

Timothy. J. Vande Schraaf, President/CEO



Park District Board of Trustees Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: December 14, 2022

Submitted by: Alicia Woodworth

Submitting Department: Recreation

Item Type: Request for Use

Agenda Section:

Subject:

Request for Use - Hotshots Basketball Academy - RiverPlex

Suggested Action:

Attachments:

[Staff Recommendation HotShots 2023.pdf](#)

[HOTSHOTS PROPOSAL 2023-2024.pdf](#)



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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

EMILY G. CAHILL

DATE: 11/28/2022

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Matthew Sexton – Recreation and Special Events
Coordinator - RiverPlex

SUBJECT: Request for Use of Facilities

Background:

Requested by: Kenneth Drummond

Facility: RiverPlex Recreation & Wellness Center

Event: 2023 HotShots Basketball Academy

Date: Jan 7th, 2023 Jan 14th, 2023 Feb 11th 2023 Feb 18th 2023 March
4th and 5th 2023

Time: 8:00am-3:00pm

Organizers Agree to Provide:

Certificate of insurance and endorsement of \$1,000,000 naming
the Peoria Park District as an additional insured.

Strategic Priority Focus:

_____ Long-term sustainability of the District: we will be
responsible stewards of all District resources.

_____ What it is we should be doing: we will focus on services
that make the greatest impact.

___X___ Communication, collaboration & customer service: we
will create a culture that values and supports each other, those
we serve, and our community.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval of this request.

In addition to the relevant information provided above, for your
consideration, a letter of request from the organizer is attached
for review.



PEORIA INNER CITY SCHOOLS 151
710 W 3RD STREET, PEORIA, ILLINOIS 61605
PHONE: (309) 427-0384

HOTSHOTS YOUTH BASKETBALL IS LOCATED IN PEORIA ILLINOIS. THE PROGRAMS WILL PROVIDE STUDENT-ATHLETES AGES 10-17 WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO GROW MENTALLY AND PHYSICALLY.

GOALS

- **TO PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES**
- **TO PROVIDE ATHLETIC OPPORTUNITIES**
- **TO KEEP FAMILIES TOGETHER**
- **TO PROVIDE A POSITIVE AND SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR ACADEMIC AND ATHLETIC TOURNAMENTS**
- **TO KEEP ALL STUDENTS BUSY WITH A YEAR ROUND ACADEMIC AND ATHLETIC PROGRAM**

IN EVERY LIFE, THERE IS A LIFE CHANGING EXPERIENCE AND WE HOPE YOU SEE OUR PROGRAMS AS THAT. THE MAIN GOAL OF HOTSHOTS BASKETBALL ACADEMY IS TO HELP STUDENT-ATHLETES REALIZE THEIR FULL POTENTIAL IN AND OUT OF THE CLASSROOM.

HOTSHOTS BASKETBALL ACADEMY

PEORIA, ILLINOIS 61604 (309) 427-0384

Peoria Park district Board:

It is with great enthusiasm that Hotshots Basketball Academy can host tournaments at the Peoria RiverPlex arena for the 2023-24 calendar year. My over 35 years of basketball knowledge and experience coupled with my self-determination for success and enthusiasm have prepared me to contribute tremendously to the life of every student-athlete who participates in our program, to maximize the student learning experience and create a safe and inviting environment for all students, parents and visiting teams.

With experience in athletics as an assistant coach at the college and professional level, division 1 player at the highest level. I have proven record for exceeding goals through effective internal and external communication and a firm commitment to student-athlete centered learning. I have to charge admission for the tournaments because it helps pay the rental fee for the gym as well paying certified referees who can control the game and keep things under control. Below I have listed some of my qualities that helps attending coaches understand the tournament environment:

LEADERSHIP COMPETENCE: the ability to promote the philosophy of HOTSHOTS BASKETBALL ACADEMY ,provide team building leadership, promote multicultural awareness, gender sensitivity, racial and ethnic appreciation, make informed objective judgements, create an effective staff development plan and engage in continuing professional development.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMPETENCE: Talent to maintain a safe, respectful, positive and effective tournament environment for all players, coaches and spectators.

I am very excited about the opportunity and I am thanking you in advance for the continued opportunity to host tournaments for the 2022-23 year. I would appreciate the opportunity to meet with you to discuss other ideas.

The dates are listed below

Jan 7th, 2023 Jan 14th, 2023 Feb 11th 2023 Feb 18th 2023 March 4th and 5th 2023

Sincerely,

Kenneth Drummond

Park District Board of Trustees Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: December 14, 2022

Submitted by: Alicia Woodworth

Submitting Department: Recreation

Item Type: Request for Use

Agenda Section:

Subject:

Request for Use - Peoria Frisbee Club - Bradley Park Disc Golf Course

Suggested Action:

Attachments:

[1.14.23 Ice Bowl Staff Recommendation.pdf](#)

[Peoria Frisbee Club Ice Bowl Request.pdf](#)



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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

EMILY G. CAHILL

DATE: 12-6-22

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Nick Conrad, Supervisor of PPD Events

SUBJECT: Request for Use of Facilities – Bradley Park Disc Golf Course

Relevant Information:

Requested by:	Dalton Sackett – Peoria Frisbee Club
Event Title:	Ice Bowl
Event Details/Purpose:	Disc Golf Tournament/Fundraiser for Peoria Food Bank
Date:	January 14, 2023
Time:	7:00am-5:00pm
Reason for Board Approval:	Fundraiser

Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of this request

Strategic Priority Focus:

☐ *Long-term sustainability of the District: we will be responsible stewards of all District resources.*

☐ *What it is we should be doing: we will focus on services that make the greatest impact.*

☒ *Communication, collaboration & customer service: we will create a culture that values and supports each other, those we serve, and our community.*

In addition to the relevant information provided above, for your consideration, a letter of request from the organizer is attached for review.

The Organizer agrees to provide a certificate of insurance and endorsement for \$1,000,000 naming the Peoria Park District as additionally insured. Further, the organizer understands that they are responsible for the park/facility user fee, security/police fees as identified, and any other additional direct costs related to the event as determined by the District and Organizer.

Peoria Frisbee Club Ice Bowl Request

Dear Trustees,

The Peoria Frisbee Club is once again hosting its annual Ice Bowl Disc Golf Tournament. We have used Bradley Park in the past and hope to do so again. Last year we were able to raise \$5,000, which was donated to the Midwest Food Pantry. We also collected over 1,000 LBS of can goods for the Pekin City Market Food Pantry. This year we plan on using the same format as last year. We will have our players set up in groups of four with tee times to help spread out the amount of people gathered together. We will also follow any Covid-19 safety protocols to ensure the safety of everyone involved. Once again, we will be using a 27-hole layout that will include 9 additional temporary holes. We will make sure not to use the area by or in the Japanese Garden.

Event Date: January 14th, 2023

Thank you for your consideration,

Dalton Sackett

Peoria Frisbee Club Vice President

Tournament Director

Park District Board of Trustees Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: December 14, 2022

Submitted by: Karrie Ross

Submitting Department: Finance

Item Type: Quote

Agenda Section:

Subject:

Quote - Purchase of Pre-Owned Fitness Equipment for the RiverPlex Recreation & Wellness Center

Suggested Action:

Approval

Attachments:

[Recommendation - Pre-owned Fitness Equipment - Riverplex.pdf](#)



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PEORIA PARK DISTRICT

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DATE: December 14, 2022

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Nicole Staley
Purchasing Supervisor

SUBJECT: Purchase of Pre-Owned Fitness Equipment for the
RiverPlex Recreation and Wellness Center

Budgets Available:

T6-T02-5510-6101 Fit Ops – Equipment

Background:

The quote consists of pre-owned fitness equipment that will be placed at the RiverPlex Wellness and Recreation Center. The quote consists of two Matrix treadmills, three Precor body ellipticals, two Matrix recumbent bikes and a Matrix commercial climbmill. The treadmills, recumbent bikes and commercial climbmill will be new additions to the inventory and the ellipticals will be replacing worn out equipment. The quote includes the trade in of three Precor EFX ellipticals at a total of \$600. The trade-in recommendation is included in Ordinance #395.

Quote for Pre-Owned Equipment:	\$27,087.00
Trade In of 3 Precor ellipticals:	(\$600.00)
Total Cost	\$26,487.00

The purchase is exempt from the bid process due to being pre-owned equipment.

Strategic Priority Focus:

 X Long-term sustainability of the District: we will be responsible stewards of all District resources.

___ What it is we should be doing: we will focus on services that make the greatest impact.

___ Communication, collaboration & customer service: we will create community.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends the purchase of the pre-owned equipment from Pure Fitness Innovations of Peoria, IL for \$26,487.00

The quote, Company Ownership Certification and EEO Form are attached for review.

PURE FITNESS INNOVATIONS
 3021 W. Farmington Rd.
 Peoria, IL. 61604
 ph. 309.839.0520
 Fax. 888.831.1945



QUOTE

Proposal Date: 11/11/2022

Proposal #: YK096171

Bill To:

Peoria Park District
 1125 W. Lake Ave.
 Peoria, IL 61614

Ship To

Riverplex
 Sue Wheeler
 600 Northeast Water Street
 Peoria, IL. 61603

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Item	Description	Quantity	MSRP	Rate	Total
MISC	Matrix T5x Commercial Treadmill - CPO *2 year parts and 2 year labor warranties included by PFI *Lifetime motor warranty included by PFI	2	8,995	3,499.00	6,998.00
MISC	Precor EFX885 Full Body Elliptical w/ P62 console - CPO *2 year parts and 2 year labor warranties included by PFI	3	8,995	3,299.00	9,897.00
MISC	Matrix R5x Commercial Recumbent bike - CPO *2 year parts and 2 year labor warranties included by PFI	2	4,999	2,499.00	4,998.00
MISC	Matrix C7xe Commercial Climbmill - CPO *2 year parts and 2 year labor warranties included by PFI	1	11,995.00	4,199.00	4,199.00
freight	delivery and installation	1		995.00	26,092.00 995.00
TRADE	Trade in amount - Precor EFX x 3	3		-200.00	-600.00
	Sales Tax			6.75%	0.00

Total \$26,487.00



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Check One:
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Does Company qualify as a small business under federal Small Business Administration? ☒ YES ☐ NO

Please list the name(s) of the Company majority owner(s): Johnnie J. Smith

Does Company have any parent and/or subsidiary companies? ☒ YES ☐ NO
If yes, please list all companies: Pure Sport INNOVATIONS, LLC.

By signing this form, the Company and the individual signing below attest that the above questions have been answered truthfully, to the best of their knowledge.

Pure Fitness INNOVATIONS
Company Name

[Signature]
Signature of Company Official

309 834 0520 / 888 851 1945
Telephone Number & Fax Number

3021 W. Farmington Rd. Peoria, IL 61604
Company Address

Johnnie J. Smith / owner
Name / Title

jsmith@purefitnessinnovations.com
Email Address

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Peoria Park District
Certificate of Equal Employment Opportunity Compliance for Contractors & Vendors

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Pure Fitness INNOVATIONS
Company Name

[Signature]
Signature of Company Official

309 831 0520 / 800 831 1945
Telephone Number & Fax Number

3021 W Farmington Rd. Peoria, IL
Company Address

Johnnie J Smith / owner
Name / Title

jsmith@purefitnessinnovations.com
Email Address

Park District Board of Trustees Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: December 14, 2022

Submitted by: Karrie Ross

Submitting Department: Finance

Item Type: Quote

Agenda Section:

Subject:

Quote - Janitorial Services at the Equipment Service Center

Suggested Action:

Approval

Attachments:

[Recommendation - Janitorial Services at ESC.pdf](#)



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DATE: December 14, 2022

TO: Board of Trustees

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Purchasing Supervisor

SUBJECT: Quote – Janitorial Services at the Equipment Service Center

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Budgets Available:

A6-A09-5210-2205 Park Admin Contractual Services

Background:

Quotes were solicited for janitorial services at the Equipment Service Center to be performed two days per week. The contract term shall be for a period of one year.

Quotes received are as follows:

<u>Vendor:</u>	<u>Quote:</u>
Cleaning Coalition LLC	\$13,000.00
Triple J's Janitorial Service	\$18,200.00

Strategic Priority Focus:

 X Long-term sustainability of the District: we will be responsible stewards of all District resources.

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Recommendation:

Staff recommends the acceptance of the low quote for janitorial services at the Equipment Service Center from Cleaning Coalition LLC of Eureka, IL at a cost of \$13,000.00.

The Quote Package Sign Out Summary, Company Ownership Form, EEO Form and Workforce Profile are attached for review.

Quote Package Sign Out Summary

Ludy's Cleaning
Lindsay's Dependable Cleaning Services
Triple J's Janitorial Service
Mlady Commercial Services, Inc.
A New View Cleaning Service
Lewis Michael Construction Maintenance, Inc.
Complete Maintenance Systems, Inc,
Woods Professional Cleaning
BNB Network LLC
Emeric Facility Services
Perfect Cleaning Service Inc.
C.E. Berry Janitorial Service
Heart of Illinois Cleaning LLC
Cleaning Coalition LLC

Central Illinois Plan Room
Greater Peoria Contractors and Suppliers Association
Peoria Black Chamber
Illinois Black Chamber of Commerce
NAACP of Peoria
Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

QUOTE FORM

2023 Janitorial Services at the Equipment Service Center

On-Site Visit Date: 11/15/2022, 2022

Janitorial Service 2 days per week \$ 250 / week X 52 weeks = \$ 13,000

The bidder acknowledges the following addenda, if any:

Addenda #: _____ Dated _____ Addenda #: _____ Dated _____

The undersigned certifies that this bid is in accordance with Peoria Park District Specifications. By signing below, I do hereby certify that I am a duly authorized agent of the company and certify that the company is not barred from bidding on a public contract as a result of a violation of either Section 33E-3 (bid-rigging) or Section 33E-4 (bid-rotating) of the Illinois Criminal Code, contained in Chapter 38 of the Illinois Revised Statutes.

Quote Submitted By:

Cleaning Coalition LLC
Vendor Name

505 Ridge LN
Vendor Address

Eureka IL 61530
City State Zip Code

309 712-9231 _____
Phone Fax

LaToya Pegues
Name of Authorized Representative (type or print)

OWNER
Title of Authorized Representative (type or print)

LaToya Pegues
Signature of Authorized Representative



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Please list the name(s) of the Company majority owner(s): Latoya Pegues, Nathan Pegues

Does Company have any parent and/or subsidiary companies? ☐ YES ☒ NO
If yes, please list all companies: _____

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Cleaning Coalition LLC
Company Name
Latoya Pegues
Signature of Company Official
309 712-9231
Telephone Number & Fax Number

505 Ridge LN Eureka IL 61530
Company Address
Latoya Pegues/owner
Name / Title
cleaningcoalition@gmail.com
Email Address



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Cleaning Coalition LLC
Company Name
Latoria Pegues
Signature of Company Official
309 712-9231
Telephone Number & Fax Number

505 Ridge LN Eureka IL 61530
Company Address
Latoria Pegues / OWNER
Name / Title
CleaningCoalition@gmail.com
Email Address

WORKFORCE PROFILE

Job Classifications	Black Employees		White Employees		Hispanic Employees		Native American Employees		Asian Employees		Other Employees		TOTAL EMPLOYEES	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
1. Officials, Managers, Supervisors	1	1											1	1
2. Professionals														
3. Technicians														
4. Sales														
5. Office/Clerical														
6. White Collar Trainees:														
7. Skilled Crafts:														
8. Apprentices:														
9. On-the-job Trainees:														
10. Semi-skilled														
11. Service Workers														
12. Unskilled														
TOTALS														

COMPANY NAME: Cleaning Coalition

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Park District Board of Trustees Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: December 14, 2022

Submitted by: Karrie Ross

Submitting Department: Finance

Item Type: Quote

Agenda Section:

Subject:

Quote - 2023 Annual Plants & Flowers

Suggested Action:

Approval

Attachments:

[Recommendation - 2023 Annual Plants and Flowers.pdf](#)



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DATE: December 14, 2022

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Nicole Staley
Purchasing Supervisor

SUBJECT: Quote – 2023 Annual Plants and Flowers

Budgets Available:

Various Parks and Facilities

Background:

Quotes were solicited from four vendors for the purchase of the 2023 Annual Plants and Flowers. The plants and flowers will be used at various parks and facilities throughout the District. Plants will be delivered in early May of 2023.

A summary of the quotes are as follows:

Vendor:

Koos Nursery
Hoerr Nursery
Jones Country Gardens
Heights Flowers

Quote:

\$10,995.20
No quote submitted
No quote submitted
No quote submitted

*Quote is not recommended as it does not include the required searchlight and speaker systems.

Strategic Priority Focus:

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Recommendation:

Staff recommends acceptance of the low quote from Koos Nursery for the 2023 Annual Plants and Flowers at a cost of \$10,995.20.

The quote, Company Ownership Certification and EEO Form are attached for review.

Quote Form
2023 Annual Plants and Flowers

Total Quote for 2022 Annual Plants and Flowers: \$ 10,995.20

The bidder acknowledges the following addenda, if any:

Addenda #: _____ Dated _____ Addenda #: _____ Dated _____

The undersigned certifies that this bid is in accordance with Peoria Park District Specifications. By signing below, I do hereby certify that I am a duly authorized agent of the company and certify that the company is not barred from bidding on a public contract as a result of a violation of either Section 33E-3 (bid-rigging) or Section 33E-4 (bid-rotating) of the Illinois Criminal Code, contained in Chapter 38 of the Illinois Revised Statutes.

Quote Submitted By:

Koos Nursery
Vendor Name

2445 County Road 1200 N.
Vendor Address

El Paso IL 61738
City State Zip Code

309-433-5951 _____
Phone Fax

John Koos
Name of Authorized Representative (type or print)

Owner
Title of Authorized Representative (type or print)

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Signature of Authorized Representative

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- ☒ Company is self-certifying *Husband-Wife*

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Koos Nursery
 Company Name
John Koos
 Signature of Company Official
309-433 5951
 Telephone Number & Fax Number

2445 County Road 1200 N. E / Box 116 / 738
 Company Address
John Koos owner
 Name / Title
mkoos56@yahoo.com
 Email Address



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Company Name
John Koos
Signature of Company Official
309 433 5951
Telephone Number & Fax Number

2445 County Road 1000 N E / Pao 7116,
Company Address
John Koos owner
Name / Title
mkoos56@yahoo.com
Email Address

Park District Board of Trustees Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: December 14, 2022

Submitted by: Karrie Ross

Submitting Department: Finance

Item Type: Contract Purchase

Agenda Section:

Subject:

Ammunition Purchase for Park Police Range Use per State of Illinois Contract

Suggested Action:

Approval

Attachments:

[Recommendation - Duty and Practice Ammunition per State of Illinois Contract.pdf](#)



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DATE: December 14, 2022

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Nicole Staley
Purchasing Supervisor

SUBJECT: Proposal – Duty and Practice Ammunition per State of
Illinois Contract #21-416CMS-BOSS4-B-20284 and
21-416CMS-BOSS4-P-28798

Budgets Available:

G6-G16-5110-2122 Police Admin-Range Supplies

Background:

The proposal includes the purchase of various duty and practice ammunition for the Park Police.

Prices are pursuant to the State of Illinois Contracts #21-416CMS-BOSS4-B-20284 and 21-416CMS-BOSS4-P-28798. The contracts are valid through June 30, 2024 and August 31, 2024 respectively.

Strategic Priority Focus:

 X Long-term sustainability of the District: we will be responsible stewards of all District resources.

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Recommendation:

Staff recommends the acceptance of the proposal for the purchase of duty and practice ammunition from Ray O'Herron Company, Inc. of Danville, IL at a total cost of \$10,418.00.

The proposal, Company Information Form and EEO Form are attached for review.

**Peoria Park District Police Department
Ammunition Order Revised
December 5, 2022**

Illinois Ammunition Contract 21-416CMS # B – 0554 / P - 28798

Ray O'Herron

3549 N. Vermilion St.

Danville, IL 61832

800 223 2097

Ammunition	Item #	Amount / Type / Cost per 1000	Cost
Duty Ammo			
5.56mm	RA556B	2000 rds. 64gr. Bonded @ \$889.00 per 1000	<u>\$1778</u>
			\$1778
Training Ammo			
9mm	Q4172	5000 rds. 115 gr FMJ @ \$219.00 per 1000	\$1095
40 S&W	Q4238	10000 rds. 180 gr FMJ @ \$268.00 per 1000	\$2680
45 ACP	Q4170	7000 rds. 230 gr FMJ @ \$297.00 per 1000	\$2079
5.56mm	Q3131	7000 rds. 55 gr FMJ @ \$398.00 per 1000	<u>\$2786</u>
			\$8640
			Free Freight
Total			\$10,418



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Check One:
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- Is the Company a Service Disabled Veteran Owned Business? ☐ YES ☒ NO
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Does Company qualify as a small business under federal Small Business Administration? ☐ YES ☒ NO
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Please list the name(s) of the Company majority owner(s): Michael O'Herron, Chris O'Herron, Justin Fredericks & Jared Fredericks

Does Company have any parent and/or subsidiary companies? ☐ YES ☒ NO

If yes, please list all companies: _____

By signing this form, the Company and the individual signing below attest that the above questions have been answered truthfully, to the best of their knowledge.

Ray O'Herron Company, Inc.
Company Name

Signature of Company Official

217-442-0860 Ext 149 & 888-223-3235
Telephone Number & Fax Number

3549 N Vermillion Danville, IL 61832
Company Address
Jeff Saylor, Human Resource Manager
Name / Title

jeff@oherron.com
Email Address



Peoria Park District Certificate of Equal Employment Opportunity Compliance for Contractors & Vendors

The Peoria Park District is an Equal Opportunity Employer and it agrees with each of the provisions below and requires that all suppliers, contractors, subcontractors, and vendors doing business with the Park District be Certified Equal Employment Opportunity Employers in compliance with the Illinois Human Rights Act and such regulations promulgated thereunder, and, that any and all suppliers, contractors, subcontractors or vendors who are found to be in non-compliance with the Illinois Human Rights Act or said regulations may be declared ineligible for future contracts with this Park District; and, that each and every supplier, contractor, subcontractor or vendor does at all times in connection with any dealings with this Park District agree as follows:

- 1) That it will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, order of protection status, national origin or ancestry, citizenship status, age, physical or mental disability unrelated to ability, military status or an unfavorable discharge from military service; and, further, that it will examine all job classifications to determine if minority persons or women are underutilized and will take appropriate affirmative action to rectify any underutilization.
- 2) That, if it hires additional employees in order to perform this contract or any portion of this contract, it will determine the availability (in accordance with the Illinois Department of Human Rights Rules and Regulations) of minorities and women in the areas from which it may reasonably recruit and it will hire for each job classification for which employees are hired in a way that minorities and women are not underutilized.
- 3) That, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by it or on its behalf, it will state that all applicants will be afforded equal opportunity without discrimination because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, order of protection status, national origin or ancestry, citizenship status, age, physical or mental disability unrelated to ability, military status or an unfavorable discharge from military service.
- 4) That it will send to each labor organization or representative of workers with which it has or is bound by a collective bargaining or other agreement or understanding, a notice advising the labor organization or representative of the contractor's obligations under the Illinois Human Rights Act and the Department's Rules and Regulations. If any labor organization or representative fails or refuses to cooperate with the contractor in its efforts to comply with such Act and Rules and Regulations, the contractor will promptly notify the Peoria Park District and will recruit employees from other sources when necessary to fulfill its obligations under the contract.
- 5) That it will submit reports as required by the Department's Rules and Regulations, furnish all relevant information as may from time to time be requested by the Department or the Peoria Park District, and in all respects comply with the Illinois Human Rights Act and the Department's Rules and Regulations.
- 6) That it will permit access to all relevant books, records, accounts and work sites by personnel of the Peoria Park District and the Department for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with the Illinois Human Rights Act and the Department's Rules and Regulations.
- 7) That it will include verbatim or by reference the provisions of this clause in every subcontract awarded under which any portion of the contract obligations are undertaken or assumed, so that the provisions will be binding upon the subcontractor. In the same manner as with other provisions of this contract, the contractor will be liable for compliance with applicable provisions of this clause by subcontractors; and further it will promptly notify the Peoria Park District and the Department in the event any subcontractor fails or refuses to comply with the provisions. In addition, the contractor will not utilize any subcontractor declared by the Illinois Human Rights Commission to be ineligible for contracts or subcontracts with the State of Illinois or any of its political subdivisions or municipal corporations.

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Name / Title

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Email Address

Park District Board of Trustees Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: December 14, 2022

Submitted by: Karrie Ross

Submitting Department: Finance

Item Type: Contract Purchase

Agenda Section:

Subject:

Proposal – Genie GS2632 Electric Scissor Lift - Sourcwell Contract

Suggested Action:

Approval

Attachments:

[Recommendation - Genie GS2632 Electric Scissor Lift per Sourcwell Contract #041719-TER.pdf](#)



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DATE: December 14, 2022

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Nicole Staley
Purchasing Supervisor

SUBJECT: Proposal – Genie GS2632 Electric Scissor Lift
Sourcewell Contract 041719-TER

Budgets Available:

J6-J70-5510-2265 Parks Scissor Lift

Background:

The proposal includes the purchase of a Genie GS2632 Electric Scissor Lift that will be used by various departments as needed. The scissor lift will be a new piece of equipment added to inventory.

Prices for the purchase of the Genie GS2632 Electric Scissor Lift are pursuant to Sourcewell contract 041719-TER and are made allowable through the Illinois Intergovernmental Cooperation Act. The Sourcewell contract offers a thirty-five percent discount off of the list price of the equipment. The contract is valid through June 17, 2023.

Altorfer Inc. has offered an additional \$1,948.56 discount off of the Sourcewell price.

Strategic Priority Focus:

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Recommendation:

Staff recommends the acceptance of the proposal for a Genie GS2632 Electric Scissor Lift from Altorfer Inc. of Cedar Rapids, IA at a total cost of \$20,500.00.

The proposal, Company Information Form and EEO Form are attached for review.

Altorfer Rents

- ☐ Sales Quote
☐ Rental Quote

Thank you for your Business!**DATE:** 12/6/2022**Account #:****PO NUMBER:****BILL TO:****SHIP TO:** (if different from bill to location)Company **Peoria Park District**

Company

Ordered By **Chuck Simms**

Attn

Address

Address

City **Peoria**

City

State **IL**

Zip

State

Zip

Phone

Fax

Salesman: **Dan Dunn 309-241-3409**

Qty.	Description/Model Number	Daily	Weekly	4 Weeks	Selling Price
	Sourcewell Pricing				
1	New Genie GS 2632 Electric Scissor Lift				\$21,098.56
	Freight Estimate				\$1,350.00
	Additional discount of \$1,948.56 from the				
	sourcewell price.				
1	New Genie GS 2632				\$20,500.00
	Electric scissor lift				
	Freight Included in price				
	Lead time - 25 weeks				

Other Charges:**Total:****FTV Waiver**☐ Yes ☐ No**Delivery and Pickup Charges** (each way)**Freight Method**

- ☐ Deliver
☐ Customer Pickup

Buyers signature (Sign and Print Name)

X

Comments*Thank you for your business!*



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Please list the name(s) of the Company majority owner(s): Derek Altorter

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By signing this form, the Company and the individual signing below attest that the above questions have been answered truthfully, to the best of their knowledge.

Altorter, Inc.

Company Name

Craig R.
Signature of Company Official

309-397-3373

Telephone Number & Fax Number

2600 6th St SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404
Company Address

Craig W. Robren, U.P. Sales & Marketing
Name / Title

Craig.Robren@Altorter.com
Email Address



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Altorfer Inc.
Company Name

[Signature]
Signature of Company Official

ph. (319) 365-0551 ext 2102
Telephone Number & Fax Number

fax: (319) 365-5639

2600 6th Street SW Cedar Rapids IA 52404
Company Address

Corey Nuehring, VP & CFO
Name / Title

corey.nuehring@altorfer.com
Email Address

Park District Board of Trustees Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: December 14, 2022

Submitted by: Rebecca Fredrickson

Submitting Department: Planning

Item Type: Miscellaneous

Agenda Section:

Subject:

Proposal - Architectural Services - Golf Learning Center

Suggested Action:

Attachments:

[Brd Rec_GLC-Architect Services.pdf](#)



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DATE: December 6, 2022

TO: Emily Cahill

FROM: Becky Fredrickson, Sup't of Planning

SUBJECT: Proposal – Architectural Services
Golf Learning Center Improvements

FUNDING: A6-A01-5510-2204 – DCEO Grant - GLC
\$ 4,000,000.00

AMOUNT: \$ 168,500.00

BALANCE: \$ 3,831,500.00

Background:

The Peoria Park District was awarded DCEO grant funds for the renovation of the Golf Learning Center.

This proposal is for the Architectural, Interiors, Structural, Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing, Fire Protection, and Life Safety design services for this project. Demonica Kemper Architects has significant experience with similar electronic ball tracking golf type facilities.

Strategic Priority Focus:

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Recommendation:

Staff recommends accepting the proposal from Demonica Kemper Architects in the amount of \$168,500.00 for the architectural services for the Golf Learning Center Improvements.



DEMONICA KEMPER ARCHITECTS

100 Harrison Street, Peoria, Illinois 61602 T | 312.771.1668
www.dka-design.com

November 7, 2022

Rebecca Fredrickson
Superintendent of Planning, Design, & Construction
Peoria Park District
1314 N. Park Road
Peoria, IL 61604

Re: Letter of Agreement and Notice to Proceed with Architectural, Interiors, Structural, Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing, and Fire Protection Services for the proposed Golf Entertainment Facility Renovations and Additions to the existing Golf Learning Center located at 7815 N. Radnor Road Peoria, IL

Dear Becky:

Pursuant to your request, Demonica Kemper Architects (DKA) and its consultants are pleased to submit the following Letter of Agreement to provide Architectural, Interiors, Structural, Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing, Fire Protection, and Life Safety Services to complete the Schematic Design, Design Development, Construction Documentation, Bidding/Permitting, and Construction Administration phases for the proposed Golf Entertainment Facility Renovations and Additions to the existing Golf Learning Center located at 7815 N. Radnor Road Peoria, IL.

The fees and services contained in this letter are based upon the approved concept design plans by DKA dated 9.26.2022, and a construction budget for building components (new and renovations) of \$2,500,000. The fees and services described below do not account for major re-design efforts.

Please be aware that it is important that the Civil, Landscaping, Kitchen equipment, Bar equipment, A/V, Signage, and Technology conceptual design be completed by the Peoria Park District's (PPD) consultants prior to the completion of the Schematic Design phase. Exact kitchen and bar equipment sizes and manufacturers specifications are required prior to the detailed design of the utilities required for the equipment by the MEP consultants. MEP system layouts, Architectural plans and elevations will require re-work if the building configuration changes following the Schematic Design phase. The re-work of drawings after the Schematic Design phase is not included in this fee proposal.

Following signature of this Letter of Agreement we will continue our services and include the terms of this document into an AIA B101-2017 contract which will serve as the legal contract between our companies. The AIA contract shall supersede any conflicting language found in any other contract for our services between our companies or any other entity that may become involved. Detailed language that captures the liabilities and requirements of each party is found in article 7 and paragraph 1.3 of the AIA B101-2017. Paragraph 1.3 refers to document AIA Document E203 2013 for the electronic transmission of digital data. DKA shall maintain and own the central Revit model. It brings us great pleasure to work with you and your team on this exciting project.

SERVICES and FEES

Demonica Kemper Architects (DKA) in association with its consultants (RLG and KED) shall provide the following services for the proposed Golf Entertainment Facility Renovations and Additions to the existing Golf Learning Center located at 7815 N. Radnor Road Peoria, IL for a lump sum of **\$168,500**: (6.7% of \$2,500,000 estimated construction cost)

I. 'Schematic Design' Services as listed below – 20% of fee

Process – (Consultant engagement, systems options, refinement)

- Contact local code authorities and understand specific codes and regulations – PPD's civil consultant to provide DKA and its consultants zoning regulations that affect the building
- Non-invasive visual survey of existing conditions
- Build Revit model
- Coordinate model with MEP/S engineers
- Select interior and exterior finishes
- Virtual or in-person meeting with PPD representatives to present:
 - Plan, exterior and interior refinement
 - Exterior and interior finishes



- Mechanical system options
 - Lighting options
 - Structural system direction
- Modify model per requested changes
- Virtual or in-person meeting to review plan refinement and exterior refinement and systems details
- Integrate kitchen and bar equipment, A/V and technology into plans (provided by PPD's consultants)
- Print 80% set to be used for cost estimating by DKA and its consultants – Cost estimating over the past nine months has not been as accurate as they were in the past due to the volatility of the markets and the availability of certain materials – DKA and its consultants can not be held liable for estimating inaccuracies
- Review the cost estimate with the Owner's Representative
- Virtual or in-person meeting to review the V/E list with Owner's Representative if required
 - Select and reject V/E items
- Incorporate the V/E items into the drawings if required
- Print 100% Schematic Design Set for review

Deliverables

- Interior and Exterior Material Samples
- 4 exterior colored renderings, 4 interior colored renderings
- V/E list if required
- 80% Schematic Design Set for owner review, team coordination, and cost estimating to include: plans, elevations, basic wall sections, MEP/FP equipment, and structural framing
- 100% Schematic Design Set for owner review

2. 'Design Development' Services as listed below – 20% of fee

Process

- Meeting with PPD's representatives to review 100% Schematic Design Set:
 - Detailed systems direction (A/MEP/S)
 - Basic Wall Sections
 - Doors and hardware (Hardware by hardware consultant billed as reimbursable)
 - Roofing systems
 - Window systems
 - Exterior cladding systems
 - Casework
 - Detailed finishes
- Incorporate input into the drawings
- Print 100% Design Development Set

Deliverables

- Cut sheets of lighting fixtures and plumbing fixtures
- 100% Design Development Review Set for owner review and team coordination

3. 'Construction Documentation' Services as listed below – 35% of fee

Process

- Create details and specifications
- Coordinate engineering disciplines
- Coordinate Kitchen, A/V, IT, and Signage consultants
- Print 80% review set
 - Page by page review with PPD representatives
- Complete Documentation
- Print 100% set

Deliverables

- Drawings and Specifications for permit, and bidding

4. 'Bidding and Permitting' Services as listed below – 5% of fee

Process

- Coordinate bidding document transfer to a printer
- Answer bidders' questions and issue addendum



- Review bidding results and provide a comparison spreadsheet
- Modify documentation as required based upon comments from the local authority and include addendum

Deliverables

- "IFC" Issued For Construction set of documents

5. 'Construction Administration' Services as listed below – 20% of fee

Deliverables (duration of construction estimated 9 months)

- Answer RFI's (requests for information)
- Issue RFP's and review CO's (request for proposal and change orders)
- Review shop drawings and fixture submittals
- Review pay requests
- Create a formal punch list document
- 9 on-site observation visits (travel expenses billed as a reimbursable)
- Site observation reports

OWNER PROVIDED:

The following are to be provided by the owner:

- Civil Engineering – Zoning code review
- Landscape Design
- Detailed Kitchen Equipment Drawings
- Signage Package
- IT Design and Documentation
- Furniture Design and Procurement

EXCLUDED SERVICES:

The following services are excluded from the fee proposal:

- Re-design following the Schematic Design phase
- Value engineering following the Schematic Design phase
- Alternate bids
- Furniture design
- Artwork, and equipment selection and design
- Meetings beyond those listed
- Animations or flythroughs
- Coordination of owner's consultants
- Zoning design review
- As-built drawings
- Signage
- Building permit submittal (typically by General Contractor or Construction Manager)
- Sustainability of LEED consulting
- Renderings (As needed billed as an additional service \$1,500 per rendering)
- Additional Site Visits (approx.. @ \$500 per additional visit)
- Review fees
- Attendance at zoning meetings
- Audio and visual equipment (TV's, speakers, IT computers, POS systems, etc..)

Please note that the fee is exclusive of reimbursable expenses such as travel, lodging, meals, printing and messenger / delivery costs which shall be invoiced at 1.10 times their direct costs and project related travel which shall be invoiced at the current IRS mileage rate.

Invoicing for our services shall be forwarded to your office monthly for work completed within the previous month, and payment is appreciated within thirty (30) days from date of invoice.



Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions regarding this proposal or if you require any further clarification.

We thank you for this opportunity to work your team and look forward to working with you on this exciting project.

Sincerely,

James Kemper
Principal

Golf Entertainment Renovation and Addition in
Peoria, IL SD-CA phases for a lump sum of **\$168,500**

Accepted:

Peoria Park District

Signature / Date

Printed Name / Title

Park District Board of Trustees Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: December 14, 2022

Submitted by: Rebecca Fredrickson

Submitting Department: Planning

Item Type: Miscellaneous

Agenda Section:

Subject:

Proposal - Site Engineering Services - Golf Learning Center

Suggested Action:

Attachments:

[Brd Rec_GLC-Site Engineering Services.pdf](#)



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SUBJECT: Proposal – Site Engineering Services
Golf Learning Center Improvements

FUNDING: A6-A01-5510-2204 – DCEO Grant - GLC
\$ 3,831,500.00

AMOUNT: \$ 105,000.00

BALANCE: \$ 3,726,500.00

Background:

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Recommendation:

Staff recommends accepting the proposal from Austin Engineering Co., Inc. in the amount of \$105,000.00 for site civil engineering services for the Golf Learning Center Improvements.



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Peoria Park District
Attn: Ms. Rebecca Fredrickson
Superintendent of Planning, Design & Construction
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November 09, 2022

RE: Professional Design Services Proposal
The Golf Learning Center & Academy
Golf Entertainment Center Renovation
7815 N. Radnor Road, Peoria, IL 61615
(Part of Parcel ID 13-12-100-018 & 024)

Thank you for the opportunity to submit a proposal for Land Surveying, Civil Engineering, & Landscape Architecture design services for the above referenced development project located at the Golf Learning Center & Academy (GLC) in Peoria, IL. Our proposal is based upon a design review meeting held at the GLC with PPD Management and Project Architect James Kemper of DKA. The proposed improvements include a renovation of the existing GLC building to incorporate a restaurant & bar facility to support a new Golf Entertainment Hitting Bay Structure with 20 bays, 10 of which will be elevated. To support this renovation, expansion of the parking lot facility will be required, as well as other site civil related enhancements adjacent to the existing building and the new hitting bay structure, including an outdoor entertainment area as well as some netting and pole improvements to limit golf balls reaching an existing surface drainage ditch. The professional services deliverables for this project known to be required at the time of preparing this proposal have been separated into different work packages with lump sum proposals for each below.

Each work package includes all labor, equipment, and materials required to complete the task in accordance with generally accepted Civil Engineering Design standards. Permit fees are estimated as shown when possible. Any review fees or deposits required by the approving agencies will be invoiced as a reimbursable expense at cost or through direct payment by Client. All other miscellaneous expenses are included in the lump sum proposal amounts.

Field Topographic & Boundary Survey

AECI will complete a detailed field topographic and property boundary survey of the areas of the site that will be impacted by the proposed improvements to the property. This would include the Tee Box upgrades and mapping the existing irrigation lines that require improvements in the

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pitch & putt area. The survey will be used to prepare conceptual plans as well as the detailed construction documents. We propose to provide these services for a lump sum fee of **\$8,000**.

Schematic Design

AECI will utilize the field topographic survey to prepare schematic design layouts for the project improvements. An initial design concept for the parking lot expansion will be provided and up to two revisions to that schematic design based upon client feedback. Initial design considerations for the site irrigation improvements required in the pitch & putt area, tee box upgrades and lighting upgrades will also be analyzed. A review of all required site civil permits will be completed, and a summary email submitted to Client for review. We propose to complete these services for a lump sum fee of **\$15,000**.

FEMA – Flood Plain Permitting

Not required for this project, as the improvements are not located in a regulatory floodplain area.

Easements and Platting Note:

It is assumed that all required access for ingress/egress and or utilities required for the project are in place with no need for additional easements to be prepared. As such, no provisions for these professional services are provided within this proposal. *If during the construction plan phase, it is evident that these services are needed, an amendment to the services agreement will be required.*

Design Development

AECI will work alongside the project architect and PPD to further advance the plan documents during the design development phase. Opinions of Probable Costs will be prepared and reviewed with PPD staff to confirm the project is tracking to stay within allowable budgets. Details regarding specific site design components within the outdoor entertainment areas will be discussed at length. Material and equipment selections and finishes for the site improvements scope will be reviewed in detail for inclusion in the detailed construction plans phase of the project. We propose to complete these services for a lump sum fee of **\$15,000**.

Civil Engineering Construction Plans

Austin Engineering is pleased to submit an engineering proposal for the preparation of detailed construction plans and specifications for this development, based on the following scope of work.

- 1) The site design will be based on the approved conceptual layout plan refinement completed by AECI as a part of this proposal.
- 2) With regard to “Disabled Site Visitability”, our proposal includes ADA access from the required nearest parking spaces on site to the main entry.
- 3) Compliance with the City of Peoria stormwater ordinance is included.
- 4) Complete a detailed overall site grading plan with spot elevations. Locations and heights of any required retaining walls will be shown on the grading plan, however, the type of retaining wall and design of the retaining wall shall be provide by the structural engineer of record for the project, and such detailed design is excluded

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- from our scope. AECI plans will provide notes to refer to the Structural Engineering plan details for these retaining walls (if required).
- 5) Construction Plans would be completed in accordance with generally accepted engineering standards and in sufficient detail to obtain City and IEPA approvals. At the time of proposal, approvals from IDOT are NOT expected to be required and are not included. In specific, the site plan would include but not be limited to:
 - a. ADA Routes from Nearest Parking Space to ADA main entry.
 - b. Grading Plans
 - c. Site utility design for stormwater conveyance.
 - d. Stormwater Underdrains for outdoor entertainment areas.
 - e. Sanitary Sewer upgrades to include a grease waste line with collection structure.
 - f. Erosion control design and management.
 - g. Show Exterior Lighting on Plans (Design Provided by Others)
 - h. Design of Netting Containment System at the existing ditch and near the new hitting bay structure as needed.
 - i. Design of Entertainment areas adjacent to the existing structure and the new hitting bay structure.
 - j. Design of Fencing adjacent to the facility.
 - k. Design details for improvements to the tee boxes on the pitch & putt course.
 - l. Design details for irrigation improvement to the pitch & putt course.
 - m. Landscape Design by a Professionally Licensed Landscape Architect with 2-D Color Renderings. (3-D Photo-Realistic Renderings are not included. If required, we will provide guidance to the project architect for their design model to assist them with producing Photo-Realistic Renderings that reflect the landscape design inclusive of this proposal.)
 - 6) For the purpose of this proposal, it is assumed that Storm Sewers are adjacent to the site with available capacity. ***If “offsite” design is required for utilities, a separate proposal for design and any required easements will be submitted for approval.***
 - 7) Project specifications & details will be included on the plan sheet drawings, separate general and special provisions specification booklet will NOT be prepared, and contract documents are NOT included in our proposal.
 - 8) Because the site disturbance will likely be greater than 1-Acre in size, an IEPA Stormwater Grading Permit is required and included in this proposal.
 - 9) Prepare, submit, and secure permits from the following governing bodies:
 - a. IEPA stormwater.
 - b. City (Storm Water Management)
 - 10) Prepare a summary of plan quantities to aid with construction pricing.
 - 11) Review of plan set at 50% and 90% completion by email and phone conference or meetings at our Peoria, Illinois office or within a 30-minute drive from our office.
 - 12) **Exceptions:** In addition to any exceptions noted in the above task deliverables, the following exceptions or special notes shall apply:
 - a. *Plan design changes as a result of un-foreseen conditions, Architectural Revisions during the detailed plan completion phase or other circumstances*

- outside the control of Austin Engineering will require a task order approval from prior to these services being provided by AECI.*
- b. If a detailed Traffic Report/Analysis and/or Public Roadway Improvements outside of those expressly noted above are required by approving agencies, a separate proposal will be provided for those design services.*
 - c. If required, detailed Environmental/Historic Preservation Studies are NOT included in this proposal.*
 - d. No Geotechnical Design Services are included and shall be provided to us by client for review before finalizing our design plans.*
 - e. Should retaining walls be desired or un-avoidable to accommodate the layout and negotiate grade changes on the site, any structural design requirement for these retaining walls are not included and will require task change order approval.*
 - f. No assistance with LEED certification is included.*
 - g. Site Lighting & Photometric plan design is not included and is the responsibility of others. AECI will show the lighting locations on the plan and will accommodate appropriate grading so long as the lighting plan is provided in advance of any grading plan design.*
 - h. If offsite utility easements become necessary, these services are not included and will required separate proposal approval.*

We propose to perform the above-mentioned design work for a Lump Sum Fee of **\$30,000** plus permit fees at direct cost. Any review fees or deposits required by the City or IEPA will be the responsibility of client to pay in advance at time of submittal or reimbursed to AECI at time of invoice.

Bidding Services

AECI will provide services during the bid process, coordination of bidding documents to printer if required, including response to requests for information, issue addendums as necessary, review bidding results and provide comparison spreadsheet in coordination with Project Architect. We propose to provide these services for a lump sum fee of **\$3,000**.

Construction Layout Services

These services are dependent upon the general contractor chosen and their capabilities for providing construction layout. AECI proposes to provide these services on an hourly as needed basis at our current hourly rates attached and as requested or specified by the GC Contract with Owner. We estimate that a budget of **\$16,000** would typically cover this site related survey layout expense for this project.

Construction Observation & Materials Testing Services (Optional)

At the time of preparing this proposal, on-site construction observation and materials testing is not expected to be a requirement within the site or during construction or connection to public utilities. Because of this, no required budget for on-site construction observation is provided in this proposal. If client or City desires on-site construction observation services or materials

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testing services, a proposal for these services will be based on the scope provided by client or at our hourly rates attached hereto upon request from Client.

Construction Engineering Support Services

It is understood that AECl may be requested from time to time to provide construction engineering support services. These services shall be performed and billed on an hourly basis. Only services performed as a result of a request from client or client representative shall be considered "Authorized Services" and approved in writing in advance via email correspondence. Typical CA services include responses to contractor requests for information or clarification, review of pay requests, involvement with regular construction progress calls, site visits for clarification of design intent, miscellaneous plan changes due to unforeseen data available at time of construction plan preparation or due to issues or circumstance beyond the direct control of AECl. Based on past experience with similar project of similar scale and scope, we propose a budget placeholder for these services in the amount of **\$18,000**. Time will be tracked on an hourly basis and additional budget may be required depending on the specific details and occurrences during the construction phase.

Additional Engineering Services (Exclusions)

1. Sign Permits will be coordinated if requested. A detailed scope and cost will be provided at the point in time that all signage needs are known and a review of the ordinance requirements has been completed.

Summary of Deliverables	Lump Sum	Hourly
Topographic & Boundary Survey	\$8,000	
Schematic Design	\$15,000	
Design Development	\$15,000	
Construction Plans & Permits	\$30,000	
Bidding	\$3,000	
Construction Survey Layout		\$16,000 (Budget)
Construction Support Services		\$18,000 (Budget)
Totals	\$71,000	\$34,000

Notes:

Site Improvement Budget for Site Civil, pitch & putt tee box and irrigation improvements, nets, lighting & landscaping = \$700k. Design Services Budget proposed at \$105,000 = 15%

Construction Observation & Materials Testing	Not Included
Geotechnical Services Not Included	\$10,000 Suggested Budget

A mutually agreeable schedule for the completion of our services will be honored.

Invoices will be submitted as a percentage of completion on a Monthly Basis as time is incurred and payment is expected within 30 days of the date of each invoice unless other arrangements are

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made in advance. A copy of the AECI General Conditions is attached hereto and will be made part of our contract for services in addition to this document.

Again, we appreciate your consideration of Austin Engineering for your Professional Engineering, Landscape Architecture and Land Surveying needs. If you have any questions or need additional information with respect to this proposal, please do not hesitate to contact us. We will begin work immediately upon receipt of your authorized signature below.

Sincerely,



Devin Birch, PE
Principal

* Accepted by:

Ms. Rebecca Fredrickson

AUSTIN ENGINEERING CO., INC. GENERAL CONDITIONS (CIVIL AND LAND SURVEYING SERVICES)

THESE STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS SHALL CONTINUE IN FORCE AND EFFECT DURING AND AFTER THE COMPLETION OF AUSTIN ENGINEERING CO., INC.'S EMPLOYMENT AND SHALL CONTROL ANY CONFLICTING TERM OR CONDITION UNLESS AUSTIN ENGINEERING CO., INC. AGREES OTHERWISE IN WRITING.

1. PARTIES AND SCOPE OF WORK: "This Agreement" consists of Austin Engineering Co., Inc. (AECI) proposal, AECI's Schedule of Fees and Services, client's written acceptance thereof dated _____, if accepted by AECI, and these General Conditions. The terms contained in these General Conditions are intended to prevail over any conflicting terms in this Agreement. "Client" refers to the person or entity ordering the work to be done or professional services to be rendered by Austin Engineering Co., Inc. (except where distinction is necessary, either work or professional services are referred to as "services" herein). If client is ordering the services on behalf of another, client represents and warrants that client is the duly authorized agent of said party for the purpose of ordering and directing said service, and in such case the term "client" shall also include the principal for whom the services are being performed. Prices quoted and charged by AECI for its services are predicated on the conditions and the allocations of risks and obligations expressed in these General Conditions. Unless otherwise stated in writing, client assumes sole responsibility for determining whether the quantity and the nature of the services ordered by client are adequate and sufficient for client's intended purpose. Client shall communicate these General Conditions to each and every third party to whom the client transmits any report prepared by AECI. Unless otherwise expressly assigned in writing, AECI shall have no duty to any third party, and in no event shall AECI have any duty or obligation other than those duties and obligations expressly set forth in this Agreement. Ordering services from AECI shall constitute acceptance of AECI's proposal and these General Conditions. In addition, Client's acceptance of AECI's proposal and these General Conditions may be indicated by Client signing the proposal, and a facsimile copy or an electronic signature by Client shall be considered as an original signature by Client.

2. ADDITIONAL SERVICES: For additional services not included above, the Consultant shall be compensated on an hourly basis per the attached fee schedule or lump sum fee as approved in advance in writing by both parties.

3. SCHEDULING OF SERVICES: The services set forth in this Agreement will be accomplished in a timely and workmanlike manner. If AECI is required to delay any part of its services to accommodate the requests or requirements of client, regulatory agencies, or other parties, or due to any cause beyond its reasonable control, client agrees to pay such additional charges, if any, as may be applicable.

4. ACCESS TO SITE: Client will arrange and provide such access to the site as is necessary for AECI to perform its services. AECI shall take reasonable measures and precautions to minimize damage to the site and any improvements located thereon as a result of its services or the use of its equipment; however, AECI has not included in its fee the cost of restoration of damage which may occur and will not be responsible for such costs.

5. CLIENT'S DUTY TO NOTIFY ENGINEER: Client represents and warrants that client has advised AECI of any known or boundary or title disputes, defects in title, or ongoing litigation involving the property and has notified AECI of any suspected hazardous materials, utility lines, underground structures, or any other matter which may affect the ability of AECI to perform its duties as outlined in the Proposal or specified within these General Conditions at any site at which AECI is to perform services under this Agreement.

6. SITE INVESTIGATION: AECI services shall not include investigation for wetlands, environmentally protected or endangered species, hazardous substances, materials or waste or petroleum products. The above items include, but are not limited to, any material, species, or area now or hereafter included with such terms under any federal, state or local statute, ordinance, code, rule or regulation now existing or hereinafter enacted or amended. AECI shall not be liable for any damages as a result of the encounter with any of the items mentioned above. AECI's sole duty shall be to notify client of any encounter with the items mentioned above and AECI has no duty to identify or attempt to identify them within the project area.

7. MONITORING: If this Agreement includes testing construction materials or observing any aspect of construction of improvements, AECI will report its test results and observations as more specifically set forth elsewhere in this Agreement. Client shall cause all tests and inspections of the site, materials and work to be timely and properly performed in accordance with the plans, specifications, contract documents, and AECI recommendations. No claims for loss, damage or injury shall be brought against AECI unless all tests and inspections have been so performed and unless AECI recommendations have been followed.

AECI services shall not include determining or implementing the means, methods, techniques or procedures of work done by the contractor(s) being monitored or whose

work is being tested. AECI services shall not include the authority to accept or reject work or to in any manner supervise the work of any contractor. AECI services or failure to perform same shall not in any way operate or excuse any contractor from the performance of its work in accordance with its contract. AECI services shall not include any responsibility or liability for the owner and/or contractor's site safety and/or operations of construction, including surface water management practices. "Contractor" as used herein shall include the general contractor, subcontractors, suppliers, architects, engineers and construction managers.

8. LIMITATIONS OF PROCEDURES, EQUIPMENT AND TESTS: Information obtained from borings, observations, and analyses of sample materials shall be reported in formats considered appropriate by AECI unless directed otherwise by Client. Such information is considered evidence, but any inference or conclusion based thereon is, necessarily, an opinion also based on engineering judgment and shall not be construed as a representation of fact. The test report documents shall not be considered certification or guarantee that certain conditions have been met. Conditions may not be uniform throughout an entire site and construction materials may vary from the samples taken. AECI shall not be liable for diminution of value wherein the results of the investigation and evaluation may result in decreased value of a property or project. Unless otherwise agreed in writing, the procedures employed by AECI are not designed to detect intentional concealment or misrepresentation of fact by others. AECI services are being performed solely for client's benefit and no contractor, subcontractor, supplier, fabricator, manufacturer, tenant, occupant, consultant, or other third party shall have any claim against AECI as a result of its services.

9. TERMINATION: This Agreement may be terminated by either party upon seven days prior written notice. In the event of termination, AECI shall be compensated by client for all services performed up to and including the termination date, including reimbursable expenses.

10. RETAINER/BILLING/PAYMENT: The firm or individual engaging AECI is responsible for payment of charges unless AECI is notified in writing, prior to the time that the charges are incurred, that the engagement is on behalf of another party. Payment to AECI is not contingent upon the sale of the property or closing of any financial transactions. Prior to the provision of services, the Client shall deposit a retainer of \$_____ with AECI. Invoices for AECI services shall be submitted, at the AECI's option, either upon completion of such services or on a monthly basis. Invoices shall be due and payable upon receipt. If any invoice is not paid within thirty (30) days, Client further agrees to pay interest on all amounts invoiced and not paid or objected to in writing for valid cause within thirty (30) days at the rate of eighteen (18%) per annum (or the minimum interest rate permitted by applicable law, whichever is the lesser) until paid and AECI costs of collection of such accounts, including court costs and reasonable attorney's fees. The retainer shall be credits on the final invoice. In the event that any portion of an account remains unpaid 90 days after the billing, AECI may institute action and Client shall pay all costs of collection, including attorney's fees.

11. STANDARD OF CARE: AECI professional services will be performed, its findings obtained, and its reports prepared in accordance with this Agreement and with general accepted principles and practices. In performing its professional services, AECI will use that degree of care and skill ordinarily exercised under similar circumstances by members of its profession. AECI may rely upon information supplied by the client engaging AECI, or the contractors or consultants involved, or information available from generally accepted reputable sources, without independent verification. In performing physical work in pursuit of its professional services, AECI will use that degree of care and skill ordinarily used under similar circumstances. This statement is in lieu of all other warranties or representations, either express or implied. Statements made in AECI reports are opinions based upon engineering judgment and are not to be construed as representations of fact.

12. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY: Should AECI or any of its employees be found to have been negligent in performing professional services or to have made and breached any express or implied warranty, representation or contract, client, all parties claiming through client and all parties claiming to have in any way relied upon AECI services or work agree that the maximum aggregate amount of damages for which AECI, its officers, employees and agents shall be liable is limited to \$5,000 or the total amount of the fee paid to AECI for its services performed with respect to the project whichever amount is greater.

In the event client is unwilling or unable to limit the damages for which AECI may be liable in accordance with the provisions set forth in the preceding paragraph, upon written request of client received within five (5) days of client's acceptance of AECI's proposal, client will notify AECI of client's requested liability limit and AECI will provide

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an appropriate fee to be charged for the increase of this limit. This charge is not to be construed as being a charge for insurance of any type but is increased consideration for the exposure to an award of greater damages. In the event that AECl and the client cannot reach an agreement, AECl shall terminate the contract and refund the retainer to the client, less any amount due for work performed to date.

13. INDEMNITY: Subject to the provisions set forth herein, AECl and client hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless each other and their respective shareholders, directors, officers, partners, employees, agents, subsidiaries and division (and each of their heirs, successors, and assigns) from any and all claims, demands, liabilities, suits, causes of action, judgments, costs and expenses, including reasonable attorney's fee arising, or allegedly arising, from personal injury, including death, property damage, including loss of use thereof, due in any manner to the negligence of either of them or their agents or employees. In the event both are negligent or at fault, then any liability shall be apportioned between them pursuant to their pro rate share of negligence or fault. AECl and client further agree that their liability to any third party shall, to the extent permitted by law, be several and not joint. The indemnities provided hereunder shall not terminate upon the termination or expiration of this Agreement.

14. OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS AND DATA: All documents produced and data collected by AECl are the instruments of AECl's professional service and shall remain the property of AECl and may not be used by the client for any other purpose without the prior written consent of AECl.

15. SUBPOENAS: AECl employees shall not be retained as expert witness except by separate written agreement. Client agrees to pay AECl pursuant to AECl's then current Fee Schedule for any AECl employee(s) subpoenaed by any party as an occurrence witness as a result of AECl's services.

16. OTHER AGREEMENTS: AECl shall not be bound by any provision or agreement requiring or providing for arbitration of disputes or controversies arising out of this Agreement or any provision wherein AECl waives any rights to a mechanics lien, or any provision that conditions AECl's right to receive payment for its services upon payment to client by any third party. These General Conditions are notice, where required, that AECl shall file a lien whenever necessary to collect past due amounts. This Agreement contains the entire understanding between the parties. Client acknowledges that no representations, warranties, undertakings or promises have been made other than and except those expressly contained herein. All understandings and agreements heretofore had among the parties respecting this transaction, are merged in this Agreement. Unless expressly accepted by AECl in writing prior to delivery of AECl's services, client shall not add any conditions other than those contained in the Agreement. AECl's offer to provide services is conditioned on client's acceptance of all the terms and conditions set forth in these General Conditions without alteration or modification of any kind. The unenforceability or invalidity of any provision or provisions shall not render any other provision or provisions unenforceable or invalid. This Agreement shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Illinois. The parties hereto consent to jurisdiction and venue in an appropriate Illinois State Court in and for the County of Peoria, Illinois or the Federal District Court for the Mid-Central District of Illinois. Paragraph headings are for convenience only and shall not be construed as limiting the meaning of the provisions contained in these General Conditions.

2022 Fee Schedule

Senior Professional Engineer	\$145.00/Hr.
Senior Project Manager	\$145.00/Hr.
Project Manager	\$115.00/Hr.
Professional Engineer	\$120.00/Hr.
Engineer II	\$ 95.00/Hr.
Engineer I	\$ 85.00/Hr.
Landscape Architect	\$100 .00/Hr.
Professional Land Surveyor	\$125.00/Hr.
Land Survey Technician	\$ 80.00/Hr.
Surveyor I	\$ 85.00/Hr.
Surveyor II	\$ 95.00/Hr.
1-Man Survey with Robotic Instrument/GPS	\$120.00/Hr.
2-Man Survey Crew	\$150.00/Hr.
Expert Witness	\$425.00/Hr.

Rates are reviewed and adjusted on an annual basis in December for the following year.



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Park District Board of Trustees Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: December 14, 2022

Submitted by: Rebecca Fredrickson

Submitting Department: Planning

Item Type: Miscellaneous

Agenda Section:

Subject:

Bid - Shed Roof - Tawny Oaks

Suggested Action:

Attachments:

[Brd Rec_Tawny Oaks Shed Roof.pdf](#)



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DATE: 12/05/2022

TO: Emily Cahill thru Rebecca Fredrickson

FROM: Mary Harden, Planner II

SUBJECT: Tawny Oaks Detached Shed Roof Replacement

FUNDING: J6-J70-5510-2285 – Tawny Oaks Garage Roof
\$ 25,000.00

AMOUNT: \$ 19,000.00

BALANCE: \$ 6,000.00

Background:

This project consists of adding an aluminized coating on the existing modified bitumen roof of the detached shed at Tawny Oaks, and the removal and replacement of the cedar shakes from the mansard style roof. The installation of new underlayment, and ice and water membrane are also included.

Strategic Priority Focus:

☒ *Long-term sustainability of the District: we will be responsible stewards of all District resources.*

☐ *What it is we should be doing: we will focus on services that make the greatest impact.*

☐ *Communication, collaboration & customer service: we will create a culture that values and supports each other, those we serve, and our community.*

Recommendation:

Staff recommends approving the low qualified Base Bid #2, totaling \$19,000.00 from J&F Chiatello Construction, Inc. for the improvements to the detached shed roof at Tawny Oaks.

**PEORIA PARK DISTRICT
BID NOTIFICATION & RESPONSE**

PROJECT NAME: Detached Shed Roof Replacement - Tawny Oaks

**NOTIFICATION
SUMMARY:**

- Advertised in Peoria Journal Star - Tuesday, November 15, 2022
- Planning Division Website: <http://www.peoriaparks-planning.org/bidding-and-projects/>
Tuesday, November 15, 2022 through Tuesday, November 29, 2022
- Plan Rooms/Organizations Emailed:
 - Black Chamber of Commerce
 - Peoria Black Chamber of Commerce
 - Central Illinois Plan Room
 - NAACP
 - Greater Peoria Contractors and Suppliers Association, Inc.
 - Hispanic Chamber
 - Minority Business Development Center
- Contractors Emailed: 15 contractors in PPD vendor data base (including 0 MBE, 1 WBE)

BIDS RECEIVED: 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 29, 2022

PRESENT

AT OPENING:

Alicia Woodworth
Mary Harden
Geoff Diekhoff
Jordan Seal

Peoria Park District
Peoria Park District
Kreiling Roofing
Western Specialty Coating

**RESPONSE
SUMMARY:**

- Plans Downloaded: 12 Contractors/Sub-contractors/Suppliers/Plan Rooms (including 1 MBE, 1 WBE)
- Bids Received: 4 Contractors (1 WBE, 0 MBE)
- See Detailed List attached for complete list

BID TAB:

CONTRACTOR	BASE BID 1- Attached Garage	BASE BID 2- Detached Shed
Kreiling Roofing	\$42,312.00	\$34,172.00
Western Specialty	\$49,251.00	\$53,466.00
Roofs by Otto	\$98,120.00	\$63,000.00
J&F Chiatello	\$52,571.00	\$19,000.00

DETAILED NOTIFICATION / RESPONSE LIST: Roof Replacements, Attached Garage & Detached Shed - Tawny Oaks

CONTRACTOR	PPD CONTACTED	MBE/WBE	DOWNLOADED	BID
Black Chamber of Commerce	X	MBE		
Peoria Black Chamber of Commerce	X	MBE		
Central Illinois Plan Room	X		X	
NAACP - Peoria Branch	X	MBE		
Greater Peoria Contractors and Suppliers Association, Inc.	X		X	
Hispanic Chamber	X	MBE		
Minority Business Development Center	X	MBE		
Advanced Commercial Roofing	X			
Ambri Inc.	X			
Designed Roofing Systems	X			
Dowers Roofing	X			
Five Star Commercial Roofing	X			
Gutters & More	X			
Henson-Robinson	X			
I-57 Roofing	X			
J&F Chiatello	X		X	X
Kreiling Roofing	X	WBE	X	X
River City Roofing	X			
Roofs by Otto	X		X	X
Top Roofing	X		X	
Western Specialty	X		X	X
Wyman Roofing	X			
Construct Connect			X	
EPlan			X	
Dodge Data				
Tiles in Style		MBE	X	
Data Bid, Inc.			X	
Prime Vendor				
Cook Fasser Associates			X	

Bid From: J+F Chiatello Construction

PROJECT NO. 22-040 & 22-041
BID FOR: ROOF REPLACEMENTS ATTACHED
GARAGE AND DETACHED SHED
LOCATION: TAWNY OAKS

BID FORM

BID TO: PEORIA PARK DISTRICT

UNDERSIGNED:

1. Acknowledges receipt of:
 - A. Project Manual and Drawings for:
Roof Replacements attached Garage + detached Shed
 - B. Addenda: No. 1 through No.
2. Has examined facility and the bid documents and shall be responsible for performing work specifically required of him by all parts of bidding documents including specifications for entire project, even though such work may be included as related requirements specified in other divisions or sections.
3. And agrees to enter into and execute Contract with Owner, if awarded on basis of this bid, and to:
 - A. Furnish Bonds and Insurance required by the Bidding & Contract Documents.
 - B. Accomplish work in accord with Contract.
 - C. Complete work within specified Contract time.
4. **CONTRACT TIME:** Contractor agrees to Substantially Complete ALL WORK as required by the Contract Documents per the Supplementary General Conditions and Supplementary Instructions to Bidders.
5. **BASE BIDS:**
 - A. Base Bid #1: Attached Garage Roof
Bidder agrees to perform all building and site work, as set forth in the Project Manual and Drawings for the sum of:
fifty-two thousand five hundred seventy-one ⁰⁰/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$52,571.00)
 - B. Base Bid #2: Detached Shed Roof
Bidder agrees to perform all building and site work, as set forth in the Project Manual and Drawings for the sum of:
nineteen thousand ⁰⁰/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$19,000.00)

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6. **UNIT PRICES:**

- A. Bidders submitting prices for the Base Bids shall submit Unit Prices for adding or deleting work. Unit Prices shall include all costs, including but not limited to preparation, labor, equipment, and materials necessary for a complete installation.

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>UNIT PRICE</u>
Replacement of 2x wood blocking	L.F.	<u>\$10.00</u>

7. **PROPOSED SUBSTITUTION LIST:**

Base Bid(s) and Alternates are understood to include only those product brands, items, and elements which are specified in the Bid Documents. The following is a list of substitute products, equipment or methods of construction which the Bidder proposes to furnish on this project, with difference in price being added or deducted from Base Bid(s).

Bidder understands that acceptance of any proposed substitution which has not been approved as an "equal" to the product brand, item, or element specified prior to bid opening is at Owner's option. Approval or rejection of any substitutions listed below will be indicated before executing Contract.

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>ADD</u>	<u>DEDUCT</u>
<u>N/A</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____

8. **BIDDERS CHECKLIST:**

Did you visit the site?	Yes	<u>No</u>
Is Bid Security enclosed? (If applicable)	<u>Yes</u>	No
Is Peoria Park District Certificate of Equal Employment Opportunity Compliance for Contractors enclosed?	<u>Yes</u>	No
Is Workforce Profile enclosed?	<u>Yes</u>	No
Is Company Ownership Certification enclosed?	<u>Yes</u>	No
If the bid is over \$100,000.00, the Minority/Women Owned Contact Sheet enclosed?	<u>Yes</u>	No
Is List of Subcontractors enclosed?	<u>Yes</u>	No
Is Certification of Compliance of the Listed Provisions and Laws form enclosed?	<u>Yes</u>	No

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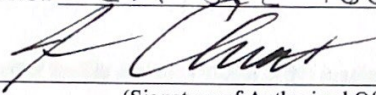
9. **BIDDER INFORMATION:**

NAME OF BIDDER: J&F Chiattello Construction INC

ADDRESS: 1387 Joliet St. Suite C

CITY, STATE, ZIP: Dyer, IN 46311

TELEPHONE NO.: 219-322-7660

BY: 
(Signature of Authorized Official)

TITLE: President

BIDDER'S SEAL

WITNESS: Francis E. Chiattello

END OF BID FORM



PEORIA PARK DISTRICT

Company Ownership Certification

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Check One:

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☐ Company is self-certifying

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Does Company qualify as a small business under federal Small Business Administration? ☐ YES ☒ NO
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Please list the name(s) of the Company majority owner(s): James Chiattello

Does Company have any parent and/or subsidiary companies? ☐ YES ☒ NO

If yes, please list all companies: _____

By signing this form, the Company and the individual signing below attest that the above questions have been answered truthfully, to the best of their knowledge.

JFC Chiattello Construction, Inc.

Company Name

[Signature]

Signature of Company Official

219-322-7660 - 219-322-9320

Telephone Number & Fax Number

1387 Joliet St. #C Dyer, IN 46311

Company Address

James Chiattello, President

Name / Title

jfchiattello@gmail.com

Email Address

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Peoria Park District
Certificate of Equal Employment Opportunity Compliance for Contractors & Vendors

The Peoria Park District is an Equal Opportunity Employer and it agrees with each of the provisions below and requires that all suppliers, contractors, subcontractors, and vendors doing business with the Park District be Certified Equal Employment Opportunity Employers in compliance with the Illinois Human Rights Act and such regulations promulgated thereunder, and, that any and all suppliers, contractors, subcontractors or vendors who are found to be in non-compliance with the Illinois Human Rights Act or said regulations may be declared ineligible for future contracts with this Park District; and, that each and every supplier, contractor, subcontractor or vendor does at all times in connection with any dealings with this Park District agree as follows:

- 1) That it will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, order of protection status, national origin or ancestry, citizenship status, age, physical or mental disability unrelated to ability, military status or an unfavorable discharge from military service; and, further, that it will examine all job classifications to determine if minority persons or women are underutilized and will take appropriate affirmative action to rectify any underutilization.
- 2) That, if it hires additional employees in order to perform this contract or any portion of this contract, it will determine the availability (in accordance with the Illinois Department of Human Rights Rules and Regulations) of minorities and women in the areas from which it may reasonably recruit and it will hire for each job classification for which employees are hired in a way that minorities and women are not underutilized.
- 3) That, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by it or on its behalf, it will state that all applicants will be afforded equal opportunity without discrimination because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, order of protection status, national origin or ancestry, citizenship status, age, physical or mental disability unrelated to ability, military status or an unfavorable discharge from military service.
- 4) That it will send to each labor organization or representative of workers with which it has or is bound by a collective bargaining or other agreement or understanding, a notice advising the labor organization or representative of the contractor's obligations under the Illinois Human Rights Act and the Department's Rules and Regulations. If any labor organization or representative fails or refuses to cooperate with the contractor in its efforts to comply with such Act and Rules and Regulations, the contractor will promptly notify the Peoria Park District and will recruit employees from other sources when necessary to fulfill its obligations under the contract.
- 5) That it will submit reports as required by the Department's Rules and Regulations, furnish all relevant information as may from time to time be requested by the Department or the Peoria Park District, and in all respects comply with the Illinois Human Rights Act and the Department's Rules and Regulations.
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JF Chiattello Construction, Inc

Company Name

[Signature]

Signature of Company Official

219-322-7660 - 219-322-9320

Telephone Number & Fax Number

1387 Uliet St., #C Dyer, IN 46311

Company Address

James Chiattello, President

Name / Title

jfchiattello@gmail.com

Email Address

WORKFORCE PROFILE

Job Classifications	Black Employees		White Employees		Hispanic Employees		Native American Employees		Asian Employees		Other Employees		TOTAL EMPLOYEES	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
1. Officials, Managers, Supervisors			1										1	
2. Professionals														
3. Technicians														
4. Sales			1		1								2	
5. Office/Clerical				4										4
6. White Collar Trainees:														
7. Skilled Crafts:			7		4								11	
8. Apprentices:	1		2		1								4	
9. On-the-job Trainees:														
10. Semi-skilled														
11. Service Workers														
12. Unskilled														
TOTALS	1		11	4	6								18	4

Company Name: J&F Chiacatello Construction

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MAJOR SUBCONTRACTORS LIST

The following tabulation of Major Subcontractors shall be attached and made a condition of the Bid. The Bidder expressly understands and agrees to the following provisions:

- A. If awarded a Contract as a result of this Bid, the major subcontractors used in the prosecution of the work will be those listed below.
- B. The following list includes all subcontractors who will perform work representing 5% (five percent) or more of the total Base Bid.
- C. The subcontractors listed below are financially responsible and are qualified to perform the work required.
- D. The subcontractors listed below comply with the requirements of the Contract Documents.
- E. Any substitutions in the subcontractors listed below shall be requested in writing by the Contractor and must be approved in writing by the Owner. No subcontractors will be allowed unless specifically stated on the form. All pertinent financial, performance, insurance and other applicable information shall be submitted with the request for substitution(s). Owner shall respond to such requests within 14 calendar days following the submission of all necessary information to the full satisfaction of the Owner.
- F. Failure to submit the list of Major Subcontractors as stated herein shall constitute a material variation from the Invitation to Bid; and any such Bid may be rejected by the Owner.

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(Attach additional sheets if required)

BIDDER: JF Chicattello Construction

END OF MAJOR SUBCONTRACTORS FORM

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Park District Board of Trustees Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: December 14, 2022

Submitted by: Alicia Woodworth

Submitting Department: Recreation

Item Type: Agreement

Agenda Section:

Subject:

Franciscan Recreation Complex - Amendment to Lease Agreement

Suggested Action:

Attachments:

[Board Recommendation - ROE.pdf](#)

[Amendment to Lease Agreement ROE.pdf](#)



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DATE: November 29, 2022

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Scott Loftus – Superintendent of Recreation

SUBJECT: Franciscan Recreation Complex - Amendment to Lease Agreement

Background:

In June of this year, Peoria Regional Office of Education entered into an agreement with the Peoria Park District to formally lease space at Franciscan Recreation Complex to host a school that provides an alternative education program for high school youth. As part of this lease agreement, the tenant had a “Modification Period” of July 11, 2022 through October 31, 2022 to make modifications to the Leased Premises. Due to construction delays and supply shortages, staff is recommending the extension of this period to December 31, 2022. The Commencement Date will start on January 1, 2023 and will expire on September 30, 2027, the same term length as approved.

Strategic Priority Focus:

___ Long-term sustainability of the District: we will be responsible stewards of all District resources.

___ What it is we should be doing: we will focus on services that make the greatest impact.

X Communication, collaboration & customer service: we will create a culture that values and supports each other, those we serve, and our community.

Additional Notes:

Recommendation:

Staff recommends the approval of the attached amendment to the lease agreement.

AMENDMENT TO LEASE AGREEMENT
Between
THE PLEASURE DRIVEWAY AND PARK DISTRICT OF PEORIA
AND
PEORIA COUNTY REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION

This **AMENDMENT TO LEASE AGREEMENT** ("Amendment") is made this ____ day of December, 2022, by and between THE PLEASURE DRIVEWAY AND PARK DISTRICT OF PEORIA, PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS (hereinafter referred to as "Landlord") and PEORIA COUNTY REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION (hereinafter referred to as "Tenant").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Landlord owns property at 908 North Sterling Avenue, Peoria, Illinois (the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, Landlord runs and operates Franciscan Recreation Center on the Property as a recreation center that provides recreational opportunities for the public; and

WHEREAS, Tenant is interested in leasing a portion of the facility to host a school that provides an alternative education program for high school youth; and

WHEREAS, Landlord does not require the full time use of the portion of the facility to be leased hereunder for Landlord's park or recreational purposes; and

WHEREAS, Landlord and Tenant entered into that certain Lease Agreement for the Property on or about June 22, 2022 (the "Lease"); and

WHEREAS, because of construction delays, the parties have agreed to modify the Modification Period and rent schedule in the Lease as provided herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and mutual promises contained herein, the Parties agree as follows:

1. Subsection A. of Section 2 of the Lease shall be amended as follows:
 - A. The initial term of this Lease shall commence on January 1, 2023 ("Commencement Date"), and will expire fifty-seven (57) months from the Commencement Date, on September 30, 2027 (the "Initial Term").
2. The first sentence of Subsection B. of Section 2 of the Lease shall be amended as follows:
 - B. Tenant may enter the Leased Premises on July 11, 2022 through December 31, 2022 (the "Modification Period") solely for the purpose of making modifications to the Leased Premises as permitted herein.

3. Subsection A. of Section 3 of the Lease shall be amended as follows:

- A. Rent. Rent for the Initial Term ("Rent") shall be \$185,274 and payable as follows:
- i. \$28,500 for the period January 1, 2023 through September 30, 2023 (\$3,166.67 each month);
 - ii. \$38,950 for the period October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024 (\$3,245.83 each month);
 - iii. \$38,950 for the period October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025 (\$3,245.83 each month);
 - iv. \$38,950 for the period October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026 (\$3,245.83 each month);
 - v. \$39,924 for the period October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027 (\$3,327.00 each month).

The Rent amount includes custodial services, based on an estimate of \$300 per week (the "Estimate"). Tenant acknowledges that Landlord will be soliciting bids for the custodial services. Should the winning bid result in a higher cost than the Estimate, then Tenant will be responsible for 75% of the difference, which will be added to the Rent amount.

4. Except as amended herein, the Lease shall remain in full force and effect.

PEORIA COUNTY REGIONAL OFFICE OF
EDUCATION

By: _____
Regional Superintendent of Schools

PLEASURE DRIVEWAY AND PARK
DISTRICT OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS

By: _____
President, Board of Trustees

Attest: _____
Secretary, Board of Trustees

Park District Board of Trustees Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: December 14, 2022

Submitted by: Karrie Ross

Submitting Department: Finance

Item Type: Quote

Agenda Section:

Subject:

Quote – Printing of PPD Sports and Camps Guides

Suggested Action:

Approval

Attachments:

[Recommendation - 2023 PPD Sports & Camps Guide.pdf](#)



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DATE: December 14, 2022

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Nicole Staley
Purchasing Supervisor

SUBJECT: Quote – Printing of PPD Sports and Camps Guides

Budgets Available:

Various sports and camps budgets

Background:

Quotes were solicited for the printing of fifteen thousand PPD Sports and Camps Guides to be distributed in early 2023.

The quotes received are as follows:

<u>Vendor:</u>	<u>Quote:</u>
Martin One Source	\$11,590.50
Premier Print Group	\$12,587.00
BOPI Print+	\$13,999.00

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Recommendation:

Staff recommends the acceptance of the low quote for the printing of the PPD Sports and Camps Guides from Martin One Source of Peoria, IL at a cost of \$11,590.50.

The quote, Company Ownership Certification and EEO Form are attached for review.



Estimate

Nicole Staley
 Peoria Park District
 1125 W Lake Ave
 PO# P2749698
 Peoria, Illinois 61614-5935
 Phone:(309) 681-2835

Number: **ST00016854**
 Date: 12/02/2022

Quantity	Description	Amount
	Rev:0 - PPD Sports & Camps Guide	
15000	Peoria Park District Sports & Camps Guide - 16 pages 4/4, 8.5 x 11.0 Text (1x16), 24X36-70# White Dull Coated Text Epson Proof Offset Printing Fold - 12 pages 4/4, 8.5 x 11.0 Text (1x12), 24X36-70# White Dull Coated Text Epson Proof Offset Printing Fold - Assembly Saddle Stitch Carton - 1 sheet(s) 4/4, 8.5 x 11 Insert, 24X36-100# White Gloss Cover Offset Printing 28" Heidelberg Cylinder Letterpress: Perf Trim Fold	\$11,590.50



Estimate

Nicole Staley
Peoria Park District
1125 W Lake Ave
PO# P2749698
Peoria, Illinois 61614-5935
Phone:(309) 681-2835

Number: **ST00016854**
Date: 12/02/2022

Subtotal	\$11,590.50
Shipping	\$0.00
Sales Tax	\$0.00
Total(USD)	\$11,590.50

All prices in US Dollars and subject to applicable taxes.

*** Quotes are valid for 5 Business Days***



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Please list the name(s) of the Company majority owner(s): Charles Martin

Does Company have any parent and/or subsidiary companies? ☒ YES ☐ NO

If yes, please list all companies: Automated Communications Inc., Martin One Source, Darnall Printing, Apex Clothing Co., Graphic Express

By signing this form, the Company and the individual signing below attest that the above questions have been answered truthfully, to the best of their knowledge.

Automated Communications Inc. d/b/a Martin One Source

Company Name

[Signature]
Signature of Company Official

Phone: 217-398-5000 Fax: 217-398-2030

Telephone Number & Fax Number

808 N. Country Fair Dr. Champaign, IL 61821

Company Address

Alexia Bollie, Director of Finance

Name / Title

abollie@martinonesource.com

Email Address



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Automated Communications Inc. d/b/a Martin One Source

Company Name

Signature of Company Official

Phone: 217-398-5000 Fax: 217-398-2030

Telephone Number & Fax Number

808 N. Country Fair Dr. Champaign, IL 61821

Company Address

Alexia Bollie, Director of Finance

Name / Title

abollie@martinonesource.com

Email Address

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Meeting Date: December 14, 2022

Submitted by: Alicia Woodworth

Submitting Department: Administration

Item Type: Communication

Agenda Section:

Subject:

HISRA Thank You

Suggested Action:

Attachments:

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PPD Trails

Suggested Action:

Attachments:

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From: Peoria Park District <noreply@peoriaparks.org>
Sent: Sunday, December 04, 2022 4:33 PM
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Subject: PPD: Contact Form



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Love your trails
Message
Maybe people don't take enough time to tell you good things. I know where my tax money goes and in the case of Peoria Park District . . . I AM HAPPY ABOUT IT. Love the way you guys take care of things. I frequent the trail and am impressed with the upkeep. Thank you for your diligence and creative influence on the community. Cindy Youngren

Park District Board of Trustees Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: December 14, 2022

Submitted by: Alicia Woodworth

Submitting Department: Administration

Item Type: Miscellaneous

Agenda Section:

Subject:

CLOSED SESSION

Suggested Action:

Approval of Motion to Convene into Closed Session under Illinois Open Meetings Act Section 2(c)(2) Collective negotiating matters between the Park District and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees.

Attachments: