



DATE: August 1, 2022

MEMO TO: Jessica Vealitzek, Chair
Operations Committee

Terry Wilke, Chair
Planning Committee

Julie Simpson, Chair
Finance Committee

FROM: Alex Ty Kovach
Executive Director

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend Approval of an Ordinance Approving an Amendment to the 10-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for the 2023 fiscal year budget.

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS SUPPORTED: Conservation; Leadership

FINANCIAL DATA: As noted in Background (below) and on attached spreadsheet.

BACKGROUND: On June 14, 2022, the Board of Commissioners approved the 10-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for inclusion in the 2023 fiscal year budget. Staff is recommending two additions to the CIP.

1. Countryside Golf Course – Net Zero Electric Car Storage Facility +\$1,400,000.00 (2024). To replace the existing 146 gas-powered golf cars with electric golf cars, additional funding is needed to design and construct a storage facility for the electric cars. Currently, Countryside Golf Course does not have a covered place to store electric powered golf carts. The estimated cost of the facility is \$1.4 million. Staff is recommending that the District allocate \$700,000.00 from the fund balance of the General Fund as a zero-interest loan payable over 10 years from the Countryside Golf Course operating budget, and the remaining \$700,000.00 from the enterprise fund.
2. Prairie Stream Forest Preserve – America the Beautiful Challenge Grant for Habitat Restoration +1,700,000.00 (2023). The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) has obtained approximately \$5M from the Federal America the Beautiful Challenge Grant Program to be spent on habitat restoration in northeastern Illinois. Due to the District’s reputation with IDNR, specifically because of our leadership on Illinois Beach Lake Plane Project, IDNR asked the District to provide a project to be 100% funded by this program. Staff recommends the Prairie Stream restoration project which would restore the southern half of the preserve (the northern half is being restored as part of a Wetland Mitigation Bank project) and will include: hydrologic restoration; farmland restoration; cultural landscape (pastures, building sites) restoration; woody invasive plant clearing; wetland plant installation; and four years of follow up maintenance (invasive species control and prescribed burning). The entire project will be funded through the Federal program and IDNR. There will be some in-house labor used by the District.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: Chief Operations Officer, Director of Finance, Director of Planning and Land Preservation, Director of Natural Resources, Chief of Golf Operations, Corporate Counsel.

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS
COUNTY OF LAKE)

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT
REGULAR AUGUST MEETING
AUGUST 9, 2022**

MISTER PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

Your **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE, PLANNING COMMITTEE** and **FINANCE COMMITTEE** present herewith “An Ordinance Approving an Amendment to the 10-Year Capital Improvement Plan for the 2023 Fiscal Year Budget”.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:

Date: _____ Roll Call Vote: Ayes: ____ Nays: _____
 Voice Vote Majority Ayes; Nays: _____

PLANNING COMMITTEE:

Date: _____ Roll Call Vote: Ayes: ____ Nays: _____
 Voice Vote Majority Ayes; Nays: _____

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Date: _____ Roll Call Vote: Ayes: ____ Nays: _____
 Voice Vote Majority Ayes; Nays: _____

**LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT
LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 10-YEAR CAPITAL
IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR THE 2023 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET**

WHEREAS, on June 14, 2022, the Lake County Forest Preserve District (the “District”) Board of Commissioners approved “An Ordinance Approving the 10-Year Capital Improvement Plan for the 2023 Fiscal Year Budget, Amending the Budget and 10-Year Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Year 2022, and Transferring Surplus Debt Service Funds” and such ordinance approved the District’s 10-Year Capital Improvement Plan for fiscal year 2023 (the “2023 CIP”); and

WHEREAS, the District’s Standing Committees have reviewed and recommend approval of amendments to the 2023 CIP to add the following capital improvement projects (the “Amended CIP Projects”):

- (i) at Countryside Golf Course, design and construction in 2024 of a Net Zero Electric Golf Car Storage Facility (in the estimated amount of \$1,400,000.00) so that the District can store electric golf cars that will replace the existing 146 gas-powered golf cars used at Countryside, and
- (ii) at Prairie Stream Forest Preserve, implementation in 2023 of a habitat restoration project within the southern half of the preserve (in an estimated amount of \$1,700,000.00 that (except for some in-house labor) will be funded entirely by federal and state funds), including hydrologic restoration, invasive plant clearing, and wetland plant installation; and

WHEREAS, the Amended CIP Projects meet the criteria for public access and connections, conservation, leadership, organizational sustainability, communication, education and outreach; and

WHEREAS, it is in the District’s best interests to approve an amended 2023 CIP in the form attached hereto, which includes the Amended CIP Projects (the “Amended 2023 CIP”);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the Lake County Forest Preserve District, Lake County, Illinois **THAT**:

Section 1: Recitals. The recitals set forth above are incorporated as a part of this Ordinance by this reference.

Section 2: Approval of Amended 2023 CIP. The Amended 2023 CIP is hereby approved in the form attached hereto.

Section 3: Approval of Further Amendments. The Executive Director or his designee is hereby authorized and directed to make any further amendment to the 2023 CIP or any other document that is necessary or appropriate to reflect the amendments provided in Section 2.

Section 4: Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval in the manner provided by law.

PASSED this _____ day of _____, 2022

AYES:

NAYS:

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2022

Angelo D. Kyle, President
Lake County Forest Preserve District

ATTEST:

Julie Gragnani, Secretary
Lake County Forest Preserve District

Exhibit No. _____

Lake County Forest Preserve District
Ten- Year Capital Improvement Plan

Project No.	APPROVED JUNE 14, 2022	ESTIMATED Project Total	Grant/Donation/ Inter Gov/ Endowment/Funding	Budget 2022	Estimated 2022	Ten Year Funding Requirement											Total Current Funding	
						FY 2023			FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031		FY 2032
						Carry Forward	New Funding	Budget 2023										
Source of Funds						\$3,897,457	\$1,766,937	\$5,664,394	\$200,732	\$137,732	\$137,732	\$139,952	\$750,810	\$301,261	\$401,136	\$803,484	\$425,732	
	Development Levy Funds					1,608,133.41	0	1,608,133	0	0	0	0						
	Development Bond Funds						0	0	0	0	0	0						
	Limited Bonds						0	0	0	0	0	0						
	Interest Income on Bond Funds						0	0	0	0	0	0						
	General & Other Funds					7,072,367	1,805,415	8,877,782	2,100,000	1,500,000	1,538,940	1,577,700	1,060,000	1,555,000	903,000	551,090	981,991	
	IDOT Easement / Tree Fees						0	0	0	0	0	0						
	Preservation Foundation & Donations						0	0	0	0	0	500,000			600,000	600,000	600,000	
	Grants					512,208	2,800,000	3,312,208	0	0	0	0						
Ongoing Capital Improvements																		
60004	Habitat Restoration			861,681	683,397	178,284	400,000	578,284	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000	436,365	436,365	436,365	436,365	436,365	\$4,360,109
60010	Preserve Tree Planting (includes IDOT funding)PLP		910,000	322,975	50,000	272,975	62,163	335,138	82,387	50,000	50,000	50,000	54,545	54,545	54,545	54,545	54,545	\$840,249
60008	District-wide Reforestation NR			191,094	147,000	44,094	120,910	165,004	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	109,090	109,090	109,090	109,090	109,090	\$1,110,454
60009	Repair Existing Roads/Parking			2,673,092	400,000	2,273,092	500,000	2,773,092	500,000	530,000	561,800	595,500	631,230	669,104	709,250	751,805	796,913	\$8,518,694
60022	Facility and Infrastructure Improvements			1,372,719	155,835	1,216,885	350,000	1,566,885	350,000	357,000	364,140	371,420	378,848	386,425	394,154	402,037	410,078	\$4,980,987
60030	District-wide Accessibility Improvements			208,632	50,000	158,632	100,000	258,632	200,732	200,732	200,732	200,732	200,732	200,732	200,732	200,732	200,732	\$2,065,220
	Future Grant Matching Funds			65,609	-	65,609	154,000	219,609	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$219,609
	Special Future Land Acquisition Funds			420,000	-	420,000	-	420,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$420,000
	Sub-Total			6,115,802	1,486,232	4,629,570	1,687,073	6,316,643	1,633,119	1,637,732	1,676,672	1,717,652	1,810,810	1,856,261	1,904,136	1,954,574	2,007,723	
Public Access/Misc. Projects																		
62611	Adlai E. Stevenson Home Site - Master Plan	\$1,200,000	1,100,000	100,000	25,000	75,000	1,100,000	1,175,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$1,175,000
64710	Buffalo Creek - MWRD Reservoir Expansion	3,500,000	3,500,000	35,000	35,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$0
	Countryside Net Zero Electric Golf Car Storage Facility	1,400,000		-	-	-	-	-	1,400,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$1,400,000
60025	Duck Farm Dog Exercise Area Accessibility	220,000		275,000	275,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$0
60301	Duck Farm Munn Road Access	100,000		107,454	45,000	62,454	-	62,454	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$62,454
60420	Fort Sheridan Preserve	2,949,668		109,726	40,000	69,726	-	69,726	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$69,726
64301	Heron Creek - IL Route 22 Connection	20,000		20,000	-	20,000	-	20,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$20,000
	Lake County Destination	TBD		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$0
61020	Lakewood Forest Preserve	6,366,490		4,233,715	4,200,000	33,715	1,418,155	1,451,870	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$1,451,870
61011	Lakewood-Grounds Maint. Building Replacement	2,525,000		3,399,000	300,000	3,099,000	-	3,099,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$3,099,000
61010	Lakewood - Tree Planting	500,000	500,000	314,620	-	314,620	-	314,620	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$314,620
63010	Lyons Woods Trail Connection	3,000,000	2,257,815	159,642	159,642	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$0
63923	Millennium Trail - Ethel's Woods to Pine Dunes	TBD		1,144,398	250,000	894,398	-	894,398	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$894,398
65503	Millennium Trail - McDonalds Woods to RTE 45	TBD		98,637	20,000	78,637	-	78,637	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$78,637
63903	Millennium Trail - Rte 45 Tunnel and Trail	4,300,000	3,864,024	380,846	300,000	80,846	-	80,846	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$80,846
	North-Central Preserve Connections	TBD		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$0
62001	Ray Lake Trail Connection	300,000		275,000	125,000	150,000	-	150,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$150,000
61410	Ryerson Education Improvements	5,720,350	2,962,866	5,035,993	5,035,993	0	-	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$0
61411	Ryerson - Welcome Center Solar Photovoltaic	100,000	100,000	56,272	56,272	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$0
64811	Spring Bluff Wildlife Observation Area	600,000	263,700	13,344	13,344	0	-	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$0
	Sub-Total			16,132,809	10,855,251	4,878,397	2,518,155	7,396,552	1,400,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Habitat Restoration Projects																		
67012	Amphibian and Smooth Green Snake Reintroduction	36,000	36,000	36,000	23,000	13,000	-	13,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$13,000
62404	Buffalo Creek Mitigation - Wright Woods	\$400,000	400,000	148,489	142,500	5,989	-	5,989	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$5,989
66004	Cahokia Flatwoods - Preserving Oak Ecosystems	\$260,000		4,492	4,492	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$0
64104	Cuba Marsh Habitat Restoration	650,000		19,154	12,822	6,332	-	6,332	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$6,332
65206	Dutch Gap ACOE 206 Restoration	15,000,000	10,000,000	35,000	-	35,000	1,200,000	1,235,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$1,235,000
63910	Ethel's Woods - N. Mill Creek Restoration	6,842,438	1,000,000	179,682	25,000	154,682	-	154,682	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$154,682
60406	Fort Sheridan - USACE GLFER Restoration	7,430,000	4,830,000	169,423	51,291	118,132	70,000	188,132	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$188,132
63709	Fourth Lake - Hepatica Restoration	76,000	76,000	9,373	3,000	6,373	-	6,373	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$6,373
65104	Grainger Woods Wetland Restoration	TBD	*	TBD	-	-	135,000	135,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$135,000
	Grainger Woods Restoration	500,000	500,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	500,000	-	-	-	-	-	\$500,000
60620	Grant Woods - Long Lake Shore Stabilization	TBD		345,559	4,199	341,360	-	341,360	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$341,360
60604	Grant Woods Restoration	970,413	970,413	356,489	150,000	206,489	-	206,489	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$206,489
60607	Grant Woods - Creating Ecological and Climate Resiliency	350,135	350,135	165,105	72,700	92,405	-	92,405	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$92,405
60701	Grassy Lake Improvements	55,000	0	55,587	30,730	24,857	-	24,857	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$24,857
60804	Greenbelt Restoration Grant I	248,168	100,000	200,000	-	200,000	-	200,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$200,000
60806	Greenbelt Restoration Grant II	200,000	100,000	200,000	122,500	77,500	-	77,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$77,500
61005	Lakewood Habitat Restoration - Schreiber Bog	900,000		17,401	5,219	12,182	-	12,182	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$12,182
61104\61110	Middlefork - Buckthorn Pilot Project	3,250,000	507,498	439,339	90,000	349,339	-	349,339	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$349,339
	Oak Woodland and Ecological Complexes	TBD		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$0
64404	Old School - Phase II Restoration	TBD		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$0
	Prairie Stream Habitat Restoration	1,400,000	*	1,400,000	-	-	1,700,000	1,700,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$1,700,000
62504	Prairie Wolf - Mitigation Project	500,000	500,000	68,282	-	68,282	-	68,282	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$68,282
62506	Prairie Wolf NFWF Hydrological Restoration	361,220	177,260	361,220	177,176	184,044	-	184,044	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$184,044
56055	Ray Lake - Cuneo Phase 1 Restoration	163,847	85,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$0
61504	Singing Hills/Kettle Grove Restoration	475,000	475,000	3,751	-	3,751	-	3,751	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$3,751
65004	Southern DPR Preserve Habitat Restoration	3,000,000		2,022	-	2,022	-	2,022	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$2,022
56050\64804	Spring Bluff - Connecting Wetlands	610,000	*	1,000,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$0
65012	Southern DPR - Woodland Amphibian Reintroduction	125,000		5,270	4,200	1,070	-	1,070	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$1,070
	Sub-Total			2,830,764	918,829	1,902,807												