



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.

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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: 8/1/2022 Roll Call Vote: Ayes: ____ Nays: ____
 Voice Vote Majority Ayes; Nays: 0

PLANNING COMMITTEE:

Date: 8-1-2022 Roll Call Vote: Ayes: ____ Nays: ____
 Voice Vote Majority Ayes; Nays: 0 ABSTAIN: 1

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. _____

